

St George Baseball Association Incorporated



2013 Competition Playing Rules

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1. GENERAL

GOVERNING BODIES:

- 1.1. These rules shall be read in conjunction with the Rules of the St. George Baseball Association Incorporated and the Rules of Baseball and where the later conflict these rules shall be paramount.
- 1.2. All games shall be played under the rules adopted by the Australian Baseball Federation Inc. and the New South Wales Baseball League Inc. and rulings agreed to by the Management Committee provided that, if there is a conflict, these Competition Rules shall prevail.

CLUB AFFILIATION:

- 1.3. All clubs are required to affiliate with the St. George Baseball Association Incorporated and pay an affiliation fee at a date determined and advised.

(Refer to Appendix 'A' 'Association Fees and charges")

- 1.4. Competitions shall be conducted for affiliated clubs in grades as determined by the Management Committee of the Association.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.5. All correspondence forwarded from affiliated clubs in the Association must be endorsed by a member of their club management. Any individual members' correspondence will not be acknowledged unless endorsed by a club official. All correspondence shall be **ADDRESSED TO THE ATTENTION OF** the Association Secretary.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- 1.6. All players competing in games under the control of the Association will wear double earflap helmets whilst batting or running the bases. The Umpire in Chief may eject players who fail to comply with this Rule.
- 1.7. All bat persons are required to be at least ten (10) years of age. They are required to wear double earflap helmets at all times, when on the field of play, and are to be made aware of the dangers of the game. The Umpire in Chief shall restrict participation of bat persons who fail to comply with this Rule.
- 1.8. Any person warming up a pitcher prior to, or during a game, is required to wear appropriate catcher's safety equipment. The Umpire in Chief shall terminate all warm up periods if this Rule is not complied with

GAME RESULTS:

- 1.9. Win / loss percentage shall be determined in accordance with the Rules of Baseball provided that a tied game shall be counted as half a win and half a loss.

In the case of a team forfeiting during a game due to injury or ejection after the game has commenced the following shall apply:

Forfeit by the team that is winning at the time play is suspended: a 9-0 win awarded to the opposing team;

Forfeit by the team that is losing at the time play is suspended: Score at the time of forfeit shall stand.

- 1.10. A team receiving a forfeit prior to play commencing shall be regarded as having scored a 9 to 0 win for the purposes of compiling the average of runs scored for and against.
- 1.11. Where a team withdraws from the competition before the second scheduled game the teams concerned in each game whether played or not will be given a bye.

FORFEITS:

- 1.12. Any team being unable to fulfil its commitment to play a scheduled competition game is required to notify the Association Secretary by **8.00pm on the preceding Wednesday night** or incur a penalty fine in addition to the payments of the umpires fees involved.
(Refer to Appendix 'B' Penalty fines).
- 1.13. In the event of a team being unable to commence play with a **minimum of eight (8) registered players** (including substitutes as provided for under these Rules) within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled game starting time, or refusing to proceed when directed by the umpire to do so, a forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing side on appeal to the umpire and recorded as a 9 - 0 result.
- 1.14. The automatic out rule will apply when a side has only eight (8) registered players.
(A team cannot play with two automatic outs)
- 1.15. Where a game has commenced, in accordance with the Rules, and an injury reduces a side to eight (8) registered players including substitutes, the game may continue and an automatic out will now replace the injured player in the batting line up.
- 1.16. Where a game has commenced, in accordance with these Rules, and an ejection reduces a side to eight (8) registered players including substitutes, that side shall forfeit the match to their opposition in accordance with these Rules. There shall be no Right of Appeal in respect of the Match Result in this circumstance.
- 1.17. Any team forfeiting in such circumstances (**1.16**) shall be required to pay the umpires fees for that game and be subject to a penalty fine applied by the Association.
(Refer to Appendix 'B' Penalty fines).
- 1.18. Any team that forfeits two (2) consecutive games or three (3) during the qualifying rounds maybe withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 1.19. Should wet weather occur after grounds are declared open for play via the Association Wet Weather information service (**1902 260 530**), it is the responsibility of each team to present themselves at their assigned ground to determine if it is open for play. Failure by either team to undertake this measure may result in forfeit being awarded against the non-attending team.
- 1.20. Where a team notifies the Association of a forfeit in accordance with **Rule 1.12**, and wet weather prevents that particular game from being played as scheduled, then, notwithstanding the wash out, the team that has notified a forfeit shall be deemed as forfeiting.

DESIGNATED PLAYERS:

- 1.21. The Designated Hitter as defined in the Rules of Baseball is allowed.

2. REGISTRATION AND GRADING

PLAYER APPLICATIONS:

2.1. The application for player or official registration is required to be on the form provided by the Association.

PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES:

2.2. Player registration fees are required to be paid at a scheduled Delegates Meeting before the last Monday of May.

2.3. The minimum age requirement for registration with the Association is fourteen (14) years of age.

2.4. All applications are required to be completed in ink, with all relevant questions correctly answered.

REGISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

2.5. Only registered players of the St George Baseball Association Inc. shall be eligible to play in any game controlled by the St. George Baseball Association Inc.

2.6. Each club is required to register with the St. George Baseball Association Inc. all NEW players, coaches, officials, scorers, life members and ordinary members. Additionally, registration is required for players who have changed Clubs or address.

2.7. DELETED

2.8. Any person registered by more than one club within the Association, in the current season, shall be deemed to be registered with the club they first play for in that season.

2.9. Any person registering with this Association, who has been affiliated with another club or Association in the preceding season, shall obtain a written clearance notice from their former club or Association. This clearance must define that the person concerned has no liabilities or financial obligations to their former club. The clearance shall be forwarded to the new club and a copy issued to the Association prior to that person being registered.

2.10. Any person listed as a defaulter by any authorised sporting body is not eligible for registration.

2.11. The Management Committee shall have the authority to accept or reject any application for registration or cancel any existing registration

CLOSE OF PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

2.12. Applications for registration of additional players or re-registration of players to another Club within the Association will not be considered if there are less than six (6) competition rounds remaining in the competition. If a Club believes they do have exceptional circumstances to register a player, then the Club secretary is to submit in writing at first instance to the St George Baseball Association Inc. Management Committee to determine their case.

