

COMPETITIONS POLICY

EFFECTIVE AS AT 23RD JUNE 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Baseball WA Competitions Policy is endorsed by the Board of Directors of Baseball WA and provides further information for each Competition Departments when structuring and administering their endorsed baseball competitions.

Baseball WA competitions are conducted in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- Official Baseball Rules
- Little League International Baseball Rulebook
- Baseball Australia Little League Variation Document
- Other Rules and Regulations as seen relevant by the Board of Baseball WA

Competition Departments in conjunction with the Baseball WA Competitions Manager, are to administer and ensure the compliance with all relevant governance and policy documents as determined by the board of Baseball WA.

Although all Competition Regulations and By-laws can be amended by the Board of Directors of Baseball WA from time to time as required, it is expected that all changes are made prior to the commencement of each season and that changes are not made 'in season' unless absolutely necessary.

COMPLIANCE

Version Draft Date	Board Endorsement Date
8 August 2022	8 th August 2022
10 th June 2025	23 rd June 2025

COMPETITION FIXTURES & SCHEDULING

The Competition Schedule is determined by the Baseball WA Competitions Manager to accommodate the diverse requirements and expectations of the various Leagues overseen by Baseball WA.

The following guide is provided to support the structuring of competitions:

- Teams shall play against all other teams an equal number of times throughout the season.
- The minimum number of scheduled games for each 6-month competition season shall be sixteen (16).
- Charter Competition Managers are required to schedule games mid-week or as double headers to fulfill the minimum scheduled game requirement.
- No games shall be scheduled on long weekends or public holidays.

GRADE COMPOSITION & GRADING (NON-LITTLE LEAGUE PATHWAY)

At the discretion of the Competitions Manager in conjunction with the Competitions Department of Baseball WA

- Regardless of the team composition, the teams that finish in first and second place at the end of the regular season, as well as the team that won the Grand Final (if different), may be promoted.
- The teams that finish the regular season in the last three places may be relegated.
- The minimum number of teams in any grade or division is four (4), and the maximum number of teams is twelve (12).
- Clubs are permitted to submit only one (1) team per grade or division unless absolutely necessary, for instance, if they have more teams than the number of available grades.
- The preferred number of teams in any grade is ten (10).
- An even number of teams is preferred in all grades or divisions unless absolutely necessary i.e. NO BYES.

FACILITIES & FIELD OF PLAY

- Clubs are required to provide an appropriate venue and competition area (field of play) for hosting games at their home ground.
- If Baseball WA deems a venue or home ground unsuitable, the Competition Manager will reschedule the games to an appropriate venue.
- Should access to your venue and field of play be unavailable for a certain period, the number of home games allocated to your club will be reduced.

UNIFORM POLICY

- Female players that are playing in a FEMALE ONLY Competition and/or Program where all players are under the Age of 17 years MUST wear black pants.
- State League Teams MUST have 2 separate playing uniforms to ensure they do not clash with the HOME team's uniform.
- All clubs MUST have their uniform designs approved by Baseball WA prior to wearing them for official competition.
- Uniforms must not breach any agreements made by Baseball WA with its sponsors and partners.