



Compliance Regulations

[illegible]

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

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. Clubs that do not achieve a 0.10% Population Metric will be reported to the board of Baseball WA.
4. This Metric will also determine eligibility for entry into the State League Competition.

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.

SCORING QUALIFICATIONS

1. 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.

UMPIRING

1. Every Club over a period of three (3) season must recruit and develop the following number of umpires in conjunction with the WA Baseball Umpires Association:
 - c. Community Umpire (Green Shirt) - Fifteen (15)
 - d. Accredited Umpire (Black Shirt) – One (1)
2. Exemptions to this requirement may be given by Baseball WA Competitions Department at its absolute discretion.

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 when updated.
4. Minutes from a Club Annual General Meeting and a copy of the Financial Reports as tabled at the AGM must be supplied to Baseball WA within 3 months of the scheduled AGM date.
5. Strategic Plans - Clubs must use Game Plan and have a sufficiently detailed club development plan uploaded to the portal.

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/club-development>

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, the club must notify Baseball WA Competitions Department within 48 hours.
3. When the Competitions Department receives such notification or determines that a club facility or playing fields no longer meet the standards, the Club and Baseball WA must meet to agree on a timeframe to rectify the situation and any interim arrangements that may be required.
4. Facilities will be Audited by the board of Baseball WA from time to time and a report to be presented back to the respective clubs.

MEDICAL (FIRST AID)

1. At all games the home team must have present a person with a qualified First Aid Certificate and appropriate First Aid Medical Kit.
2. The recommended qualifications for this role is a Level 1 Sports Trainer certificate as recognised and certified by Sports Medicine Australia.
<https://sma.org.au/safer-sport-courses/level-1-sports-trainer/>
3. Appropriate signage must be displayed to identify First Aid locations and/or contacts.

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.

PROMOTION & RELEGATION

These regulations are made by Baseball WA Limited (**Baseball WA**) pursuant to the Baseball WA Constitution and approved and reviewed by the Board of Baseball WA.

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.

This document is to serve as a guide to the Removal (or Relegation) from the State League Competition as well as Expansion (or Promotion) into the State League Competition.

RELEGATION FROM STATE LEAGUE

1. Clubs that do not meet the standards as set out in the Baseball WA State League Compliance Regulations may be 'Relegated' and no longer eligible to participate in the State League and State League Reserves (Or equivalent naming convention).
2. Clubs once removed will be ineligible to re-enter the State League Competition until they have satisfied the State League Compliance Regulations for a minimum of 3 years.
3. Baseball WA reserves the right to not fill the vacancy left when a team is relegated.

MANDATORY TEAMS

1. Each club is required to field each of the following teams in every competition season:
 - a. State League
 - b. State League Reserves

JUNIOR METRIC

1. Each club is required to meet the minimum 0.20% Metric based on the Baseball WA School Zone population.
2. Each club is required to meet the 75% retention Metric based on the Baseball WA School Zone population.
3. A club may meet its Junior Metric (Points 2. and 3.) via agreement with another club/s within its School Zone population.
4. Any agreement with another club/s must be approved by Baseball WA's Competitions Department.
5. 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.

PROMOTION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Baseball WA aims to maintain a high-quality premier division and requires clubs entering the State League competition to be adequately sized for long-term participation. Baseball WA acknowledges the financial contributions of clubs to sustain their position within the State League and expects any prospective clubs to be financially capable of long-term involvement.

1. Clubs must supply in writing to Baseball WA their expression of interest to join the State League Competition identifying relevant reasons as to why they should be promoted including but not limited to:
 - i. Growth and Size of Club
 - ii. Location
 - iii. Financial Position
2. Written Support from Local Council
3. Clubs must supply Baseball WA with a copy of its Strategic Plan, Club Constitution, AGM Minutes & Financial Reports to support the sustainability of the club entering the competition.
4. 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.
5. The club must appoint two (2) Coaches to the accreditation program.
6. The club must appoint two (2) Scorers to the WA Baseball Scorers Association.
7. The club must accredit two (2) Umpires the WA Baseball Umpires Association.
8. The club must appoint a person for the treatment of players to the minimum qualifications as outline in the State League Compliance Regulations.
9. 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.

