



CAPE TOWN BASEBALL FEDERATION

UNDER 8 RULES (PEE WEE T-BALL)

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Start Time	Duration	Pitch Count
18.25m	N/A	N/A	10.00am	1hr 30mins	N/A
No new innings to start after 12.00pm					

- This is a friendship league and all schedule matches are mandatory
- 3 Meter foul ball circle to be marked and applied.
- Play format will be all 9 batters.
- No bunting
- Soft touch baseballs to be used.
- Infielders must stand on the outside of the diamond until the ball has been hit

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UNDER 10 RULES

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Start Time	Time
18.28m	14.00m	53m-60m	8.30am	1.30
No New inning to start after 09.45am				

Born 2010 and after

- Logs are kept for all league matches and all scheduled matches are mandatory
- 3-meter foul ball circle to be marked and applied
- Play format will consist of all 9 batters, 3 up 3 down, repeat. Batting line-up to continue with next batter when offensive team comes in to bat again.
- No Bunting of Tee is allowed
- No fielding inside the diamond until the ball is batted.
- Hard ball is to be used for all games unless agreed between clubs that soft touch can be used. Any dispute between clubs the game will fall upon default rule and hard ball will be used.

Cup league (T-BALL ONLY**)

****Championship league (First 2 inning player pitch ball then remainder T-BALL)**

-Pitch Count 50

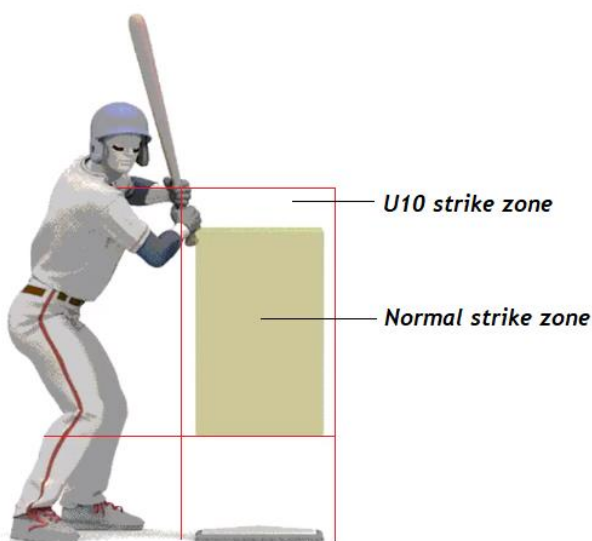
-No leadoff, No stealing at all and no steal on wild pitch or pass ball. Runners only go on a hit or force of Base on Balls.

-Play format will consist of 3 up 3 down, or all 9 whichever comes first. Batting line-up to continue with next batter when offensive team comes in to bat again.

- The diameter of the bat shall not be more than 2 5/8 inches for pitch ball

- From the 3 inning rules as per first half of season.

-Strike zone adjustment as per diagram. Top of shoulder down to hollow beneath the kneecap, extra ball width on each side of plate. Goal is for players to hit.



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UNDER 12 RULES

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Start Time	Duration	Pitch Count
22.86m	15.54m	67m – 82m	10.30am	1hr 45mins	65
No new innings to start after 12.00pm					

- U12: Born 2008 to 2009
- Logs are kept for all league matches and all scheduled matches are mandatory
- The start time of the game is a guideline which must be followed. Clubs to negotiate amongst themselves (and not dictate a change in time). The away team is to be notified by Tuesday of any changes in the start time and the away team must agree otherwise the time will revert back to the CTBF proposed start time of 10.30am
- The 5 run rule applies to this league (5th run in ends the inning)
- Players are allowed to steal bases, leads are allowed
- Dropped 3rd strike applies in this league
- 3 up 3 down rule applies
- No DH allowed
- Hard ball to be used
- Junior coaches to coach in baseball attire
- The bat shall be made of wood or of other materials as it complies with the MBSC Baseball Division specifications as written in this rule
- The bat shall be a smooth, rounded stick with a constant radius at any point. There must be a direct line from the centre of the knob to the centre of the large end. The knob and the end plug, if any, must be firmly attached. The bat shall not be more than 33 inches (83.82cm) in length. The diameter of the bat shall not be more than 2 5/8 inches, nor less than 2 ¼ inches. The bat should be labelled with BPF (Bat Performance Factor) of 1.15 or less, if is not made of solid wood. If the label is not legible, the bat cannot be used and shall be removed from the game
- **No catcher to pitch and vice versa under any circumstances in an U12 game.**
- **No pitcher to pitch in more than 1 game per day**
- **Pitch count per pitcher to be included on the line up sheet before the umpire signs**
- **If a pitcher has less than 3 balls left for his/her pitch count, NO new batter to be started. If more than 3 remaining, a new batter can be started.**
- Equal game time for each team – each team to complete innings. Ie The home team to complete the last inning with their batting turn up last

Should the above rules not be adhered to – especially rules regarding pitching (as we are trying to develop arms), clubs will be penalised and coaches will be liable to CTBF.

*for consideration for the 2nd half of the season:

- 1 strike rule – the pitcher will get to start with 1 strike on the batter and after then 3rd inning start with a runner on 2nd base. This will develop more aggressive hitting

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UNDER 15 RULES

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Start Time	Time	Pitch Count
27.43m	17.47m	84m - 97m	08.30am	2.00	60
No New inning to start after 10.15am					

- U15: born 2005-2007
- Logs are kept for league matches but all schedules matches are mandatory
- The 5 run rule applies to this league; 5th run ends the innings.
- Players are allowed to steal bases with leads and pick-offs from the pitcher.
- Dropped 3rd strike applies in this league.
- **Pitch count will be a maximum of 60 for the rest of the season.** We want to develop pitchers NOT one pitcher per team.
- **Pitching distance will be 17.47m (57.38 feet)**
- First three innings (or 1 hour) normal baseball rules. From 4th inning (2nd hour) hitter starts on 1 ball/1 strike count. We want to encourage pitchers to throw strikes and hitters to hit NOT look for walks.
- Metal cleats are allowed in this league as per new SABU rule, following on to WBSC rule.
- All pitch count recorder sheets to be mailed to CTBF before next league games. These sheets will be used to collect data from all games to see successes/failures in rules.

UNDER 18 RULES

Base Distance	Pitching	Boundary	Start Time	Time	Pitch Count
27.43m	18.44m	84m - 97m	10.00am	2.15	100
No New inning to start after 12.00am					

- Logs are kept for league matches but all schedules matches are mandatory
- The 5 run rule applies to this league; 5th run ends the innings.
- Players are allowed to steal bases with leads and pick-offs from the pitcher.
- Dropped 3rd strike applies in this league.

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