

2024 EDITION OF PLAYING CONDITIONS

The SA WINTER BASEBALL COMPETITION shall be conducted under the following Playing Conditions and in accordance with the Rule book, “2019 Official Baseball Rules”, as currently adopted.

INTENT: The SA Winter Baseball Competition was established in 1968 as a social competition for players to maintain their skills during the ‘off-season’ and for those people wanting to play baseball for the first time. The SA Winter Baseball Competition is for all players willing to play in a social competition, play in sportsman like conduct and play in the spirit of baseball – at a minimal cost.

AFFILIATION: The South Australian Winter Baseball Association is an affiliated Association of Baseball SA (BSA) and as such all the Playing Rules and Conditions applicable to the BSA also govern the South Australian Winter Baseball competition, even if **NOT** detailed under these Playing Conditions. Also, all ages specified in these Conditions shall be applied according to the BSA “League Age” matrix unless otherwise defined.

PLAYING CONDITIONS ACCEPTANCE: These Playing Conditions were reviewed and approved by the duly convened Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Winter Baseball Association Inc. (“the Association”), held at the Lord Melbourne Hotel, 63 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide on Monday the 8th April 2024.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION: The Committee of the South Australian Winter Baseball Association Inc. (“the Association”) is appointed by the members of the Association and shall consist of; a President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; and a General Committee of no more than 5 members.

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1. DIVISIONS

- a. The SA Winter Baseball Competition shall consist of at least three (3) Divisions; however, the SA Winter Baseball Competition may be expanded to more than three (3) Divisions by the appointed committee to cater for growth (refer 1-a-iii. below). The Divisions shall consist of:
- i. Division 1 - Hugh Franke League; and
 - ii. Division 2 - split into 3 Competitions; Jim Beare League (Div2N), Mick Beech League (Div2C), Martin Foster League (Div2S).

NOTE:

1. In the event of insufficient teams nominating to play in Division 1 – Hugh Franke League, SAWBA reserve the right to combine the Hugh Franke League Division 1 teams with the teams that nominate to play in the Division 2C Mick Beech League to form a combined Division 1 competition to be played under Division 1 rules during the minor round competition.
 2. However, the teams will split up into their separate Divisions for Finals at the end of the season and play under their Division rules (Division 1 rules for Division 1 teams and Division 2 rules for Division 2 teams.
 3. SAWBA will determine the finals format for each Division during the regular season based on the number of teams that nominate for each Division.
 4. To play finals in each Division all players **MUST** have played the eligible number of games for that team during the season. (RULE 23.a. to f. inclusive below refers).
 5. Permits for any player who has not met the qualification requirements of Rule 23 will **NOT** be approved by SAWBA under any circumstances.
 6. Permits will **NOT** be approved by SAWBA under any circumstances for any Division 2 finals team to use any pitchers who fall under RULE 2.c.i. below.
- iii. Division 3C- Peter McGearey League and, depending on the number of teams in Division 3C (Peter McGearey League) and the standard of these teams SAWBA may create a Division 4 any time after round eight (8) of the season.

2. PLAYERS

- a. Players of any gender may participate in this competition. It is recommended that all players should be at least 13 years of age – Parental consent in writing **MUST** be obtained by the competing Team and forwarded to SAWBA prior to the participation by any younger player.
- b. Any player who has played in BSA State League Divisions 1, 2 or 3, or their equivalent in any of the past three (3) summer seasons is **NOT PERMITTED** to play any lower than Division 2 in the SAWBA winter baseball competition unless a Permit request is submitted and approved under extenuating circumstances by the SAWBA Committee. **All decisions** by the Committee regarding Permit approvals **are final** and the Committee will **NOT** tolerate any complaints in this regard.

NOTE: Penalties **MAY** apply for any breach of Permit conditions granted by the SAWBA Committee.

c. Pitchers:

- i. Any player who has played in BSA Division 1 or 2 (or equivalent competition) during any of the past three (3) summer seasons is **NOT** permitted to pitch in a Division lower than Division 1.

Played Definition:

Played means being named on the relevant Team's Team sheet and having taken the field during the relevant game, e.g., having 'entered the game.'

PENALTY (for Breach of clause i above):

All White Official Game Results Sheets completed by each Home Team Scorer or Official game Records Keeper in Division 3 or 4 if designated, if no team Scorer, are to be emailed by the Home Team to the Secretary of the Association by the Monday following each game.

Any breach of the above conditions will result in the game being awarded 9-0 to the opposing team in Division 1, and 7-0 to the opposing team in all other Leagues/Divisions.

- ii. Pitchers in SAWBA Division 3 or any lower Division **CAN** only pitch a **MAXIMUM** of three (3) innings in any game, and if brought in at any stage of an innings it constitutes as one (1) of their three (3) innings maximum in each game.

NOTE: Pitch Limits listed below still apply.

- iii. **Pitch Limits apply as follows:**

15YO	Under 17	Under 19	Seniors (19 and over)
50	80	90	125

1. The official pitch count must always come from the Scorer's Scorebook except in the case of Division 3 or 4 if designated, where a team does not have an official Scorer, but instead has a person who is responsible for completing the official game Results Sheet and another person who is responsible for charting each of their team's pitchers pitch counts in compliance with (**RULE 2. C. iii**, listed above), using the official Pitch Count Sheet, both listed under Forms and Downloads on the SAWBA website.
- iv. During a game if the officiating Umpire is made aware of a breach of the pitch count rules and the offending pitcher is found guilty by the Umpire, then the Umpire will immediately cease the game from that point.
1. Details of the offence are to be advised to the Association President by the Umpire.
 2. The Association President will then contact the President of the Club concerned to advise them of the penalty to apply:
 - Individual warnings each to the Team Coach and the pitcher concerned with a forfeit, as detailed below, for a first offence during the season.
 - One game suspension each to the Team Coach and the pitcher with a forfeit, as detailed below, for all additional breaches by the same Team Coach and/or pitcher during the same season.
- v. If the officiating Umpire is made aware of a breach of the pitch count rules after the completion of a game, then the Umpire must advise the Association President details of the offence.
1. The Association President will then contact the President of the Club concerned to advise them of the penalty to apply:
 - Individual warnings each to the Team Coach and the pitcher concerned with a forfeit, as detailed below, for a first offence during the season.
 - One game suspension each to the Team Coach and the pitcher with a forfeit, as detailed below, for all additional breaches by the same Team Coach and/or pitcher during the same season.
- PENALTY:**
Breaching pitch count rules will result in a forfeit being recorded against the offending team and This includes all Minor Round and Finals games – Division 1 9-0, and all other Leagues/Divisions 7-0.
- vi. A pitcher reaching his/her maximum number of pitches in any game may, upon their team Coach informing the Umpire, complete the batter before being removed from the mound. That player may then stay in the game as any position player **EXCEPT** as a catcher.
 - vii. A Balk Pitch delivered to the plate whether it is hit safely or not shall be valid for the purpose of recording the "number of pitches".
 - viii. A "no pitch", e.g., batter steps out of the batter's box and the pitcher delivers the pitch, **SHALL NOT** be included in the pitch count.
 - ix. An intentional walk, where pitches are not thrown, will not count towards a pitcher's pitch count.