APPENDIX A - MINIMUM HOME FIELD VENUE REQUIREMENTS

FIELD OF PLAY – STATE LEAGUE & OTHER SENIOR GRADES

	Minimum – State League	Recommended – State League	Other Grades
Number of Diamonds	2	3	1
Base cutout radius	13'	13'	N/A
Infield Arc Radius (from pitchers plate)	N/A	95' (29m)	N/A
Center of mound	59' (17.9m)	59' (17.9m)	59' (7.9m)
Mound height	10" (25.5cm)	10" (25.5cm)	10" (25.5cm)
Mound radius	9' (2.7m)	9' (2.7m)	9' (2.7m)
Distance to Backnet	40' (12m)	50' (15.24m)	N/A
Backnet Heights	16.4' (5m)	26.25' (8m)	9.84' (3m)
Backnet length	26.25' (8m)	150' (45.7m)	13.12' (4m)
Home run fence distance – Left & Right Field	320' (97.5m)		300' (91.4m) - Can be coned
Home run fence distance – Center	340' (97.5m)		300' (91.4m) - Can be coned
Home run fence height	3.11' (1.2m) minimum	5' (1.8m) minimum	N/A
Home rune fence length	Dead ball line to dead ball line		
Outfield warning track width	15'	18'	N/A
Foul territory warning track width	12'	15'	N/A
Foul Ball Pole	9.84' (3m)		4.92' (1.5m)
Sideline fence / Front of Dugout height	3.11' (1.2m) minimum	Enclosed	3.11' (1.2m) minimum
Dugout capacity – shaded and seated	(Roof - 6m x 3m) seats 20 people Screen – 3.11' (1.2m) minimum	(Roof - 9m x 6m) seats 20 people Screen – 4.92' (1.5m)	(Roof - 3m x 3m) seats 14 people 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
Dimensions	Field of play must satisfy the requirements of the Rules of Baseball.	
Scorers area	A sheltered area must be provided for scorers that has a table and chairs to seat a minimum of three (3) people.	
Playing surface	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. Cut-outs must be level with grassed playing surface
Line Markings	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 As above, however, lines should be marked White Chalk or Paint
Batting Cages	2 Batting cages	4 batting cages – Two (2) for home team and two (2) for visiting team
Enclosed field	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
Bullpens and Mounds	Mounds – Dirt mounds Bullpens – At least 2 Dirt bullpens	Mounds – Dirt mounds Bullpens – At least 2 Dirt bullpens separated along both sides of the field.
Seating Capacity	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.

Food and Drinks	The venue must have selling points for food and drinks (Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic) An Alcohol Free Zone must be available for spectators	Good Sports Accredited
Changerooms	Must provide changerooms 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.
Match Officials Rooms	Shared rooms – Lockable storage must be provided for umpires.	A changeroom large enough for 4 people with shower facilities and toilets.
Toilets	Male and Female Public toilets which are away from the team changerooms and accessible to the public	A public disabled toilet should be provided
PA System	A PA System of sufficient volume to be heard throughout the spectator area for a clubs main diamond that handles both music and speeches.	
Scoreboard	A scoreboard which is visible to spectators	An electronic scoreboard that displays unique team names and team scores.
Parking	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
List of Coaches, Officials and Scorers	<p>A list which identifies the coaches of each team and outlines each coach's 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>	Annually		Category 1
Club Constitution	A copy of the club's most recent version of its constitution	As updated		Category 2
Annual Reports	A copy of the clubs Annual Reports	3 months post AGM		Category 1
Import register	A list of all imported players and import coaches	30 th September		Category 1
Club Committee Structure	The Club must document its committee structure to include position titles, position descriptions and the names of those filling such positions	31 st July		Category 1
Strategic Plan	Clubs must provide their Strategic Plan or are working within the Game Plan system.	Ongoing		Category 1
Uniforms	<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>	As updated		Category 1