

B.P.G.S.A. GENERAL RULES 2007
TEE BALL 5-6

The B.P.G.S.A will follow the rules of the ASA with the following exceptions:

1. FIELD DIMENSIONS:

Baseline	50 feet (hash mark ½ way between bases).
Pitching Distance	35 feet
Outfield	150 feet
Infield	Arc of 10 feet in front of home plate from foul line. Ball must pass this line to be in play.

2. The home team is responsible for A) setting up and lining the field; B) providing 2 coaches (1st and 3rd); and C) one new game ball and one other ball in good condition. The official ball is an 11” incrediball.

3. All games will start at the scheduled times. A 15-minute grace period will be given. Teams having 5 players must start the game at the scheduled starting time. Players arriving late will be entered at the end of the batting order. All players will play in the field each inning. Teams may share players if one team has less than 5 players.

4. GAME LENGTH: 4 innings or 1-hour time limit from the start of the game, if another game follows. No new inning can be started after the time limit but an inning in progress must be finished. Practice time will be divided evenly between teams before the start of the game.

5. RUN RULES: Each team bats entire roster every inning. After entire team bats their half of the inning is over. No cumulative score is to be kept. No team standings will be kept.

6. In case of rain, the game will be suspended if less than 3 full innings have been played. Division coordinator will reschedule the game as soon as possible.

7. It will be the responsibility of the home team to cancel a game. The home team must notify the opposing manager and division coordinator at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled starting of the game. Games are to be rescheduled.

8. All outfielders must remain in the outfield during play and at least 10’ beyond the baseline. No outfielder can make an unassisted play at a base.

9. A pitching “T” will be used the entire season. During the second half of the season, a player can opt to have her coach pitch a maximum of 3 live pitches to her. If the player fails to put any of the 3 pitches in play, she must then use the batting “T” for that at-bat.

10. A player will be assigned to field the pitching position. There will be no one fielding the catcher's position at any time.

11. Helmets with chinstraps securely in place shall be worn by all batters and base runners.

12. Play will stop when (A) a fielding play is made at any base (whether or not an out is recorded; (B) when an infielder throws the ball into or close to the pitching circle (whether or not the pitcher has possession; and (C) a fielder returns the ball from the outfield across the infield/outfield line. There shall be no advancement due to overthrows, poor throws, dropped balls or if any injury occurs. Runners may only advance 1 base on each play.

13. When a pitcher makes a play on a runner going from 3rd base to home, the ball is dead and runners will be awarded the next base from where they started (whether the runner is safe or out).

14. The use of a double first base will be employed to reduce collisions. The bases will be strapped together and securely anchored so that one base lies within the outside of the foul line. The fielder will use the infield (white) portion only; the runner will use the foul (colored) portion only when there is a play on the batter/runner. If the fielder used the wrong ½, the runner is safe. If the runner uses the wrong ½ the runner is out.

15. Learning to run the bases is an important aspect of the game. A player has the option of staying on the base and continuing to run the bases even if an "out" has been recorded.

16. All bats must be aluminum with a barrel of 2.25" or smaller must be used.

******* NOTE: TEAM MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTION AND REMOVAL OF "IN HOUSE ILLEGAL BATS". THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

17. No smoking or profanity permitted on the field or in the team areas during any practice or game.

18. Team members only on the bench.

19. No one behind the backstop during the playing of the game.

20. Mouth guards, although not required, are strongly encouraged, especially with girls who have their permanent front teeth.