- x. A player once removed for any reason, as a pitcher in Division 1 only, **MAY NOT** pitch again in the same game.

PENALTY:

Forfeit rules apply if a team is found guilty of breaching this rule.

- xi. The Umpire has the authority to police the pitching rule – Scorers and pitch count recorders in Division 3 or 4 only if designated, **MUST** provide pitch counts on request, but **MAY NOT INITIATE** such advice to any person from either competing team.
- xii. Pitchers 15 years of age **MAY ONLY** throw fastballs or straight change ups.

Note: knuckleballs, split fingers, sliders, forkballs, and curve balls are **NOT** permitted.

1. If any other pitch is thrown, the Plate Umpire will call “**Balk - Illegal Pitch**”. The “Balk-Illegal Pitch” call may also be made by a Field Umpire. The Balk – Illegal Pitch rule **WILL** apply. All runners on base at the time of the call will advance one base and the pitched ball will count towards the pitcher’s count. Following the first instance of such an illegal pitch, the pitcher will be warned of the penalty that may apply (see **PENALTY** below). On the second instance, both the pitcher and the Coach/Team Manager will be warned. On the third instance, the penalty specified below shall be applied.

PENALTY:

The Umpire will immediately abandon the game and award it to the opposing team 9-0 in Division 1, and 7-0 in all other Leagues/Divisions.

- xiii. It is a team Coach’s/Team Manager’s responsibility to advise the officiating Umpire and both Scorers when a 15-year-old is going to pitch so the Umpire can police (**Rule 2. b. xi.** above).

PENALTY:

Any Coach/Team Manager who does not pre-warn an officiating Umpire when a 15 year old player is about to pitch, and the Umpire becomes aware of it:

1. during the game, the Umpire will immediately eject the Coach/Team Manager from the Game.
 2. after the completion of the game, must immediately advise the President of the Association, who will decide on any penalty to apply in addition to forfeiture of the game, and the President will then contact the President of the Club concerned of the forfeiture and his decision.
- xiv. Coaches/Team Managers are responsible to ensure that the BSA League Age of all players under 19 years **are** noted on the Team Sheet.
 - xv. All players **Under 15** are **NOT** permitted to pitch in Winter Baseball.

PENALTY:

The Umpire upon becoming aware of a breach of this Rule will immediately abandon the Game and award it to the opposing team 9-0 in Division 1, and 7-0 in all other Leagues/Divisions.

The Umpire will also report the breach of this Rule to the Association President who will report this breach to the President of the team’s Club, and the Coach/Team Manager of the offending team will face a mandatory one game suspension for a first offence in any season and further breaches of this Rule in the same season will face a suspension as determined by SAWBA.

d. Visits to the pitching mound:

For all Divisions/ Leagues a second visit by the Coach/Team Manager to the same pitcher in the same innings automatically requires a pitching change, with the pitcher being replaced being able to play in any other position on the field **EXCEPT** catcher.

e. Catchers:

Any player who has caught in BSA Division 1 or 2 in the previous summer season is **NOT** permitted to catch in a Division lower than Division 1.

PENALTY:

Any breach of the above conditions **WILL** result in the game being awarded 9-0 to the opposing team in Division 1, and 7-0 to the opposing team in all other Leagues/Divisions.

f. Pregnancy:**ALL DIVISIONS/LEAGUES:**

For insurance reasons, female players are not permitted to participate in this competition when they are more than 13 weeks (3 months) pregnant. Players participating in this competition during the first trimester of their pregnancy do so strictly at their own risk. The Association will not accept any liability for any injuries incurred by a player relating to pregnancy. It is the responsibility of the player concerned to inform their team representative as soon as the pregnancy is confirmed – that team representative must then immediately advise the Association in writing.

3. STANDARD OF DRESS AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

a. The wearing of conventional **BASEBALL UNIFORMS** is not compulsory in this Competition.

However, all teams are required to have their players wearing basic uniform attire consisting of:

- similarly, coloured tops.
- caps to distinguish them as a team.

NOTE:

Caps must be worn, except when batting.

b. Any person at home plate **MUST** at **ALL** times wear a mask when warming up a pitcher, as the rule does not change for standing, and a Catcher **MUST** wear a mask and helmet (helmets without ear protection – skull caps may be used) whenever a batter is in the batting box.

NOTE:

The mask **MUST** have either an attached throat protector or a throat protecting extension.

i. PENALTY:

The offending player may be removed from the game.

c. Bats:**i. Divisions One and Two:**

- All players **MUST** bat using wood or wood composite bats only, in accordance with the Australian Baseball Federation bat rules – metal bats are **NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED BY ANY PLAYERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

NOTE: ALL Permit Requests sought to use metal bats will be declined by the Association.

PENALTY:

If any batter steps into the batter's box with a metal bat and refuses to change to a wood or wood composite bat, then the Umpire **MUST** eject the player from the game.

ii. Divisions Three and Four

- All female players regardless of age are permitted to use metal baseball bats no greater than **BBCOR +/- 5.**
- All Junior male players under Fifteen (15) years of age are permitted to use metal baseball bats no greater than **BBCOR +/- 5.**

PENALTY:

If any female or Junior male player steps into the batter's box with a metal baseball bat that is greater than **BBCOR +/- 5** and refuses to change to a bat that is **BBCOR +/- 5** or less than **BBCOR +/- 5** then the Umpire **MUST** eject the player from the game.

- All senior males fifteen (15) years of age and older **MUST** bat using wood or wood composite bats only in accordance with the Australian Baseball Federation bat rules – metal bats are **NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

PENALTY:

- (a) If any male batter Fifteen (15) years or older at time of stepping into the batter's box with a metal bat and at Umpire's request refuses to change to a wood or wood composite bat, then the Umpire **MUST** eject the player from the game.
- (b) If at any stage during or immediately after a game, it is discovered by the opposing team or the officiating Umpire that a male player fifteen (15) years or older used a metal bat during a game then the opposing team Coach can lodge a protest which is to be referred by the officiating Umpire to the SAWBA Secretary by email no later than 5pm on the Monday following the game. The protest is to be adjudicated by the SAWBA President and if upheld then where the offending team won the game the result will be reversed to a 7-0 forfeit to the protesting team and the Coach of the offending team will receive an official warning from the President for a first offence.

