

# BRISBANE METRO BASEBALL

## T-Ball Rules

Tee Ball (T-Ball) is designed to introduce children to the game of baseball and help them develop basic baseball skills in a FUN way.



### 1. Team Size

- Six (6) players a side (possibly 5 or 7)
- Typically, the coach acts as catcher

### 2. Batting

- The ball is not pitched in tee ball – instead it is batted from a tee
- A hitter may have as many swings as they require in hitting the ball into fair territory
- A player is out when:
  - A batted ball is caught on the full; OR
  - A player in possession of the ball stands on the base before the runner arrives; OR
  - A runner between bases is tagged by a fielder with the glove or hand which is holding the ball.
- An inning is completed when (whichever comes first):
  - the batting team scores 6 runs across the plate; OR
  - every player has had a turn at bat; OR
  - the fielding team achieves 3 outs.

### 3. Fielding

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each innings in the following manner:
  - Pitcher becomes 1<sup>st</sup> base
  - 1<sup>st</sup> base becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> base
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> base becomes 3<sup>rd</sup> base
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> base becomes shortstop
  - Shortstop becomes pitcher
- If outfielders are present, they are to be a minimum of 5m behind the infielders.

### 4. Base running

- So that fielders are encouraged to throw, runners may advance no further than the base they were heading to when the throw is made
- Once a runner turns back towards a previous base, they are entitled to that base only.

## 5. Umpiring

- Where an umpire is used (often the coach of the batting team), they are to be positioned behind the home plate
- Where no umpire is used, any disputes on outs are settled by the players using 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'
- It is preferable that no coaches are on the field with the players - let the children play.
- Before 'Play Ball' is called, allowing the ball to be hit:
  - The pitcher must be on the pitching plate and be wearing a batting helmet; AND
  - The catcher (if applicable) must be behind home plate, in the catcher's box; AND
  - No fielders may be inside the base paths; AND
  - The runner(s) must be in contact with the base.

## 6. Inclusion

- It is recommended that teams adjust their play to encourage the inclusion of participants with a disability

## 7. Coaching

- Coaches are not permitted to dispute ANY umpire's call
- Coaches must wear at least the club uniform shirt and cap, and be neatly attired at all times. Closed-in footwear must be worn at all times

**Game time is 1 hour. If an innings is completed after 55 mins then time and game is called. Play may be extended by 10 minutes to complete an innings.**

**NO LEAGUE OR PERSONAL STATISTICAL DETAILS ARE TO BE KEPT AT THE TEE BALL LEVEL**