REGRADING:

- 2.13. Requests for regrading can be made to the Management Committee for its consideration but no such request will be considered if made during the period of the last six (6) qualifying rounds.
- 2.14. The Management Committee may, at its sole discretion, re-grade teams up to completion of 50% of the scheduled Competition rounds. Win / loss percentage and for / against will be disregarded for games played prior to regrading. Both statistics shall then recommence in the new grade.
- 2.15. Re-graded individual players will be eligible for semi finals, finals and grand finals of the grade to which they have been re-graded provided that the requirements of **Rule 2.17** are met.
- 2.16. Re-graded teams will be eligible for semi finals, finals and grand finals of the grade to which they have been re-graded provided that the requirements of **Rule 2.17** are met.

QUALIFICATIONS TO PLAY FINALS:

- 2.17. To be eligible to compete in a final series game with the team that they are registered with, a player must play a minimum of five (5) games and play fifty (50) percent of their total games in that grade with the team they are registered with.
- 2.18. The Umpire in Chief, where requested by either coach, shall ask for photographic identification of all players playing in the final series games. This requirement shall be carried out in sufficient time to allow commencement of the game at the scheduled start time.

CLUB REGISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 2.19. Each club shall forward to the Management Committee, within twenty-one (21) days after the Annual General Meeting, at a scheduled Delegates Meeting their team or teams on the Association Team Grading and Registration Form together with the prescribed team affiliation Fees as defined in Appendix 'A' for the approval by the Association and to be entered into the competition draw schedule.
(Refer to Appendix 'A' Fees and Charges)
- 2.20. All clubs shall register all players, managers, non-playing accredited coaches, scorers and bat persons where applicable for each team. Non compliance will result in the team being refused entry to the St. George Baseball Association Incorporated competition.
- 2.21. It shall be the responsibility of each club to retain a duplicate copy of the Team Grading and Registration Form submitted to the Management Committee for approval.
- 2.22. The responsibility that all particulars on the Grading and Registration Form submitted for approval is correct belongs to the club and if it is proved to the Management Committee that any of the material stated is incorrect, the applicant, and/or the club submitting it, shall be liable to suspension or disqualification at the Management Committees' discretion.

ACCREDITATION OF COACHES:

- 2.23. All teams in the competition shall have a current qualified Level 1 accredited coach nominated as their team coach. All Clubs are to include the coach's level of accreditation and their registration number on the Team Grading and Registration Form. Registrations submitted without Level 1 Accredited coaches shall be rejected.

LATE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

- 2.24. Under no circumstances will an unregistered player participate in any game under the control of the St. George Baseball Association Inc. Breaches of this Rule will lead to 9-0 forfeit being awarded against the offending team who will also incur a \$100 fine for each player breach.
(Refer to Appendix 'B' ASSOCIATION MONETARY FINE PENALTIES)
- 2.25. Applications for player registration submitted after the date defined in **Rule 2.19** shall be accompanied by the appropriate registration payment and shall be received by a member of the Management Committee prior to the player taking the field. Players will be considered unregistered in accordance with **Rule 2.24** if this Rule is not complied with.
- 2.26. Should a player be registered in accordance with St. George Baseball Association Incorporated Rules and then be regarded by the Management Committee to a higher grade, if the player continues to play any games in the lower grade those games will be awarded to the opposition and will be treated as a 9 - 0 forfeit, regardless of the result when played.

CLUBS WITHDRAWING FROM THE COMPETITION:

- 2.27. If a club withdraws any of their nominated teams after the first stage of the playing draw has been completed, the penalty for is forfeiture of the nominated team entry fee paid. All withdrawals must be writing.
- 2.28. If a team withdraws after the competition has commenced and two (2) rounds have been played, then the penalty for withdrawal of the team involved is forfeiture of the nominated team entry fee plus the cost of each registered players A.M.R.F. Insurance premium to BASEBALL NSW. The competition draw will continue with a bye, subject to regrading of teams in accordance with **Rule 2.14**.

TEAM MEMBERS WITHDRAWING FROM COMPETITION:

- 2.29. If for any reason a registered player indicates through his club that they no longer intending to participate in the competition, they will be deregistered. If the person has taken active part in two or less games then the Association will refund the members' fee. All requests for deregistration shall be in writing.

3. GAME TIMES AND DURATION

3.1 Where competition games are scheduled to be played either on Saturday or Sunday the following playing times will apply:

ONE (1) GAME PER DAY as scheduled by the Management Committee

TWO (2) GAMES PER DAY	FIRST GAME	12.00pm - 2.00pm
	SECOND GAME	2.30pm - 4.30pm

THREE (3) GAMES PER DAY	FIRST GAME	9.30am - 11.30am
	SECOND GAME	12.00pm - 2.00pm
	THIRD GAME	2.30pm - 4.30pm

3.2 A game shall be a regulation game as defined in the Rules of Baseball, or as defined in these rules, or if the Umpire in Chief certifies that play has proceeded for at least sixty (60) minutes. This provision as stated is subject to all the rules pertaining to ground fitness, physical, climatic or environmental conditions or any other issue leading to an abandonment of play before the scheduled completion time.

3.3 No top half of an innings shall commence within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled finishing time. If the top half of an inning has commenced before the ten (10) minutes, the bottom half of the inning will be completed or played until a result is obtained.

3.4 The “ten (10) minute rule” (Rule 3.3) shall apply from the time that the third out is made in the preceding innings, not the commencement of the next innings.

3.5 If the preceding game exceeds its scheduled completion time to achieve a result, the umpire may, at their discretion, adjust the start / finish time of the following game to the extent that the following game must commence no later than 12.15pm / 2.45pm.

4. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. The Home Team is the team listed first on the competition draw schedule.
- 4.2. The Home Team of the early games are required to collect the ground equipment from the storage areas and set up the field of play and The Home Team of the late game are required to return the ground equipment to the storage areas, failure to comply with this rule will result in a monetary fine plus the cost of the replacement of lost ground equipment.