Any subsequent breaches of this bat rule by the same team during the season will result in a one (1) week suspension being applied to the Team Coach for each breach.

d. Batting Helmets:

- i. All batters and runners **MUST** wear an approved double-eared safety helmet.
- ii. Damaged or cracked helmets **MUST** not be worn.

PENALTY:

If any batter or runner refuses to wear an approved **double-eared safety helmet**, then the Umpire **MUST** eject the person from the game.

4. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- a. All persons participating in or watching matches in this competition (including all players, reserves, Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Umpires, and spectators) are required to comply with the following requirements:
 - I. All players **MUST** agree to and sign the Player Conduct Agreement as part of their annual registration.

NOTE:
The Association has paid to have signs erected at all grounds to be used for winter Baseball. warning spectators of potential hazards of watching Baseball.
 - i. Indecent or abusive language or gestures by participants or spectators toward any player/official present at a match **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
 - ii. Audible obscenities (whether directed at another person or not) **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
 - iii. Good relationships must be fostered between Clubs and their teams before, during and particularly after the games.
 - iv. The authority and decisions of the Umpire **MUST** be respected. **NO PERSON** may direct abuse and/or intimidating language to any Umpire.
 - iv. The Coach of a team **MUST** insist that his/her player(s) always behave in a sportsmanlike manner, especially towards members of the opposing team. The use of intemperate or unseemly language by players or Coaches is **ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.**

- v. Spectators should not only support their own team, but also show appreciation of good play by the opposition, and never barrack against or belittle their opponents or their own players. This is deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct.
- vi. Club representatives of each team, including Coaches and Managers, are required to draw the attention of their spectators and their own players to the above conditions regarding behaviour if these conditions are being disregarded.

PENALTY:

If the conditions continue to be disregarded, the Umpire shall abandon the game and award it 9-0 to the opposing team in Division 1, and 7-0 to the opposing team in all other Leagues/Divisions.

- vii. **Smoking/Vaping/"Dipping" or Chewing Tobacco is prohibited** both on the playing field, in the coach's boxes and on the players' benches.

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Appropriately all personnel (Coaches, Team Managers, Team Officials, Scorers, players etc.) **MUST** refrain from smoking, **vaping**, "dipping" or chewing tobacco and consuming alcohol before and during a game and/or training session whilst in the vicinity of the training area, playing diamonds or youth players.

PENALTY:

Breaking this rule in a game situation **WILL** result in ejection from that game and possible further action.

- viii. The consumption of alcohol by all participants (particularly players, Coaches and Umpires) **IS PROHIBITED** from **45 minutes** prior to the start until **5 minutes** after the conclusion of their matches.
- b. Visiting teams must obtain permission from the home team to take alcohol onto the premises where the ground is located – as this may contravene the relevant Club's Liquor License and may not be permitted under an agreement for the use of the ground and:
 - i. Any participant who disobeys this Rule shall receive one warning from the Umpire – **CONTUNUED INCIDENTS, AND SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS/TRIBUNAL (Rule 21)** of these playing conditions **will take effect**.
 - ii. The Association **MUST** be notified of all expulsions, and any other actions taken.
- c. It is always the responsibility of all teams to control the behaviour of their supporters/spectators. **FAILURE** to do so when directed by the Umpire, (especially relating to obscene or abusive language and/or any form of threatening or violent behaviour) **MAY** result in the game being awarded to the opposition in accordance with the Rules of Baseball, 9-0 in the case of Division 1 and 7-0 for all other Leagues/Divisions.
 - i. Where an Umpire reports any infringement of this rule the Association shall be empowered to take whatever action it deems fit, to deal with any reported infringement of this Rule by an Umpire; or against any team which permits its supporters/spectators to behave in a manner which could reflect badly on the Association or the game of Baseball.

5. FEES**a. Nomination Fee:**

The Association will advise the nomination fee per team at the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year.

- i. The Association may offer a discount for early payment of this fee, as decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

b. Un-Financial Teams:

Any team which is un-financial on 1st June (subject to any arrangement with the treasurer) will be expelled from the competition and forfeit any monies previously paid and any premiership points gained. Such expulsion shall apply for the remainder of the current season and expelled teams will not be considered for re-nomination in any subsequent season until all outstanding fees are paid in full.

c. In the event of any team being expelled, results and Premiership points gained up to the offence stand and:

- i. Any team then impacted by the expulsion shall have their effected game treated as a “bye” – no score and Premiership points to be allocated - (if a bye is created due to the expulsion); or
- ii. If the team dropping out evens up the competition, the impacted team, and the team that already had a bye are to play each other for Premiership points and finals participation.

NOTE:

In both cases above – finals participation will be **DETERMINED ON WIN/LOSS RATIO**.

NO COMPLAINTS will be tolerated by the Association regarding this rule.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

Should any Club with more than one team in the competition, withdraw a team, the team withdrawn shall be nominated by that Club.

7. GROUNDS**a. Home Run Fence:**

i. Clubs should provide at least the following as a minimum:

1. Cones placed to mark a home run fence a minimum of 250 feet from home plate for all games, at all grounds.

b. Backstops:

i. Every endeavour **MUST** be made to have a backstop on all diamonds. Permanent or temporary back nets are recommended for use on all diamonds/grounds.

c. Toilets:

i.. Adequate toilet facilities **MUST** be provided at all grounds and be open one hour before the start of the 10:30am games until half an hour after the completion of the 2:30pm games to allow players to change, and for players and spectators to avail of the toilet facilities.

If they are not, The Association is to be notified and **PENALTIES** may apply.

PENALTY:

1. For a first offence the away team is to advise the President of the Association, who is to issue an official warning to the offending Club.
2. For any further offences by the same Club, they **MAY** be stripped of all further home games for the remainder of the season.

NOTE:

All Clubs **MUST** report to the Association prior to the start of the season to confirm that their toilet facilities will be available and up to standard for all games.

d. Bases and plates:

i. Base areas **MUST** be flat and preferably hard, not soft like a sandpit. Appropriate bases are to be used by teams participating in this competition and shall not cause injury to participants of the Association.

