



**BASEBALL**

WA

**STATE LEAGUE**

Promotion & Relegation

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## STATE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

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 WA State Baseball League (SBL) - State League Competition are bound by the Baseball WA State League Compliance Regulations.

## MANDATORY TEAMS & JUNIOR METRIC

1. Each club is required to field each of the following teams in every competition season:
  - a. State League
  - b. State League Reserves
2. Each club is required to meet the minimum 0.20% Metric based on the Baseball WA School Zone population.
3. Each club is required to meet the 75% retention Metric based on the Baseball WA School Zone population.
4. A club may meet its Junior Metric (Points 2. and 3.) via agreement with another club/s within its School Zone population.
5. Any agreement with another club/s must be approved by Baseball WA's Competitions Department.
6. If any agreement is made with a club/s outside of the Baseball WA School Zone population, the zones will be combined, and the Metric must be met based on the new population.
7. 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. Refer to Baseball WA State League Compliance Regulations for more information.

## FORMAT

1. Clubs will be ranked based on  $WINNING\ PERCENTAGE = ((WINS + .5\ TIES) / TOTAL\ GAMES)$
2. If teams are tied:
  - a. The team having the best win/loss record in games contested between the two teams will be ranked higher.
  - b. If teams are still tied in the standings, the team having the best runs against per defensive innings (RUNS AGAINST / DEFENSIVE INNINGS) in the games contested between the tied teams will be ranked higher.
  - c. If still tied, teams will play a 1 game tie breaker to determine the higher ranked team.
3. The Club whose A Grade Team finishes in first place at the end of the season will be eligible to 'Play-off' for a place in the State League Competition, if:
  - a. They do not currently have a State League Team in the competition.
  - b. The club must meet all Mandatory Teams & Junior Metric.
  - c. A club may chose to not exercise its right for promotion if it so wishes.

4. The Club whose State League Team finishes in last place at the end of the season will be eligible for relegation to A Grade.
5. Should a vacancy be created within State League, by a club exercising its right to nominate in a lower division, Baseball WA reserves the right not to fill that vacancy.
6. If a State League Club is removed from the State League Competition for failure to meet its compliance obligations, Baseball WA reserves the right to not fill that vacancy.

#### PROMOTION & RELEGATION PLAY-OFF

1. A three (3) game series will be played to determine if a team or club is promoted or relegated.
2. The Club that wins the play-off will earn the right to compete in the State League Competition in the next season and the Club that loses the play-off will compete in A Grade.
3. The play-off games will be played under the following conditions:
  - a. 9 Innings
  - b. State League Club – Home Team
  - c. A Grade Club – Away Team
  - d. No import players allowed
  - e. If no result at the conclusion of 9 Innings, International Tie-breaker Rules will apply until a result is determined.
  - f. The game will be hosted at Baseball Park
  - g. Games will be scheduled Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the WA SBL - State League Grand Final Series.

#### PROMOTION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Clubs must supply Baseball WA with its Club Constitution, AGM Minutes & Financial Reports.
2. The club must provide to Baseball WA a document that outlines its Organisational Structure, showing all Executive Positions and the names of individuals appointed to each role.
3. The club must appoint two (2) Coaches to the accreditation program.
4. The club must appoint two (2) Scorers to the WA Baseball Scorers Association.
5. The club must accredit two (2) Umpires the WA Baseball Umpires Association.
6. The club must appoint a person for the treatment of players to the minimum qualifications as outline in the State League Compliance Regulations.
7. Baseball WA may, in its absolute discretion, allow an exemption to compliance with any of the State League Compliance Regulations or the dates for which criteria must be satisfied.