(Refer to Appendix 'B' Penalty fines)

- 4.3. The HOME TEAM will not remove any permanently fixed home plates or pitching plates. The removal of these items will incur a penalty fine.
- 4.4. The Home Team shall occupy the third base dugout and field first
- 4.5. The Home Team is required to submit a Match Result Card as defined in **Rule 14.31** to any of the collection points by the times stated, failure to do so will result in a fine.

(Refer to Appendix 'B' Penalty Fines)

- 4.6. The collection points for result cards:
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| Collection box Bonnet Bay Canteen | - by 5.00pm |
| Collection box at Canteen at McLaughlin Field | - prior to 5.00pm |
| Collection box Phil Austin Canteen | - by 5.00pm |
| Collection box Jannali Field Canteen | - by 5.00pm. |
| Collection box Lucas Heights Canteen | - by 5.00pm |

NOTE: ALL MATCH RESULT CARDS CAN ONLY BE DEPOSITED TO THE ABOVE GROUNDS ON DAYS THAT GAMES ARE PLAYED AT THOSE GROUNDS.

5. **FITNESS OF GROUNDS**

DETERMINATION OF GROUND FITNESS:

- 5.1. The fitness of grounds for games will be decided by the authorities and/or caretaker clubs controlling the grounds, or the two (2) managers, or in the event of the two (2) managers disagreeing by the Umpire in Chief, in that order.

PLAYING TEAM WET WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.2. Under the provisions laid down by the Association, if inclement weather occurs prior to and/or during the weekend games, the prevailing ground conditions will be assessed and evaluated on each day of that weekend. The exception to this rule will be where instructions have been received from council authorities advising that a certain ground is closed.
- 5.3. In the event of inclement weather occurring up to and including Friday prior to the weekend games, the club secretaries must ring the Association **Wet Weather Info Number 1902 260 530** from 6.00 pm Friday and a ground report will be advised regarding grounds open and games to be played.
- 5.4. If heavy rains occur after Friday afternoon (6.00 pm) and during Saturday the club secretaries must ring the Association **Wet Weather Info Number 1902 260 530** either Saturday or Sunday morning from 8.30 am for information regarding ground closures and games to be played.

OTHER PROVISIONS:

- 5.5. Where the authority controlling the ground has advised the Association of any ground closure the following provisions will NOT apply.
- 5.6. The fitness of the grounds for play shall not be decided prior to the scheduled starting time, and such decisions to be made on the ground in the presence of both teams.
- 5.7. In the event of a game not being played because of ground unfitness, the result shall be declared a “No Game”

GAME SUSPENDED BY Umpire in Chief:

- 5.8. Where a game is suspended by the Umpire in Chief because of inclement weather, if within thirty (30) minutes it does not improve the game shall be called and the result given under the Rules of Baseball and **Rule 3.2**
- 5.9. At any time during the suspended period, where the weather improves the Umpire in Chief can order the game restarted from the point where the suspension occurred.
- 5.10. Should both managers or coaches agree that the weather will not improve during the period of thirty (30) minutes they can advise the Umpire in Chief that in their opinion the game should be called and the results given under the rules of baseball.

6. FINAL SERIES

QUALIFYING IN FINALS:

- 6.1. In competitions where semi finals, finals and grand finals are to be played the team with the highest win / loss percentage at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds shall be declared minor premiers.
- 6.2. Where teams finish with the same win / loss percentage at the completion of the preliminary rounds their respective positions in the table shall be determined by the number of games won played against each other, then if equal by the average of runs scored for and against each other, then if equal by the average of runs scored for and against all teams, then if equal by toss unless an alternative method has been authorised by the Management Committee.

GROUND ALLOCATION:

- 6.3. All grounds to be used for Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals shall be graded by the Committee in accordance with ground standards and suitability as required by the Rules of Baseball. All teams qualifying to play in the finals series shall be allocated to playing days and grounds as determined by the Committee.
- 6.4. The Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals in each grade shall be played with the commencement time being 1.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday and as follows, **unless altered by the Management Committee:**

SEMI FINALS

1st SEMI FINAL	FIRST	V	SECOND
2nd SEMI FINAL	THIRD	V	FOURTH (LOSER IS ELIMINATED)

<u>FINALS</u>	LOSER 1st SEMI FINAL	V	WINNER 2nd SEMI FINAL
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<u>GRAND FINALS</u>	WINNER 1st SEMI FINAL	V	WINNER OF FINAL
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The allocation of HOME team for the first (1st) grade grand final series will be as follows:

6.5. The duration of FINALS SERIES games shall be as follows:

~~First (1st) to Third (3rd) Grade – played to 9 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 7 innings. See **Rule 6.11**~~

~~Fourth (4th) to Eighth (8th) Grade and Over 35’s – played to 7 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 5 innings or 2 hours. See **Rule 6.11**~~

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When competitions comprise 8 grades plus Over 35’s division:
 First (1st) to Third (3rd) Grade – played to 9 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 7 innings. See **Rule 6.11**

Fourth (4th) to Eighth (8th) Grade and Over 35’s – played to 7 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 5 innings or 2 hours. See **Rule 6.11**

When competitions comprise 9 grades plus Over 35’s division:
 First (1st) to Third (4th) Grade – played to 9 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 7 innings. See **Rule 6.11**

Fourth (5th) to Eighth (9th) Grade and Over 35’s – played to 7 innings, ‘Rules of Baseball’, or until a result has been obtained. With the Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule coming into effect after 5 innings or 2 hours. See **Rule 6.11**

WET WEATHER:

- 6.6. In the event of wet weather occurring during a FINAL SERIES game, five (5) innings shall constitute a game for the purpose of determining a result.
- 6.7. In the event of wet weather washing out FINAL SERIES games, the Association shall endeavour to reschedule those games affected from a Saturday to a Sunday on other grounds, which are not affected by the inclement weather

RESCHEDULING OF FINALS:

- 6.8. Where a scheduled semi final, or play off, is not played, is not completed or ends in a tied game, the team higher on the table at the end of the qualifying rounds of the competition will be declared the winner.
- 6.9. The Finals Series may be extended by a maximum of twenty one (21) days from the Sunday of the scheduled date for the Grand Finals in the event that a scheduled final or grand final, is not played, is not completed or ends in a tie to allow these games to be played and / or replayed to achieve a result.
- 6.10. Where a rescheduled grand final is not played, is not completed or ends in a tied game the team that is first into the grand final, the winner of the first semi final, shall be declared as Premiers.