- ii. Pitching Mounds in accordance with 'BSA' standards are preferable, and where used **MUST** be maintained and kept to a safe standard including the pitchers' plate, but not mandatory, especially where Clubs require games to be played in reverse on main diamonds due to ongoing ground repairs following the completion of the "BSA" Summer Season.
- iii. All pitchers' plates must be secured to the ground so that they do not move during the game.

e. Pre-game Plate Meetings:

- i. Umpire and team Coaches plate meetings should review and agree on the following matters:
 1. playing conditions of the ground on the day.
 2. any special player needs of either/both teams.
 3. permits granted to players and conditions thereof.
 4. junior players included in team lineup(s),
 5. warnings regarding novice players included in team lineup(s), and
 6. any other matters that either team Coach wishes to discuss.

8. PLAYING DATES

- a. **Commencement Date:** First Saturday after Anzac Day each year or other date as determined by the Association.
- b. **Match Days:** All matches will be played on a Saturday, unless agreed between both teams at least one week prior to the scheduled game. The Association must be advised of any agreed change from the programmed matches, prior to play commencing.
- c. **No GAMES** will be scheduled on the King's Birthday Holiday weekend in June.

9. STARTING TIMES

Minor Rounds and Finals: – Refer to the program for start times.

10. DURATION OF GAMES

a. Minor Rounds:

- i. Division 1 Nine (9) innings to a maximum of 110 minutes.
- ii. In all Leagues (Division 2) Seven (7) innings to a maximum of 110 minutes.
- iii. Division 3 and 4 if there is one: Seven (7) innings to a maximum 100 minutes.
- iv. In all Leagues/Divisions, an innings commencing within that Division's time limit shall be completed unless the home team scores more runs than has the away team prior to the completion of the inning.
- v. There is **NO MERCY RULE** in any Division.

vi. Runs Per Innings (RPI):

1. Division 1 – no RPI limit applies.
2. All other Leagues/Divisions – **NO** team may score more than seven (7) RPI. A team cannot bat again if it cannot score the required runs to at least tie the game within the remaining time/innings. The Umpire shall be the sole judge in determining time remaining versus the number of possible innings available to score the required number of runs.

b. Final Rounds:

- All Divisions play to innings, not time.

- i. In Division 1 a game is nine (9) innings to a result. Where extra Innings are required to determine a result, tie-breaker rules will then apply.
 1. A Mercy Rule of ten (10) runs ahead after seven (7) completed innings (or six (6) and a half innings if the home team is ahead) shall apply.

2. There is no Runs Per Innings (RPI) limit in Division 1.
- ii. In all other Leagues/Divisions a game is seven (7) innings to a result. Where extra innings are required to determine a result, tie-breaker rules will then apply.
 1. A Mercy Rule of ten (10) runs ahead after five (5) completed innings (or four (4) and a half innings if the home team is ahead) shall apply.
 2. **NO** team may score more than seven (7) RPI.

iii. **Tiebreaker rules:**

The team next to bat shall commence its half of an extra inning with runners on first and second base and **NO** “outs”. The batter who leads off an extra inning shall be the batter (or substitute batter) who would have normally led off the inning; the runner on first base shall be the batter (or substitute batter) immediately preceding the batter who leads off the inning, and the runner on second base shall be the batter (or substitute batter) immediately preceding the runner on first base. Any runner or batter removed from the game for a substitute shall be ineligible to return to the game, as would be the case with any substituted player pursuant to the **Official Baseball Rules**.

c. **Minimum Duration:**

- i. All Games: Every effort must be made to complete at least 5 innings or 65 minutes of playing time to constitute a regulation game.
- ii. Umpires may, at their sole discretion, terminate any game at any time should they consider conditions too dangerous for play to continue – due to bad light, heavy rain, or un-safe ground conditions.

NOTE:

Games **MUST NOT** be stopped solely due to light rain.

11. PLAYER PARTICIPATION

- a. Only nine (9) players, per team, are permitted to participate in the game at any one time (in accordance with the Rules of Baseball).
- b. Designated Hitters ie: (DH) are **NOT PERMITTED** in this competition.

PENALTY:

If this Rule is not picked up by the officiating Umpire in the exchange of Team Sheets at the pre-game plate meeting or the officiating Umpire allows the offending team to play using a “DH” even after the opposing team has brought this breach to the attention of the Umpire at the pre-game plate meeting and the opposing team subsequently protests the game, then the protesting team will be awarded the game 9-0 in Division 1, and 7-0 in all other Leagues/Divisions.

NOTE:

1. It is the responsibility of the opposing team to bring this breach to the attention of the Umpire at the pre-game plate meeting, and if they have informed the Umpire, they **WILL** be protesting the game if the Umpire allows the offending team to play using a “DH”, and the Umpire allows the game to proceed then the opposing team has every right to lodge their protest.
 2. Protests informed to the Umpire after the commencement of the game or following completion of the game **WILL BE** dismissed by the Association, but the offending team Coach **WILL** be warned by the Association that any further breaches of this Rule will result in the Coach receiving a one game
 3. Should any team have **ANY VALID** reason why they need to use a “DH” in their line-up then they **MUST** apply in writing for a season-by-season **PERMIT**, and **MUST** provide evidence of any written approval at each game’s pre-game plate meeting to avoid any complaints/protests.
- c. Re-entry is not permitted for any player once removed from the line-up (other than for the “**BLEEDING POLICY**” (Rule 27) or the **REPLACEMENT POLICY** (Rule 28)).

- d. In **ALL** timed games, a Courtesy Runner ie: (CR) is mandatory for the catcher who reaches base when two (2) are out and is optional at any other time.

