



BASEBALL WA

COMPETITIONS POLICY

VERSION 1.1 - EFFECTIVE AS AT 8TH AUGUST 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Baseball WA Competitions Policy is endorsed by the Board of Directors of Baseball WA and provides further information 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 Rule
- Little League International Baseball Rulebook
- Baseball Australia Little League Variation Document
- PONY Baseball Rulebook

Competition Departments in conjunction with the Baseball WA Competitions Manager, MUST ensure 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 BWA 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

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COMPETITION FIXTURES & SCHEDULING

- The minimum number of scheduled games required for each 6-month competition season is sixteen (16).
- The preferred number of scheduled games is twenty (20).
- Junior Competitions traditionally commence on the Saturday immediately preceding the commencement of the Term 3 School Term.
- Charter Competition Managers are required to either schedule games mid-week or as Double Headers to ensure their minimum scheduled game requirement is met.
- Except for State League, State League Reserves and Women's Division 1 – no games are to be played on long weekends or public holidays.
- Except for State League, State League Reserves and Women's Division 1 – all finals series must be completed by the end of March.

GRADES & GRADING

- State Baseball League (SBL): State League & State League Reserves – refer to the Baseball WA State League Promotion and Relegation Document.
- Regardless of team composition, the team who finishes in first place at the end of the regular season, as well as the team who won the Grand Final (if different) for each grade or division shall be promoted.
- The team or club who finishes the regular season in last place shall be relegated - unless they chose to nominate for a higher grade.
- The minimum number of teams in any grade or division is four (4) and the maximum number of teams is ten (10).
- The preferred number of teams in any grade is eight (8).
- An even number of teams is required in all grades or divisions unless absolutely necessary - i.e. NO BYES.

FACILITIES & FIELD OF PLAY

- No club is entitled to host games unless they have an appropriate venue and competition area (field of play).
- Review all venues including the required equipment and facilities
- Review all competition match day areas (field of play)