MERCY / 10 RUN DIFFERENTIAL RULE:

- 6.11. It shall be a regulation game as defined in these Rules in the Final Series for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade, when one team leads by ten (10) runs after seven (7) innings if the team leading by ten (10) runs is batting at the top of the innings or 6 ½ innings if the team leading by ten (10) runs is batting at the bottom of the innings.

It shall be a regulation game as defined in these Rules in the Final Series for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade, when one team leads by ten (10) runs after five (5) innings or 2 hours of play if the team leading by ten (10) runs is batting at the top of the innings or 4 ½ innings if the team leading by ten (10) runs is batting at the bottom of the innings.

The Mercy / 10 Run Differential Rule will be enforced by the Umpire in Chief.

7. UMPIRES

APPOINTMENT OF UMPIRES:

- 7.1. Where the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires Inc. ceases to function, or, if the Management Committee considers that the Association is not in a position to supply adequate number of umpires, the recruiting, control and allocation of umpires shall be vested in the Management Committee.
- 7.2. Umpires shall be allocated for each competition game by the Umpires Appointment Officer and these allocations will not be interfered with by any club affiliated with St. George Baseball Association Inc.
- 7.3. All financial, affiliated umpires registered with the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires shall be qualified and accredited with a certified level of proficiency issued and graded by the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires.
- 7.4. All financial affiliated and official umpires registered with the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires and performing umpire duties for and on behalf of the St. George Baseball Association shall be required under the Articles of the Association, the Association Constitution and Competition Rules and Regulations to be insured with a policy which provides indemnity coverage for public Liability, Professional Indemnity, Personal Liability, Participant Injury, Personal Property Insurance either through BASEBALL NSW or through a Insurance Broker providing the same level or equivalent Insurance coverage for all measures of Liability and accident injury as for the insurance policy held by BASEBALL NSW.

SUBSTITUTE UMPIRES:

- 7.5. In the event of an official umpire not attending at the time set down for the game to commence, or being unable to continue, an umpire or umpires shall be appointed by the manager of the opposing sides and the game shall proceed. All umpires appointed under this rule should be qualified members of the N.S.W. Baseball Umpires Association Inc. the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires Inc. or any other recognised umpires Association affiliated with the N.S.W. Baseball League Inc.
- 7.6. Any umpire appointed under this rule may be replaced at any time during the progress of the game should the official umpire become available and may become the field umpire.

TWO GAME UMPIRES:

- 7.7. Where more than one (1) umpire is appointed to a competition game, one shall be appointed as Umpire in Chief, and the game controlled as laid down in the regulations of the New South Wales Baseball Umpires Inc.
- 7.8. Where (2) two game umpires are appointed, one umpire shall be the Umpire in Chief and call the game from behind the plate, the other umpire is entitled to become the field umpire. If the Umpire in Chief calls the game from behind the pitcher then only one umpire is entitled to receive game fees for that game. Where only one (1) umpire is appointed then that umpire will call the game preferably from behind the pitcher and shall be paid accordingly.
- 7.9. The Umpire in Chief upon satisfying themselves as to the correctness of the layout of the diamond shall not permit any alterations during the course of the game and any protest concerning the same will not be entered into.

UMPIRE ACCREDITATION LEVELS AND FEES:

7.10. Umpires shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule in Appendix A

7.11. Any umpire or umpires who are in attendance at the appointed time and as such any games that are abandoned cancelled or not played for reasons due to;

Wet Weather, Ground Fitness or other safety factors relating to playing of the game with the exception of team forfeits all prior to the commencement of the scheduled game.

Then those umpires will be entitled to receive payment in the form of the amount prescribed as the Association's contribution for accredited umpires. If the games proceed in any form then the appointed umpires will receive payment in accordance with the schedule umpires fees.

7.12. All official umpires are required to be correctly dressed in accordance with the uniform instructions of the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires.

TEAM PROTEST:

7.13. In the event of an umpire giving an erroneous decision on a point of law and refusing to alter their ruling although their attention is drawn to the fact at the time on the field by the captain or coach of the team concerned, a protest can be entered and submitted to the Management Committee for their consideration.

7.14. This person will notify the umpire that their team is playing under protest and indicate the rule of baseball under which they are lodging their protest.

7.15. The umpire will endorse both scorebooks, before any other play takes place in the game, with the words "Playing under protest" and the ruling being protested.

7.16. The captain or coach making the protest will inform the Umpire in Chief, within fifteen (15) minutes, after the game has finished that they are continuing with their protest.

7.17. All teams submitting protests shall provide a brief summary of the grounds for protest on the match Result Card and have the Umpire in Chief sign same at the conclusion of the game.

7.18. The protest together with a copy of the scorebook is required to be lodged in writing with the Association Secretary by 7.30pm on the Monday following the incident together with the team score book and a monetary bond (\$50.00) which will be refunded if the protest is deemed not to be frivolous.

(Refer to Appendix 'A' Fees and charges)

7.19. Under no circumstances will protests be considered on any judgement decision made by an umpire.

EJECTION:

7.20. Any umpire being appointed to control a game shall have the right to eject any team member for persistent bad conduct, behaviour or violent actions which disrupts the game and is not in accordance with the Rules of Baseball.

7.21. It is the Umpires responsibility to advise both the coach of the team and the ejected player/s the reason and ground for the ejection.

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS OFFICER:

- 7.22. The Umpires appointments officer shall be appointed by the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires and shall co-ordinate the weekly appointment of umpires to games scheduled by the Association.
- 7.23. The Umpires Appointments Officer will automatically be a committee member of the St. George Baseball Association and will be entitled to receive an Honorarium as determined by the members in accordance with the Association Constitution.
- 7.24. The Umpires Appointments Officer will be required to attend meetings of the Management Committee, as required, to enable both organisations to be informed of progress and development.

8. CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

The powers vested in the Disciplinary Committee as per this section of the Association Rules are limited to the disciplining of players and officials that are ejected by umpires from games under the control of the St George Baseball Association Inc.

The disciplining of Clubs and / or members of the Association as a result of reports being received that do not involve an ejection will be managed by the Association Management Committee in accordance with Section 5 of the St George Baseball Association Incorporated Constitution dated 1998.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

Player/Team Members Responsibilities:

- 8.1 When a player or official is sent from the field of play by an umpire the ejected person shall conform strictly to the Rules of Baseball and may not participate as either a player, coach, manager or scorer, in another game in that competition round and is required to attend the next meeting of the Disciplinary Committee held on the Wednesday night following the incident.
- 8.2 If the Disciplinary Committee cannot meet before a game in the next round, the person may continue to participate until such time as they are scheduled to appear before the next meeting of the Disciplinary Committee. The exceptions are where the Association President and the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee jointly determine that circumstances exist that would warrant the person not being permitted to participate until they have appeared. Or if the cited or accused person fails to appear on the appointed date having been given full and adequate notice will automatically be suspended from any further involvement in club games.
- 8.3 If the cited person has a legitimate reason, as accepted by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee and the Association President, for not attending the hearing on the date set down and all notices have been served, then the hearing is to be postponed until a date to be determined by the agreed parties concerned. Until such hearings are conducted and a decision handed down, the accused is/are not permitted to participate in any game in the Association competition.
- 8.4 Any registered player, official or members of the club either on or off the field before, during or after any game that conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner so as to cause the umpire to take action and report the same, the Disciplinary Committee or may suspend or otherwise deal with the offender/s.

Umpires Attendance at Hearings:

- 8.5 Where, in certain circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee deem it absolutely necessary, the Chairperson shall request the attendance of the umpire responsible for the ejection so as to provide further clarification as to the submitted report. As a result of this request the hearing will be suspended and a new date set for resumption.
- 8.6 Where the Disciplinary Committee have found the need to request the umpire's attendance at a resumed hearing, then that umpire will be entitled to receive their accredited level game fee payment for attending the hearing. This payment will be levied against the offending Club subject to a guilty finding on the reported charges.
- 8.7 The request for Umpire Attendance will be carried out by the Disciplinary Committee Secretary and shall be made through the Umpires Association Secretary.
- 8.8 The Disciplinary Committee Secretary will be responsible to arrange a new hearing date and venue, and to communicate these details to all affected parties.

Umpire Responsibilities:

- 8.9 Where two (2) umpires are officiating at the game, the umpire making the ejection shall submit a fully detailed report and the other umpire shall submit a supplementary report indicating or stating their interpretation of the incident. Both reports are to be submitted to the Association Secretary no later than the Tuesday following that weekends round games. If the reports cannot be forwarded for some reason, then the umpire/s concerned are to contact the Association Secretary no later than 10.00 am Tuesday and advise as to when and how these reports will be made available.
- 8.10 The umpire, when making an ejection during the course of a game shall inform those persons at the time of the ejection of the charges being laid and the grounds for the ejection.
- 8.11 The ejected persons will vacate the ground immediately and shall be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee Hearing.

Notice from Association Secretary:

- 8.12 The Disciplinary Committee shall convene upon receiving notice from the Disciplinary Committee Secretary.
- 8.13 The Disciplinary Committee Secretary is responsible to give notice of a hearing by the earliest possible time, after the offence report has been received from the game umpire/s detailing the game infringements and incident. This notice shall be issued to all parties concerned which includes the hearing panel, and all persons involved in the ejection action. This action is dependant on the persons reporting the game results to the Association Publicity Officer, who in turn shall notify the Disciplinary Committee Secretary.

Convening Meetings:

- 8.14 The Disciplinary Committee Secretary shall arrange for matters to be heard at a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee at [Phil Austin grounds](#) commencing at 7.30pm on Wednesday nights following the weekend games.

Quorums:

- 8.15 A quorum for such hearings shall be three (3) committee persons (Including the Disciplinary Committee secretary).

Chairperson/ Secretary:

- 8.16 All hearings shall appoint a Chairperson and in the absence of the appointed Disciplinary Committee Secretary a committee member shall be appointed to record the hearing evidence, reports, minutes, all decisions and rulings.

Reports:

- 8.17 At the conclusion of the game, the umpire responsible for the person/s ejection shall indicate on the Match Result Card in the space provided a brief summary of the incident that resulted in the ejection action being taken.
- 8.18 The umpire responsible for any ejection will submit a full written report detailing all circumstances, events and any other physical actions or verbal comments associated with the incident. Such evidence shall be supported with relevant baseball rules. All umpire reports shall be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee Secretary by whatever acceptable means before 5.00pm on the Tuesday following the weekend game incident.

Conducting of Disciplinary Hearings:

- 8.19 All such hearings shall be conducted to provide a fair and just hearing for all parties concerned.
- 8.20 At the conclusion of any hearing the committee present shall consider all the evidence presented and then consider and decide upon and advise on the form and period of a penalty action that is to be applied.
- 8.21 The Disciplinary Committee may, by resolution:**
- 8.21.1. Deal with the member in accordance with any authority conferred on the Association by law, including, but not limited to the suspension and disqualification of all and any playing or participation privileges in the Association competition;
 - 8.21.2. Issue a suspended penalty for a specified period of games that would be applied in the event of that member reappearing again on other offences during the current season.
 - 8.21.3. To issue a reprimand and warning with no penalty applied;
 - 8.21.4. To dismiss the hearing as a result of no umpire report or a report which is found to be incorrect or inadequate in determining the incident under consideration.
- 8.22 All infringements and discipline committee hearings shall be heard in accordance with the laws of baseball, all requirements applicable under the A.B.F. or BASEBALL NSW.
- 8.23 Prior to the offending parties entering the hearing the committee will ensure that a full copy of the umpires report is issued for their review.

Legal Representation:

- 8.24 There shall be no right of legal representation on behalf of the person appearing before the Disciplinary Committee Hearing.

Juniors or Minors that are required to attend hearings:

- 8.25 Any person who is under the age of 18 years and is required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee shall be accompanied either by a parent or guardian and the team coach to provide and protect against any allegations relating to junior harassment or intimidation or other forms of discrimination.