12. TEAM LISTS AND SCOREBOOKS

a. Team Line-up Sheets:

All teams shall maintain a Team Line-up Sheet book, or a small duplicate copy book, in which shall be recorded:

1. the details of the match.
2. the names of the players in starting batting order (with starting fielding positions indicated in brackets) together with the names of **ALL** reserves.
3. a "P" in a circle on the lefthand side next to the name of any player who has been granted a Permit by the SAWBA Committee.
4. ages of all players under 18 years of age circled on the lefthand side next to their names, and
5. the Umpire (home team Club Umpire only) - refer to **UMPIRES (Rule 18)**.

i. Names **MAY** be added to the Team Line-up Sheet during the game subject to **RULE 12.a. 3. and 4.** above– provided the Umpire, Scorers and the opposing Coach/Team Manager are notified.

ii. Surnames (together with a given name or English equivalent for international players) **MUST** be supplied and recorded on the Team Line-up Sheets and in the Scorebook for all Division 1 and Division 2 teams, for all games. Home teams, without a Scorer, playing In Division 3, or 4 if designated, may keep records on the Official Game Results Sheet **which is to only include those players that actually take part in the game.**

These details are essential in case of any form of insurance or legal claim **AND** to check player eligibility for finals, etc. The use of nicknames or First names only on Team Sheets is **NOT PERMITTED**. The Umpire's name shall be clearly recorded in both Scorebooks in Division 1 and 2, and In any Scorebooks used, or alternatively the Official Game Result Sheet in Division 3 or 4 if designated, where the Home Team has no Scorer.

iii. Both White Team Line-up Sheets shall be checked by the Umpire at the conclusion of the game **and the names of any persons who did not participate shall be crossed off**. The Umpire shall then sign both white Team Lineup Sheets immediately after the conclusion of the game. Then after checking that both Scorers/Official Game Result Sheet keeper have the same final score the Umpire must sign all Scorebooks used for the game, and then check all details on the Official Game Result Sheet against the White Team Lineup Sheets and any Scorebook(s) used for the game to ensure that only those players that played in the game are recorded on the Official Game Result Sheet before signing it.

b. Scorebooks:

i. Each team in Division 1 and 2 **MUST** record the game in an official Scorebook whilst teams in Division 3, or 4 if designated, can in the absence of an official Scorer and Scorebook record the game using the Official Game Result Sheet and a separate Official Pitch Count Sheet. In the event of a disagreement or dispute, only an official Score Sheet/Official Game Results Sheet shall be used to assist in resolving the matter.

ii. Official Scorebooks can be obtained from the **SA Baseball Scorers Association – Ph: 8331 2675**.

iii Official Team Sheets be obtained from **Emmsee Sports, 779A Port Rd, WOODVILLE – Ph:82681155**.

iv. Official Game Result Sheets can be downloaded from the Association website:

<http://www.sawinterbaseball.com.au/forms.php> and then select the appropriate subheading under "Forms".

- v. Official game Pitch Count Sheets can be downloaded from the Association website: <http://www.sawinterbaseball.com.au/forms.php> and then select the appropriate subheading under "Forms".

13. SCORERS

- a. Each Club **MUST** supply one Scorer for each match in which any of their teams compete in Divisions 1 and 2, and shall supply, where possible, one Scorer for each match in which any of their teams compete in Divisions 3 or 4 where designated, and such Scorer shall:
- During such match be regarded as an official of the Association as prescribed in these Playing Conditions and score in accordance with the official rules of Baseball as recognized by this Association.
 - Shall render assistance to the Umpire of the match by responding to requests for game information. Scorers are not required to sit together during their game, and if they do not, the Umpire will refer to the Home Scorer's book only as the official record of the game.
 - The Home team Scorer is responsible for the filling out and completion of the Official Game Result Sheet and is to only record the starting players for each team and then add any reserves For each team who actually take part in the game as they enter the game. All junior players and those players who have had Permits approved **MUST** have the appropriate denotation placed next to their name as shown on the Official Game Team Line-up Sheets. The Home team Scorer or Coach is then responsible for lodging the completed Official Game Result Sheet to the SAWBA Secretary via the SAWBA website sawinterbaseball@hotmail.com prior to 8.00pm on the day of the match.
 - In the absence of a Scorer **by** the Home team, then the visiting team's Scorer will be used as the official recorder of the game, and will be responsible for the filling out and completion of the Official Game Result Sheet and is only to record the starting players for each team and then add any reserves for each team who actually take part in the game as they enter the game. **The Home team will still be responsible for lodging the completed Official Game Result Sheet to the SAWBA Secretary via the SAWBA website sawinterbaseball@hotmail.com prior to 8.00pm on the day of the match.**
- v. In the event that neither team in a game in Division 3 or 4 if designated, has a Scorer – the Home Team is to nominate a responsible person, or persons to compile an Official Game Results Sheet **with only the names of those players from each team that actually participate in the game** together with the name of any Club Umpire on the Home Team side of the sheet, the innings by innings score for each team, the final score of the game and each pitcher's pitch count during the game. The Umpire is to be notified who the designated person will be, and he/she is to advise the designated Official Game Result Sheet person when each run is scored, and for which team. At the completion of the game the designated Official Game Result Sheet person is to advise the Umpire of the result, and this is not to be disputed by either team.

14. FORFEITS

- a. A team **MAY** start a game with five (5) registered players and **MUST** have at least seven (7) registered players within twenty (20) minutes of the scheduled start time.

NOTE:

NO “automatic out” shall apply to the position/s in the batting line-up not filled due to this clause being applied.

- b. A team that is unable to comply with **Rule 14.a.** shall in Division 1 forfeit the game 9-0 to the opposing team **UNLESS** that other team is also unable to comply, and in all other Leagues/Divisions forfeit the game 7-0 to the opposing team **UNLESS** that other team is also unable to comply.
- c. **FORFEITS** must be advised by the winning team – as directed under **RESULTS (Rule 20)**. Refer also to **UMPIRES (Rule 18)**.
- d. If in a game neither team is able to comply with **Rule 14.a.** then the Umpire is to immediately abandon the game with **NO** score to be recorded, and **NO** premiership points are to be allocated.

NOTE:

For any teams effected by **Rule 14.d.** finals participation will be **DETERMINED ON WIN/LOSS RATIO**.

NO COMPLAINTS will be tolerated by the Association in regard to this rule.

15. CANCELLATION OF GAMES**a. Individual games:**

- i. In the event of inclement weather:
 - 1. The Umpire will be the sole judge as to whether a ground is fit for play to commence, as to whether and when play shall be suspended during a game because of unsuitable weather conditions or an unfit playing field, and whether, and when, play will resume or be terminated.
 - 2. The Plate Umpire will not call the game until at least 30 minutes after he/she has suspended the game. He/she may continue the suspension as long as deemed necessary if there is a chance play may resume during the allocated game time for timed games during the minor round.
- ii. Abandoned games **CANNOT** be transferred to another ground but can be changed to another diamond at the same ground if available and considered safe to play on by the Umpire.
- iii. Abandoned games during the minor round will not be replayed.
- iv. Games can be abandoned because the ground or equipment is **UNSAFE** in the opinion of the Umpire. In these circumstances the Umpire will request the home team to bring the ground up to safety requirements in a reasonable time.

NOTE:

In the opinion of the Umpire if the home team does not make all reasonable effort to bring the ground up to a playing standard in a reasonable time then a penalty shall apply.

