

# **MWSA LOCAL Div 3B & C RULES 2017-2018**

*All games are 1 hour & 30 mins*

<http://www.mwsa.com.au/OurComp/Rules.aspx>

The Div 3B rules are to be read in conjunction with the Official Rules of Softball as issued by the Australian Softball Federation Softball Australia, as issued by Softball NSW Inc. and modified by MWSA Competition Rules. Normal softball rules apply with the following modifications:

1. When the tee is used the following Tee Rules apply:
  - 1.1. A batter must have a full swing to make contact with the ball
  - 1.2. A batter is not out if on the 3rd strike an “air swing” occurs. The batter continues and should be encouraged to hit the ball.
  - 1.3. No foul ball circle (4.5mt)
  - 1.4. A “Fair” ball must travel a min of 1 metre from the Tee to avoid any obstruction and maintain general safety at home plate
  - 1.5. If the tee alone or ball & tee are hit at the same time the umpire will call “Foul Ball” – there is no limit to the number of foul balls on a batter
  - 1.6. 2 bases maximum for any runner or batter runner when hit off the Tee
  - 1.7. Pitcher and infielders to move to the back of the circle when the ball is hit off the Tee
  - 1.8. Lining up the tee – the player should be warned. No strike will be called
  
2. Ball: size 11” Soft Core
  
3. Batting:
  - 3.1. The batter enters the batting box with a count of 1 ball and 1 strike
  - 3.2. The top of the strike zone is defined by any part of the ball being below the level of the player's armpits
  - 3.3. Dropped third strike rule applies
  - 3.4. Tee stand is used after 4 balls – this may be reviewed by the MWSA Committee and removed during the season at the Committee's discretion
  - 3.5. A teams turn at bat will end when there are 3 outs or 5 runs have been scored

*Remember Softball should be fun for everyone — players & parents!*

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES:**

- Nil