Penalties:

- 8.26 At the conclusion of the Disciplinary Committee Hearing and prior to the accused person being discharged, the committee Chairperson will advise the person of the penalty which has been determined, and in the case of a suspension the Chairperson will advise as to when the penalty commences and when the period expires in relation to playing dates and games.

Notification:

- 8.27 At the completion of all Disciplinary Committee hearings the Disciplinary Secretary shall forward to the Association Secretary and St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires Secretary a summary report advising on and identifying the person/s guilty of the offences, their affiliated clubs and the decisions reached and the penalties applied.
- 8.28 The ejected persons Club Secretary will advise the Disciplinary Committee Secretary when the penalty has been served.

Appeals:

8.29 The appointed Chairperson shall, at the conclusion of the hearing, advise the parties or persons if found guilty of the offences as to their 'Rights of Appeal' that may be lodged with BASEBALL NSW for further consideration.

8.30 Appeals to BASEBALL NSW can only be based on (2) two grounds. They are either the severity of the sentence or an appeal against a guilty finding:

Severity of Sentence

8.30.1. That the penalty imposed is excessive, because the sentencing authority has not given full weight to all the evidence given in mitigation of the offence, OR

8.30.2. That the penalty imposed is excessive, taking into account previous penalties for the same or similar offences.

Conviction

8.30.3 To appeal a guilty decision by the Disciplinary Committee as incorrect, the person/s:

(a) Must have new evidence, OR

(b) Must prove that the findings were made on insufficient evidence, OR

Disciplinary Hearing Panel

8.31 Aside from the Disciplinary Committee Chairperson, members of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel shall be drawn from the following to form a quorum as defined in Rule 8.15:

(a) The Association Management Committee

(b) The Umpires Association

(c) Ordinary members called upon form a panel nominated by member Clubs

Each member Club is invited to nominate a representative to the Disciplinary Hearing selection panel. Members of this panel will then be called, as required, on a rotational basis to act as members of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel.

9. MINIMUM PENALTY GUIDELINES

- 9.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall use the following guidelines for imposing penalties on persons. These guidelines shall be used as minimum penalties for the listed offences. Hearings shall consider each case on its merits and circumstances when imposing penalties.
- 9.2 The management committee, at its sole discretion, may alter these guidelines. Any alteration of the guidelines will be notified in writing to all affiliated clubs, such notification will provide one (1) month prior notice of the intended alteration.
- 9.3 Offence Minimum Penalty
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| 1. Dissent of Umpire’s decision | 2 weeks |
| 2. Swearing / Repeated swearing | 2 weeks |
| 3. Unsportsmanlike conduct or language towards an umpire, player or spectator | 2 weeks |
| 4. Contempt of St. GBA Inc meeting or DC hearing | 4 weeks |
| 5. Instigating or joining a fight | 4 weeks |
| 6. Reckless play | 6 weeks |
| 7. Dangerous play | 8 weeks |
| 8. Deliberate collision | 8 weeks |
| 9. Abuse of umpire during or after game completion
(verbal & /or physical {threatened or actual}) | 8 weeks to life |
| 10. Striking another player | 12 weeks |
- 9.4 Hearings, at their sole discretion, may impose penalties for offences not included in the guidelines as they see fit.
- 9.5 Hearings shall use the schedule of penalties for any given offence, detailed in Section 9.3. These penalties shall be considered minimum penalties. Hearings shall consider the circumstances of each case to determine the actual penalty.

10 SUBSTITUTES

- 10.1 All teams are required to have six (6) players on the field at all times that are eligible to play in that team, Where a team is short of players they may field a maximum of three (3) substitutes who are to be registered players of St George Baseball Association Inc.
- 10.2 A substitute shall not be played if an eligible club team player is available.
- 10.3 Clubs are permitted to obtain substitutes under the following circumstances:
- a) If on the day of play the team is unable to field nine (9) players from their own team or Club having lower grade teams.
 - b) If on the day of play an injury occurs that prevents further participation in the game.
- 10.4 A substitute from a higher grade cannot be played without the permission of the opposing captain, coach or manager.
- 10.5 Where a club has two or more teams in the same grade, they may loan players but those players are recognised as a substitute and must be insert on the bottom of the team line up.**
- 10.6 Lower grade players who are playing in a higher grade within their Club are not considered substitutes.
- 10.7 The Umpire in Chief can not direct or insist that the opposition loan players to a team which is short but we encourage their desire to have a game commenced.
- 10.8 A player of the same or higher grade will not be allowed to substitute in semi finals, finals or grand finals.**
- 10.9 A substitute shall not precede a registered member of the club in the batting order and the word "sub" is to be placed after their entry on the line up and in the score books.
- 10.10 A player who has been substituted and voluntarily removed from the game may re-enter the game due to injury to another player provided no other fresh substitutes are available.

11 PITCHING REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Pitchers aged sixteen (16) or under shall not pitch more than sixty five (65) pitches in any round game and one hundred (100) pitches over any weekend.
- 11.2 Pitchers aged seventeen (17) shall not pitch more than one hundred (100) pitches in any round game and one hundred and thirty five (135) pitches over any weekend.
- 11.3 A junior pitcher shall be allowed to complete pitching to the batter in the box at the time they reach their pitch limit.
- 11.4 Age determination shall be as at the time that they play.
- 11.5 No junior player shall pitch and catch (or catch and pitch) in the same day.
- 11.6 Once a junior pitcher has been removed from the mound they cannot pitch again in that game regardless of their pitch count at the time.
- 11.7 Scorers are required to advise the Umpire - in - Chief and the players coach when they have reached their respective limit number and the game result card noted with the number of pitches delivered during the game.
- 11.8 It is always the responsibility of the coach to ensure that a junior pitcher does not over pitch.
- 11.9 Any breaches that occur to this rule shall incur a forfeit of one (1) game plus monetary fines, which shall increase for each first, second, and third offences. After the third offence coach of the team shall be suspended for a period determined by the Management Committee.
(Refer to Appendix 'B' Penalty fines)
- 11.10 All aged pitchers bound by this age pitching rule must be identified on the teams' line-up sheet with notation indicating their individual age pitching restriction category.