PENALTY:

9-0 forfeit against the home team in Division 1, and 7-0 forfeit against the home team in all other Leagues/Divisions if the ground is their home ground. If a neutral ground, then the game is abandoned.

b. Minor Rounds:

- i. If the Association should consider that more than half the games scheduled for a division, for any day cannot be played due to unsafe ground conditions caused by extreme heavy rain in the preceding hours, notification of cancellation will be sent out to all Clubs with sufficient notice prior to the first game of that round, and the whole round is to be cancelled with no results to be recorded and no points to be allocated to any team.

1. If any game in a minor round is cancelled for any reason, other than due to inclement weather, then both teams involved will be awarded a **NIL (0)** all draw.

NOTE:

Any round cancelled by the Association will not be replayed.

c. Finals:

- i. In the event of a semi-final or preliminary final game being cancelled by the Association, **OR** such a game not reaching regulation status – refer **DURATION OF GAMES (Rule 10)**; the game shall be awarded to the participating team which finished higher at the end of the Minor Round.
- ii. In the event of a Grand Final not reaching regulation status – refer **DURATION OF GAMES (Rule 10)**, it will be rescheduled **as a new start** on the following Saturday. IF the game cannot be completed on the extra day, then the team finishing higher at the end of the Minor Round will be declared the winner of the premiership.
- iii. Should no Finals games be played due to prolonged adverse conditions; the Minor Premier team in each Division/League shall be declared the winner of the Premiership.

16. WASTING TIME

- a. In all games, **EXCEPT** for finals, game time commences and continues to run **REGARDLESS** of delays or hold ups due to any reason.
- b. It is contrary to the spirit of Baseball to engage in the practices of time wasting, particularly in the closing minutes of time limited games.
- c. Umpires are hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to prevent such malpractice, and those in charge of teams **ARE** to be warned that the Association **WILL NOT** tolerate such tactics.
- d. All starting and finishing times are taken from the Umpire's watch.

17. MATCH BALLS

a. Minor Rounds:

Each team shall supply a ball which must be in sound condition and uniformly light in colour (not necessarily new) and must always have at least one reserve ball available.

b. Finals:

The Association will supply two (2) new balls for each Finals game. Each team must always have at least one reserve ball.

18. UMPIRES

- a. As required by the Federal Government, **Baseball Umpires Association of South Australia**, (BUASA) and Club Umpires (with less than ABF Level 1 accreditation) **MUST** be attired in an approved lime green shirt (supplied by the Assoc. – 1 per club), long trousers, a neutral dark cap (not a Club/Team Cap) and **MUST** wear solid shoes (shorts and/or thongs are **NOT** permitted).
- b. Nationally accredited Umpires (Level 1 and above) **MUST** wear the standard Umpires' uniform as required by the ABF or approved for use by **(BUASA)**.

c. Minor Round:

The team named first in the program shall provide a suitable Umpire as per either Clause a. or b. above. Preferably with some level of BUASA accreditation. This person shall officiate for the entire game unless otherwise agreed by both teams.

d. Finals:

The Association will arrange and pay Umpires for **ALL** Finals games.

19. UMPIRES FEES

- a. A match fee of \$40.00 per game (\$20.00 per team) shall be paid to the Umpire (regardless of level of experience) prior to the commencement of the game. (Also refer to Clause 19. e. - Forfeited Games below).
- b. On request the Association will supply all teams with a list of nationally accredited Umpires as provided by BUASA.
- c. The game **MUST NOT** commence until the prescribed Umpire's fee has been paid by BOTH teams.
- d. Where an Umpire attends a venue as scheduled and **EITHER** determines that a game cannot proceed due to the condition of the ground **OR** commences a game that does not reach Regulation Game status, then 50% of the total match fee of \$40.00 will be paid to the Umpire - \$10.00 by each team.
- e. **Forfeited Games:**
 - i. Where the Umpire has not been previously advised, an Umpire arriving to officiate a game which has been forfeited, the home team shall pay the Umpire the appropriate **FULL FEE** (as indicated in **Clause 19. a.** above).
 - ii. In the event of the forfeit being from the visiting team, that team shall reimburse the home team for the Umpire's **FULL FEE** (as indicated in **Rule 19. a.** above).
- f. The game shall **NOT** start until the Umpire has been provided with a correctly completed **TEAM LINEUP SHEET** by both participating teams – refer **TEAM LISTS AND SCOREBOOKS (Rule 12)**.

20. RESULTS

- a. **The HOME TEAM MUST** submit results using the Official Game Results Sheet which is to be emailed to the Association via email address: sawinterbaseball@hotmail.com prior to 8.00pm on the day of the match.

i. Late Results:

If it is not possible to submit the Official Game Result Sheet by the time indicated above, results will be accepted for Premiership Points by emailing the Official game Results Sheet to sawinterbaseball@hotmail.com no later than 5 pm on the Sunday following the game for receipt by the Association by the following Monday.

NOTE:

If emailed, proof of a successful delivery of the email may be requested by SAWBA where a dispute as to the submission of the results occurs.

PENALTY:

This is the only means of collecting results and as such it is essential that Official Game Result Sheets are received by the Association by the deadlines as detailed within 20. a. and subsection 20. a i.

Game results will be recorded as a **scoreless draw** for games that are **NOT** "registered with operations" within the time frames outlined in **Rule 20. a. i. Late Results** above.

NOTE:

It is the responsibility of each team to check the results from each round are recorded correctly on the website. This can be done from the following Wednesday each week.

- b. Results and updated Premiership Tables will be uploaded to the Association's website by Tuesday evening after each round.
 - i. Teams have **SEVEN (7)** days from the completion of a game to lodge an objection to the Table if results for that game are deemed incorrect.

