



**BASEBALL**

WA

**STATE LEAGUE**

Compliance Regulations

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VERSION

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## JURISDICTION

1. These regulations are made by Baseball WA Limited (**Baseball WA**) pursuant to the Baseball WA Constitution.
2. All clubs that are admitted to the Baseball WA – WA State Baseball League - State League Competition are bound by these regulations.
3. These regulations must be read in conjunction with:
  - a. Baseball WA – Competitions Regulations
  - b. Baseball WA – WA SBL – Promotion & Relegation

## MANDATORY TEAMS & JUNIOR METRIC

1. Each club is required to field each of the following teams in every competition season:
  - a. State League & State League Reserves
2. Each club is required to meet the minimum 0.20% Population Metric and the 75% retention Metric based on the Baseball WA School Zone population.
3. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

## COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

1. In each season, every Club must meet the minimum qualifications for each position as listed below:
  - a. State League Coach – Certificate C
  - b. State League Reserves & Big League – Certificate B
  - c. Lower Grade Seniors – Certificate A
2. Exemptions to this requirement may be given by Baseball WA Competitions Department (at its absolute discretion) if an intended coach is undertaking an appropriate qualification course at the commencement of the season.
3. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

## SCORING QUALIFICATIONS

1. In each season, every Club must meet the minimum WABSSA qualifications for each position as listed below:
  - a. State League – Level 2
  - b. State League Reserves & Big League – Level 1
2. Exemptions to this requirement may be given by Baseball WA Competitions Department (at its absolute discretion) if an intended scorer is undertaking an approved WABSSA course at the commencement of the season.

3. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

#### CLUB GOVERNANCE, FINANCE & REPORTING

1. Every club must ensure that its Constitution and club records are maintained and meets the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.
2. Clubs must conduct Annual General Meeting in each calendar year.
3. Clubs must supply a copy of their Constitution, minutes from their Annual General Meeting and a copy of their Financial Reports as tabled at their AGM within 3 months of their scheduled AGM date.
4. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

#### FACILITIES & PLAYING FIELD

1. Clubs must meet the minimum standards as set out in Appendix A. of this document.
2. Should a club facility or playing field deteriorates to the point that the facility no longer meets the standards in Appendix B., the club must notify Baseball WA Competitions Department within 2 business days.
3. When the Competitions Department receives such notification or determines that a club facility or playing fields no longer meet the standards as set out in paragraph 1., the Club and Baseball WA Competitions Department must meet to agree on a timeframe to rectify the situation and any interim arrangements that may be required.
4. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

#### MEDICAL

1. In each season, every club must appoint a person for the treatment of players in the State League & Big League/Under 21 competitions.
2. The minimum qualifications for this role is a Level 1 Sports Trainer certificate as recognised and certified by Sports Medicine Australia.
3. A club who wishes to appoint a medical professional whose qualifications do not meet those specified above may apply to Baseball WA to have that medical professional approved for that club.
4. At all Junior games the home team must have present at the Facility or Playing Field a person with qualified First Aid Certificate must be present. A person who is also approved for the purposes of the above paragraphs will also be considered to have valid certification for the purposes of this paragraph.
5. A breach in any one Competition Season is classified as a Category 1 breach. A second breach is classed as a Category 2 breach. A third or subsequent breach is classed as a Category 3 breach.

## BASEBALL WA – COMPETITION DEPARTMENT POWERS

1. Baseball WA- WA SBL Competitions Department may, in its absolute discretion, and only in exceptional circumstances for the sole benefit of the State League Competition as a whole:
  - a. Vary any time frame specified in these regulations
  - b. Impose any one or more conditions on a club that is otherwise in breach of these regulations as a condition of the club remaining in the State League Competition, and/or
  - c. Require that a club meet to discuss breaches or potential breaches of these regulations.
2. Any club affected by a decision made under this section will be notified in writing of the decision.
3. May audit or request documentation from a State League Club at any point in its absolute discretion.

## BREACHES & PENALTIES

1. A breach of any section in these regulations will be liable to the penalty specified in the relevant section as per the list of penalties below:

### CATEGORY 1

- a. An immediate financial penalty of \$500, or
- b. The club will be required to rectify the breach within a timeframe set and subject to such other conditions as determined by the Baseball WA Competitions Manager.