12 LOCAL RULES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 12.1 Under no circumstances are glass bottles/containers to be taken onto any ground under the control of the Association. Any team found guilty of this offence will be penalised a monetary fine as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 12.2 Vehicle parking will only be allowed in the specified parking areas at all grounds and please be warned that council ranger authorities will be checking all grounds to ensure that any violation that occurs will be fined by the local council authority.
- 12.3 All teams are required to clean up their area at the completion of each game and all rubbish is to be placed in containers provided. Any team found guilty of this offence will be penalised a monetary fine to cover any clean up costs by the caretaker clubs / councils.

BLOOD BIN

- 12.4 Players who are injured and who require treatment to stem the flow of body fluids are able to leave the game without penalty, if on base a courtesy runner can be used until replaced by the original player, if at bat the player may obtain treatment and where they are unable to be treated within a reasonable period the player can be replaced and their turn at bat completed by a courtesy batter, if in the field a courtesy fielder can be used while treatment is applied.
- 12.5 Where protracted treatment or delay is involved, the player will be replaced under the normal rules of replacement or substitute player.

INJURED PLAYERS and RUNNERS:

- 12.6 A player may have a runner from 1st base if the opposing captain or coach agrees.
- 12.7 Any player who is permanently incapacitated so as to need a runner from 1st base shall be registered as such with the Association. A doctor's certificate shall be submitted indicating the disability and stating that the player is able to participate without fear of aggravation and injury to the disability.
- 12.8 A player so registered may have a substitute runner from 1st base without the opposing captain or coach being required to give approval.
- 12.9 The Umpire - in Chief and the opposing captain or coach is to be informed that the player is so registered.
- 12.10 An injured base runner may have a substitute runner with the consent of the opposing captain or coach.

DEFERRED COMPETITION GAMES

- 12.11 Wherever possible all endeavours shall be made to play deferred competition games where those games will have a bearing on the respective clubs position in the competition with respect to qualification for semi finals and / or Club Championship.

13 SCORERS

- 13.1 Clubs shall provide an official scorer for each team and they will sit together preferably in a neutral area behind home plate.
- 13.2 The scorer of the **HOME TEAM** is required to complete the Match Result Card and ensure that relevant entries are correctly completed in ink.
- 13.3 Both scorers are required to keep an accurate score book of the game and to sign the Match Result Card before presentation to the Umpire - in - Chief for their signature.
- 13.4 The Home Team Scorer is responsible to ensure that the following details and game information is correctly shown on the Match result Card;
- * Umpires appointed to the game have printed their names,
 - * The Umpire in Chief has signed the card verifying that all details and scores are correct,
 - * All game details are correct, including – Match, Date, Time Commenced, Time Concluded, Grade, Ground, Game Won By, complete box scores and total runs, both teams listed with any subs shown in the correct position in the line up, any injuries, any protests, any ejections, Number of Pitches made by ALL Senior, U/17 and U/16 pitchers.
- 13.5 In the event where a game is forfeited on the day of play at the ground either the home team or the visiting team shall ensure that a Match result Card is submitted in the prescribed manner complete with the following details:
- * A listing of players, scheduled game draw details, the signature of the Umpire in Chief, the names printed of one or two umpires as the case may be, the name of the team claiming a forfeit, whether or not the umpire/s have received their game fees, the amount paid to the umpires. This Match Result Card is to be deposited into a score box location by either team.
- 13.6 In the event of a player being ejected from the game, the scorer will ensure that the umpire responsible for the ejection has provided a summary of the ejection including the reason for the ejection and the relevant rules relating to the ejection on the Match Result Card at the time of the ejection.
- 13.7 There must be at least one scorer before a game shall be commenced, with this scorer sitting in the designated scorer's area. The scorer cannot score from either dugout.

Added – 11th February 2013

MISCELLANEOUS

MANAGEMENT POWERS

- 14.1 The Management Committee may, in any emergency, alter the playing schedule in respect of dates or grounds.
- 14.2 The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any relevant matter not provided for in these rules.

ASSOCIATION PREMIERSHIP, CLUB AND PLAYER AWARDS:

- 14.3 The policy of the Association regarding all perpetual awards and trophies is as follows:

Grade Premiership and Club Championship Awards and Trophies:

Issued and presented to the winning premiership team on grand final day at the conclusion of the game. All trophies shall be returned to the Association immediately following the presentation.

Premiership Awards:

1st grade:	1939/45 2nd World War Memorial Trophy
2nd grade:	George Stroud Cup
3rd grade:	The Warwick Cup
4th grade:	The Wal Howell Memorial Trophy
5th grade:	The Bunny Gray Memorial Trophy
6th grade:	The Ross Graham Trophy
7th grade:	The Keith Hord Trophy
8th grade:	The Phil Austin Trophy
9th grade:	The Geoff Robertson Trophy
Over 35's:	The Don Trounce Trophy
Club Championship Award:	Bunny Gray Memorial Trophy

M.V.P. and Player Awards:

- 14.4 These trophies will be presented to the individual award winners at the following season's Annual General Meeting. All trophies are to be returned at the conclusion of the meeting. Nomination forms are to be completed and submitted to the Association Secretary on or before the 2nd Monday in September.

M.V.P. Awards:

1st grade:	Ray Lawler Trophy
2nd grade:	Orioles Trophy
3rd grade:	Jim Strickland Trophy
4th grade:	Dennis Mannix Trophy
5th grade;	Miall Smith Trophy
6th grade:	Dennis Johnson Memorial Trophy
7th grade:	Chris Appel Memorial Trophy
8th grade:	Norm Hord Award
9th grade:	John Baker Trophy
Over 35's:	(Trophy to be named)
George Boyce Trophy:	Most K2s by a pitcher in any grade
Ken Howard Trophy:	Most home runs hit in any grade

Grand Final M.V.P Awards:

- 14.5 At the completion of each Grand Final, the player adjudged by the selection panel nominated by the Management Committee to be the Most Valuable Player will be presented with a trophy recognising their performance.