21. INCIDENTS AND SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS / TRIBUNAL

a. Automatic Suspension:

Any player, who is ejected from a game by the Umpire in accordance with the “Rules of Baseball” or these Playing Conditions, is automatically suspended and shall not participate in any SAWBA competition game until after having served at least one (1) week’s suspension in the Division in which the original penalty was incurred, and **under no circumstances** are they allowed to play for any other team in any other Division/League until that one (1) week’s suspension is served.

i. The home team **MUST** notify the President and the Secretary of the Association of any player/s who have been ejected from a game by 12pm on the day immediately following the game via the Association email address: sawinterbaseball@hotmail.com.

b. Umpires **are required** to report any incident that may have occurred pre-game, during or post-game, between players and or spectators that may warrant further investigation and potential action by the Association to the President or Secretary by 6pm following the game.

c. Umpires are required to report any ejections to the President and or the Secretary of the Association by 5pm on the following Monday of the game.

d. Tribunal:

Where the offence committed by an ejected or reported player or official is deemed to be of such severity, the President may, at his/her sole discretion, call for a Tribunal to be convened to hear the matter and adjudicate whether any additional penalty shall be administered. Such Tribunal shall be constituted and conducted (using the procedures in the current By-Laws of BSA as a guide).

e. Any person who considers they have been unjustly ejected or reported by an Umpire contrary to the Rules of Baseball, (or these Playing Conditions), may make a request to the President for the matter to be referred to a Tribunal for deliberation. The calling of an Association Tribunal under these circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of the President.

f. A duly convened Tribunal shall be empowered to impose or vary any penalty at its sole discretion. All findings of a Tribunal **SHALL be final and binding, with no further right of appeal**.

g. Reconvening Tribunal:

In the event of a reported/ejected person failing to attend a properly convened tribunal hearing, nor advising the President (or the President’s delegated representative) of their inability to attend – for health or work-related reasons only – the Chairman of the Tribunal may, at his/her sole discretion (following an aborted hearing), agree to reconvene the Tribunal at another time with the following proviso:

i. In the event of a request for the reconvening of the Tribunal, the reported/ejected person shall provide a surety of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150 AUD) to be paid to the Association and distributed to the Tribunal members and other persons required to re-attend from the original aborted hearing.

22. PREMIERSHIP CONDITIONS

a. In the Minor Round Clubs shall play the series of competition matches as drawn up by the Association.

b. Two points shall be counted for a win and one for a draw.

c. In all Divisions/Grades, Leagues, Premiership Tables will be based on a **WIN/LOSS RATIO**, regardless of number of teams in each Division/Grade, League.

i. If, at the conclusion of the minor round, any two (2) or more teams in any Division/Grade, League are drawn on win/loss ratio the final position of these teams will be determined by the team with the best runs for/against overall percentage.

23. QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS

- a. Players **MUST** be listed on the team sheet and an Official Game Result Sheet and participate in a minimum of Fifty Percent (50%) of any given team's eligible Minor Round games played during the season for one single team to qualify to participate for that team in the Finals for that season.

NOTE:

- i. Eligible games are games that any team has played to a result.
 - ii. Games that are abandoned (refer Rule 14.d.) or cannot be completed due to Weather conditions (refer Rule 15.a.i.) or Ground Conditions (refer Rule 15.a.iv.) and are terminated by Umpires are **NOT** considered to be eligible games for the purposes of qualifying for finals.
 - iii. Rain out rounds are to be cancelled in full if less than Fifty Percent (50%) of games are played in that round in any single Division/League. No results are to be recorded **and the** round is to be wiped out and games **WILL NOT** be counted as eligible games for players towards Final's qualification.
 - iv. If for example any team has played all fifteen (15) eligible Minor Round games players need to have played eight (8) games during the Minor Round to qualify for finals to achieve the fifty percent (50%) qualifying requirement.
 - v. If for example any team has only played ten (10) eligible Minor Round games players need to have played five (5) games during the Minor Round to qualify for finals to achieve the fifty percent (50%) qualifying requirement.
 - vi. If any player has been playing for two (2) different teams in different Divisions for the same Club during the Minor Round, the team they have played the MOST eligible games for percentage wise will be the only team they can play for in finals if both teams qualify in the season (refer Rule 23.a.iii. and 23.a.iv. above).
 - vii. If any player has played exactly the same percentage of eligible games in two (2) different teams for the same Club during the Minor Round then they will only be eligible to play in the team that plays in the higher Division, but if both teams happen to be in the same Division they will only qualify to play for the lowest ranked team during the finals if both teams qualify.
- b. Any team member who Umpires a match shall be deemed as having participated as a player for that game.

NOTE:

Any player who umpires a home game for one of his Club teams MUST be recorded/highlighted on the Official Game Result Sheet to enable the Association to accurately record this towards that players eligible games played to qualify for finals for his regular team. It is the Club Umpire's responsibility to ensure his name has been included on the Official Game Result Sheet as a participating player for the Home Team before he signs the Official Game Result Sheet.

- c. Any player, who plays (umpiring excluded) in any of the last four Minor Round matches in any other team in any Division/League, shall **NOT** be eligible to change back unless granted permission by SAWBA.

NOTE:

Such permission will only be granted by SAWBA in extenuating circumstances.

- d. Any team which forfeits five (5) or more games in a particular Division/League (in any one season) shall **NOT** be eligible to participate in the Finals of that Division/League for that season – however, such team may continue to participate in games to the end of the Minor Round. The next eligible team/s shall move up the table accordingly to make up the composition of the Finals series in that season if necessary.

- e. SAWBA will be responsible for maintaining all players eligible games played during the Minor Round and will advise all teams who have qualified to play finals a full list of their qualified players prior to the commencement of the finals series.
- f. Any team to be found playing any player who has not met the finals qualification games played requirements by way of a protest by an opposing team will automatically be penalised under review by SAWBA.

PENALTY:

The game being awarded 9-0 to the opposing team in Division 1, and 7-0 to the opposing team in all other Divisions/Leagues.

24. QUALIFICATION FOR HOSTING FINALS

a. Mandatory Ground Specifications for Finals:

- i. Pitching Mound to be at appropriate “BSA” specifications.
- ii. Toilet facilities for players and spectators.
- iii. A cyclone chain mesh, or similar type, fenced backstop.
- iv. All foul lines and dead ball lines clearly marked.
- v. A Home Run Fence or Cones defining the Home Run Line as detailed under – **GROUND (Rule 7)**.
- vi. If teams cannot meet these minimum standards, then they **WILL NOT** be permitted to host finals.

b. Ground Allocations for Finals will have the following priorities:

- i. The highest ranked team of the two teams playing in the final will have the right to host the final.
 - ii. If the highest ranked team’s home ground does not meet the minimum standards for hosting finals the lower ranked team will have the rights to host the finals; or
 - iii. The teams entered in the Hugh Franke League will have priority over teams in lower division in hosting finals.
 - iv. If a conflict in game time occurs due to a team from a higher Division, but the same Club hosting a final at the same ground as a team from the same Club, but in a lower Division, the higher Division team of that Club will have the right to host the final.
 - v. All Division finals will be conducted as a single game.
 - vi. The Association has final discretion over all final’s venues.
- c. For all games it is the responsibility of the hosting Club/team to set up and prepare the diamond. Both teams are encouraged to cooperate towards ensuring the diamond is prepared in enough time to allow both warm up and games starting on time.

