

PSSA - TEE-BALL RULES

All rules are the same as softball unless stated below.

GAME BALL

The ball is 10.5" circumference and must have soft core (Incrediball)

DIAMOND SIZE

Bases: 15.3m (approx 15 steps)

Pitching: 9.0m (approx. 9 steps)

MAKE UP OF TEAM

There are separate Boys and Girls competitions. All team Members must be turning no older than 10 years of age in the calendar year.

9TH BATTER RULE

The game is played under the 9th batter rule. The innings is normally ended at three outs, or when the 9th batter has been at the plate. Both teams must be notified when the 9th batter for that innings is at the tee.

The innings is then concluded when:-

- a) The 9th batter is out (caught, or thrown out at 1st base)
- b) The ball is returned to home plate
- c) Time is called on a batter by a player. (Refer to the time rule)

In all cases the ball is dead. In the case of (b) any runs scored prior to the ball being returned to home plate are counted.

FAIR BALL

Any ball hit more than 4m from the tee within the diamond.

FOUL BALL

- * As per softball
- * Any ball that doesn't travel 4m from the tee.
- * Any ball touched before it travels the required distance

STRIKES

- * Any ball struck at (includes misses and fouls)

FIELDING

- * Nine players in normal fielding positions
- * Pitcher MUST be standing on a pitching plate until the ball is hit
- * No fielder can field in close until ball has been hit.
- * Catcher must be behind home plate when ball is hit.
- * Breaking these rules entitles the batter to 1st base

OVERTHROWS

(As in softball) unless the umpire considers a player has deliberately thrown the ball "wild" into foul territory to limit the 9th batter to one base.

- * Result - Home run to the batter

TIME

Any infield player standing within the diamond may hold the ball up in the air and call "time"

Result - The ball is dead

- * A base runner is entitled to proceed to the next base only
- * If a base runner has not reached halfway along the base line, that runner must go back to the preceding base (unless there is a forced play and the runner has to move on because the base is occupied)
- * The umpire calls "time" immediately after a player has directed time. Base runners are told to move to their appropriate positions.

- * Time can be called on a 9th batter

GAMES

- * Games are for 40 mins or 4 innings (whichever comes first)
- * 11.15am - 11.55am, 12.00 pm - 12.40 pm