### CATEGORY 2

- c. An immediate financial penalty of \$1,000
- d. In addition to the financial penalty, the club will be required to rectify the breach within a timeframe set by Baseball WA and subject to such other conditions as determined by Baseball WA.

### CATEGORY 3

- e. An immediate financial penalty of up to \$5,000, or
- f. Expulsion from the State League Competition, as determined by Baseball WA.
- g. If a financial penalty is imposed, in addition to the penalty, the club will be required to rectify the breach within a timeframe set by Baseball WA.

# APPENDIX A

## MINIMUM HOME FIELD VENUE REQUIREMENTS

### FIELD OF PLAY – STATE LEAGUE & OTHER SENIOR GRADES

|   | Minimum – State League  | Recommended – State League                                | Other Grades  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Number of Diamonds</b>                               | 2   | 3   | 1   |
| <b>Base cutout radius</b>                               | 13'   | 13'   | N/A   |
| <b>Infield Arc Radius (from pitchers plate)</b>         | N/A   | 95' (29m)   | N/A   |
| <b>Center of mound</b>                                  | 59' (17.9m)   | 59' (17.9m)   | 59' (7.9m)  |
| <b>Mound height</b>                                     | 10" (25.5cm)  | 10" (25.5cm)  | 10" (25.5cm)  |
| <b>Mound radius</b>                                     | 9' (2.7m)   | 9' (2.7m)   | 9' (2.7m)   |
| <b>Distance to Backnet</b>                              | 40' (12m)   | 50' (15.24m)  | N/A   |
| <b>Backnet Heights</b>                                  | 16.4' (5m)  | 26.25' (8m)   | 9.84' (3m)  |
| <b>Backnet length</b>                                   | 26.25' (8m)   | 150' (45.7m)  | 13.12' (4m)   |
| <b>Home run fence distance – Left &amp; Right Field</b> | 320' (97.5m)  |   | 300' (91.4m) - Can be coned                                       |
| <b>Home run fence distance – Center</b>                 | 340' (97.5m)  |   | 300' (91.4m) - Can be coned                                       |
| <b>Home run fence height</b>                            | 3.11' (1.2m) minimum  | 5' (1.8m) minimum   | N/A   |
| <b>Home run fence length</b>                            | Dead ball line to dead ball line                                  |   |   |
| <b>Outfield warning track width</b>                     | 15'   | 18'   | N/A   |
| <b>Foul territory warning track width</b>               | 12'   | 15'   | N/A   |
| <b>Foul Ball Pole</b>                                   | 9.84' (3m)  |   | 4.92' (1.5m)  |
| <b>Sideline fence / Front of Dugout height</b>          | 3.11' (1.2m) minimum  | Enclosed  | 3.11' (1.2m) minimum  |
| <b>Dugout capacity – shaded and seated</b>              | (Roof - 6m x 3m) seats 20 people<br>Screen – 3.11' (1.2m) minimum | (Roof - 9m x 6m) seats 20 people<br>Screen – 4.92' (1.5m) | (Roof - 3m x 3m) seats 14 people<br>Screen – 3.11' (1.2m) minimum |

| LIGHTING RECOMMENDATIONS | Minimum – State League          | Recommended – State League | Other Grades     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Lighting – infield       | Training 250 lux - Game 500 lux | Game 750 lux               | Training 250 lux |
| Lighting – outfield      | Training 150 lux – Game 250 lux | Game 500 lux               | Training 150 lux |

### GAME DAY VENUE FACILITIES – STATE LEAGUE & OTHER SENIOR GRADES

|                        | Minimum – State League   | Recommended – State League  | Compliance |
|------------------------|--|---|------------|
| <b>Dimensions</b>      | Field of play must satisfy the requirements of the Rules of Baseball.  |   |            |
| <b>Scorers area</b>    | A sheltered area must be provided for scorers that has a table and chairs to seat a minimum of three (3) people.                                     |   |            |
| <b>Playing surface</b> | Must be smooth and level and give the players and officials the confidence of any movement on the surface would not contribute in any way to injury. | Must be smooth and level and give the players and officials the confidence of any movement on the surface would not contribute in any way to injury.<br><br>Cut-outs must be level with grassed playing surface |            |
| <b>Line Markings</b>   | Foul ball and Dead ball lines must be visible from the home plate umpire and continue to the home run fence  | Foul ball and Dead ball lines must be visible from the home plate umpire and continue to the home run fence<br><br>As above, however, lines should be marked White Chalk or Paint                               |            |