25. FINALS

- a. In all Divisions/Leagues, finals games shall consist of the top four (4) teams, over three (3) weeks. and played as follows:
 - i. Week 1 – Qualifying Finals: 1) Game A - 1v2 – double chance. 2) Game B - 3v4 – elimination.
 - ii. Week 2 – Preliminary Final: 1) Game C - Loser of Game A v Winner of Game B.
 - iii. Week 3 – Grand Final: 1) Game D - Winner of Game A v Winner of Game C.
- b. In the event a finals game is not a constituted game – refer **DURATION OF GAMES (Rule 10)**, the cancellation policy applies – refer **CANCELLATION OF GAMES (Rule 15c)**.

26. TROPHIES

a. The Association will Provide:

- i. A Premiership Trophy for the winning team in each Division and League Grand Final.
- ii. A Medallion for the player voted the MVP by the Association representative at the Grand Final in each Division/League.

- iii. A Medallion for all players, Coaches, Scorer and Bats Person from the winning team in the Grand Final in each Division/League.

27. BLEEDING POLICY

- a. Each team **MUST** always have a current First Aid Kit with them during all games.
- b. The kit **MUST** contain suitable bandages and disposable gloves.
- c. The game **MUST** be stopped when a player is bleeding on the field.
 - i. The bleeding player **MUST** be attended to using appropriate First Aid procedures. The bleeding **MUST** be stopped before play may re-start. If unable to stop the bleeding within a reasonable time, then the bleeding person **MUST** be removed from the field so that play can resume – (this is at the Umpire’s direction).
 - ii. A temporary replacement can be made under normal Baseball Rules, (i.e., cannot be an already active participant).
 - iii. When bleeding has been controlled, the player can return to their original position in the line-up, with the replacement player available to enter the game in the normal manner. (The intent here is to ensure that the bleeding is stopped without jeopardizing the players or disadvantaging the team).
 - iv. Should a more serious injury occur, i.e. suspected fracture, un-consciousness, etc., and the player would be in jeopardy of suffering further injury by being moved, do not move the patient – suspend the game and call an ambulance immediately!
- d. The Association **MUST** be notified of any serious situation as outlined in **Rule 27.c.iv.** as soon as possible, but not later than 5pm on the day following the injury occurring.

28. REPLACEMENT POLICY

- a. In a game, when all available players have entered the game, and the Umpire is satisfied that a player is incapacitated due to injury, the following rules will apply:
 - i. If the injured player has been a substitute, then the player, for whom he/she substituted, if he/she is available, can re-enter the game, in that spot in the batting line-up.
 - ii. If the player for whom he/she substituted is not available, then any player who has previously been substituted can re-enter the game, in that spot in the batting line-up.
 - iii. If the injured player has not been a substitute, then any player who has previously been substituted can re-enter the game, in that spot in the batting line-up.
 - iv. In these situations, the player who re-enters the game, if he/she has previously pitched during that game, **CANNOT** pitch again.

29. INSURANCE AND PLAYER / OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

- a. All persons participating as a player, Umpire or Club/team official in any game or practice session connected with this competition shall be adequately covered by Health/Medical and Third-Party Property Insurance to the approval of the Association.
- b. At the start of each season an Association **PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM** must be completed by all players, Club Umpires, Scorers and Team Officials, countersigned by a Club Official, and then forwarded by the Club to the Association Secretary for receipt by 1st June in the current season, at the latest.
 - i. All forms are to indicate any current sporting insurance cover provided through either a BSA Club, University Sports Association, or other approved body.
- c. When a player, Club Umpire, Scorer or Team Official commences participation at any time after the 1st of June in the current season then that/those person(s) **MUST** complete a player Registration Form which their Club **MUST countersign and** provide to the Association Secretary within two weeks of their first participation.

PENALTY:

Loss of Premiership points gained in all games in which **any** offending player(s) participated after the specified period.

- d. A Player **WILL NOT** be permitted to play beyond the timelines as detailed in **Rule 29-b and 29-c** if a registration form is not submitted to the Association.
- e. All persons specifically attending any game or practice session connected with this competition as a team supporter shall recognize that injuries **MAY** occur and should be adequately covered by Health/Medical and Third-Party Property Insurance.
- f. Participants, Officials, and supporters/spectators **MUST** acknowledge the **RISK WARNING – (Rule 32)** which is also included on the back of the Registration Form.

NOTE:

The Association has paid to have signs erected at all grounds to be used for winter Baseball warning spectators of potential hazards of watching Baseball.

30. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

- a. The Association as a subsidiary of BSA adopts and adheres to the Baseball Australia's Policies in relation to Member and Child Protection. All Policies can be found at: www.baseballsa.com.au/resources/policies-procedures/ with direct links listed below.
 - i. Member Protection Policy
 - Direct link at <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/bsa/files/lmvbvmucev51swpt.pdf>
 - ii. Child Safeguarding Policy
 - Direct link at <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/bsa/files/nxbtsaii0ysuzc4d.pdf>
 - iii. Working with Children Checks and,
 - Direct link at <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/bsa/files/mcuikxyuj5ltk7sw.pdf>
 - iv. Child Environment Policy
 - Monitoring Compliance that all people working with children hold a current WWWC as specified in state legislation.

31. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. The Association adopts the Social Media Policy enacted by the South Australian Baseball League Inc., (SABL), now referred to as Baseball SA, effective 2012. The Policy may be updated from time to time at the discretion of Baseball SA.
- b. A copy of the Social Media Policy can be viewed or downloaded from: www.baseballsa.com.au/resources/policies-procedures/ , direct link <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/bsa/files/jynn0opnnhekipm4.pdf>.

32. RISK WARNING!

- a. Persons attending any match or practice session connected with this competition **MUST** be aware that there are risks of injury associated with playing Baseball, as there are with most sports. Risks will arise in the context of the activities of batting, pitching, catching, running, fielding, and spectating. While we aim to minimize risks, it is not possible to eliminate them all.
- b. The insurance cover currently held by this Association relates specifically to the statutory cover required (by law) to be taken out by all bodies involved with any form of public participation in sporting, or similar, activities. The principal protection provided is against possible Public Liability claims (\$5,000,000 maximum per claim); with an associated limited Personal Accident cover – particularly related to long term disabilities.

- c. In the event of injury, or other damage sustained by any player, umpire, official or spectator during the normal course of any game or preceding warm-up period, or following cool down period, neither the Association, and or its officers, nor Baseball SA, nor the Australian Baseball Federation will accept any responsibility or liability.
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