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| <b>Batting Cages</b>       | 4 batting cages – Two (2) for home team and two (2) for visiting team   | 2 Batting cages per diamond.   |  |
| <b>Enclosed field</b>      | Fence panels must be used to enclose the field until the 95' (29m) infield arc radius. A rope is suitable for the remaining portion of the field.                           | Fully enclosed with fence panels   |  |
| <b>Bullpens and Mounds</b> | Mounds – Dirt mounds<br>Bullpens – At least 2 Dirt bullpens – 1 for each team.  | Mounds – Dirt mounds<br>Bullpens – At least 2 Dirt bullpens separated along both sides of the field.   |  |
| <b>Seating Capacity</b>    | An area for seating spectators situated outside the clubrooms that provides unobstructed viewing of the field of play and that provides seating for a minimum of 50 people. | A permanent structure specifically designed for seating spectators situated outside the clubrooms that provides under cover seating with an unobstructed view of the field of play for a minimum of 50 people. |  |
| <b>Food and Drinks</b>     | The venue must have selling points for food and drinks (Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic)<br>An Alcohol Free Zone must be available for spectators                               | Good Sports Accredited   |  |



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| <b>Changerooms</b>           | Must provide changerrooms separate from public facilities for each club with showers (with hot and cold water), toilets and enough seating and clothes hanging facilities for 20 people | An undercover treatment table which can be used by both teams.                     |  |
| <b>Match Officials Rooms</b> | Shared rooms – Lockable storage must be provided for umpires.   | A changerroom large enough for 4 people with shower facilities and toilets.        |  |
| <b>Toilets</b>               | Male and Female Public toilets which are away from the team changerrooms and accessible to the public   | A public disabled toilet should be provided  |  |
| <b>PA System</b>             | A PA System of sufficient volume to be heard throughout the spectator area for a clubs main diamond that handles both music and speech.   |  |  |
| <b>Scoreboard</b>            | A scoreboard which is visible to spectators   | An electronic scoreboard that displays unique team names and team scores.          |  |
| <b>Parking</b>               | Sufficient parking for all players, spectators  | An area close to the facility for match officials and VIPs to access the facility. |  |

## APPENDIX B

# REPORTING AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

### COMPLAINEE OBLIGATIONS

|   | Description  | Date Required           | Compliance | Breach Category |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>List of Coaches, Officials and Scorers</b> | <p>A list which identifies the coaches of each team and outlines each coaches qualifications for approval.</p> <p>Officials – SL Clubs must have a minimum of 2 Officials Accredited with the WA Baseball Umpires Association.</p> <p>Scorers – SL Clubs must have a minimum of 2 scorers Accredited with the WA Baseball Scorers and Statisticians Association.</p> | 31 <sup>st</sup> August |            | Category 1      |
| <b>Club Constitution</b>                      | A copy of the club's most recent version of its constitution   | 31 <sup>st</sup> August |            | Category 2      |
| <b>Annual Reports</b>                         | A copy of the clubs Annual Reports   | 31 <sup>st</sup> August |            | Category 1      |
| <b>Import register</b>                        | A list of all imported players and import coaches  | 31 <sup>st</sup> August |            | Category 1      |

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| <p><b>Club Committee Structure</b></p>  | <p>The Club must document its committee structure to include position titles, position descriptions and the names of those filling such positions</p>         | <p>31<sup>st</sup> August</p> |  | <p>Category 1</p> |
| <p><b>Club Strategic Plan – Alignment with Baseball WA Participation Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5% Overall Growth (Net of Transfers)</li> <li>• 7.5% Female Participation Growth (Net of Transfers)</li> <li>• 5 Local Schools Participating in Sporting Schools</li> <li>• Working Agreement with Tee-Ball Club (If applicable)</li> </ul> | <p>A copy of the clubs Strategic Plan (or the club is actively using GamePlan) and achieving 2 of the 4 Baseball WA Participation Objectives.</p>             | <p>1<sup>st</sup> July</p>    |  | <p>Category 1</p> |
| <p><b>Uniforms</b></p>  | <p>Each SL club must have a minimum of two (2) Uniforms – A Home Uniform and an away ‘clash’ uniform.</p> <p>All uniforms must be approved by Baseball WA</p> | <p>1<sup>st</sup> July</p>    |  | <p>Category 1</p> |