Memento Award Plaques:

14.6 All premiers, club champions and individual player award recipients are to be presented with an award memento plaque which will be engraved to record and indicate the details of the achievement, plus all premier teams shall receive a monetary award as determined by the committee. (*Refer to Appendix 'A' Fees and Charges*)

Association Perpetual Awards and Trophies on Loan:

14.7 Clubs may request loan of Association Trophies for particular Club purposes. All trophies will be loaned for a period of one (1) week and must be returned on the date stated. Failure to comply with the conditions in respect to the return date will result in a monetary penalty being applied, which will be calculated on every day over the due return date specified. (*Refer to the Association monetary fine penalties*)

TEAM PLAYERS AWARDS:

14.8 The Association Secretary will forward to each affiliated club the necessary application forms to allow for clubs to nominate players in each grade for individual awards as follows:

- * Most Valuable player in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades;
- * Most K2s by a pitcher during the season competition in any grade;
- * Most Home Runs by any player during the season competition in any grade;

ALTERATIONS TO RULES:

14.9 No alteration, deletion or addition shall be made to these rules without twenty-one (21) days notice of motion, and if made during the progress of the competition has to be approved by a three-quarter (75%) majority of the members attending and voting at a delegates meeting.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

14.10 Where teams find that they have insufficient players to form a team to play, the Association, urges opposing teams to consider loaning players so that competition games may be completed.

CLUB DELEGATES:

14.11 In accordance with the rules of the Association it is compulsory for each registered club to ensure that their respective delegate or delegates are in attendance at each scheduled Delegate Meeting throughout the competition season. Failure to comply with this requirement will invoke a club penalty fine. (*Refer to Appendix 'B' Monetary Fine Penalties*)

PAYMENT OF PENALTY FINES:

14.12 All fines imposed by the Association Management Committee are to be paid by the due dates stated; all appeals relating to any penalty fine applied are required to be made in writing and shall be considered by the Management Committee after payment has been made of any such penalty fine imposed.

PLAYERS WEARING SPECTACLE GLASSES:

14.13 Players are advised that the players insurance ONLY covers glasses incorporating and made from safety glass material, this applies to prescription glasses, sunglasses and other forms of eyeglasses.

PLAYERS WEARING SURGICAL SUPPORTS AND BRACES:

14.14 All surgical supports or braces which are manufactured and have any form of rigid or solid material parts or components cannot be worn under or over any uniform of players who are intending to participate in the Association competition games. Any players who need to wear such surgical supports are to forward all details and descriptions of the type and form of manufacture and obtain permission from the Management Committee prior to participating in any competition game.

MEMBERS HEALTH AND FITNESS:

14.15 In the interest of ensuring safe participation in the sport, all members are required and requested to notify the Association Management Committee of any health or fitness condition, temporary or permanent, which may affect their performance or participation in the sport.

14.16 Any person with such a condition should seek and follow medical advice in relation to their ongoing participation in the sport.

14.17 The Association shall not be held responsible for the individual's failure to seek and follow appropriate medical advice issued prior to participating in the sport.

14.18 Information relating to a player's condition will be held confidentially (unless this is not required) but may be used by the organisation for administrative, insurance, legal or related purposes.

14.19 The player agrees that he or she shall not contravene medical advice in relation to their continued participation, and where required, shall provide a copy of the medical certificate approving their involvement and participation.

14.20 To ensure safe participation in the sport the member should:

- a) Obtain expert medical advice, understand that advice and where necessary question the advice until they are sure they understand the risks they face in playing the sport;
- b) Use common sense and not take unnecessary risks;
- c) Take account of their changed physical or medical condition;
- d) Not attempt to increase the level of training or playing at any stage during pregnancy or other medical conditions;
- e) Advise their coaches, trainers, officials or organisers of the Associations competition games;
- f) Remember that the ultimate decision to participate in the sport will always be the team member having regard to all the circumstances.

TEAM LINE-UP SHEETS:

14.21 Prior to the game commencing both teams will prepare team line ups in quadruplicate detailing all players in batting order and all other team members and officials participating in the intended game.

14.22 Details will include name of club or team, grade, date, ground, a listing of team players in batting order (1 to 9); all players fielding position, their individual uniform numbers, the pitcher or pitchers names, the team coach or managers' name.

14.23 If the teams are intending to play a pitcher U/17 or U/16 years, these players are to be identified with their age grouping on each Line Up Sheet. **(Refer to Clause Pitching Regulations 11)**

14.24 If either or both teams are intending to play substitutes all such players will be listed last in the batting order and be identified as with the word SUB. (Refer to Clause Substitutes 10)

14.25 Prior to the game commencing the plate umpire will request two copies of the team line-up from each team and exchange copies at the plate meeting.

CLUBS WITH MULTIPLE TEAMS IN THE SAME GRADE:

14.26 On completion of the team grading and the competition has commenced, where any one club has two or more teams graded in the same grade, any exchange or interchange of players in those teams is **not permitted in the Final Series**

UNIFORMS:

14.27 The Umpire - in - Chief will ensure that all players are in the correct uniforms of their club except where official dispensation have been granted by the Management Committee and all breaches of this rule are to be reported on the game result card for adjudication by the Management Committee.

14.28 Non playing coaches and managers are not required to be in playing uniform but are required to either wear a club cap or jacket.

GAME BALLS:

14.29 Each team shall provide the Umpire - In - Chief with a new game ball as defined by the New South Wales Baseball League Inc. and shall have available replacement balls, acceptable to the Umpire - In - Chief, as required during the course of the game.

TEAM LINE UP AND PLAYER ENTRY:

14.30 A team player registered in the grade competing in the game arriving late, can be added to the team line up for that game.

MATCH RESULT CARDS / SHEETS:

14.31 Umpires are to sign the game result card / sheet and ensure that both scorers have signed that score for the game is correct and any reports as to misbehaviour, injury or other incidents that require attention by the Management Committee.

14.32 All umpires are to print their names and the Umpire in Chief is to sign the match Result Card / sheet signifying that the card / sheet is correctly completed with all game details and other information. The Umpire in Chief shall ensure that both scorers have signed and that the score shown is correct, any reports as to misbehaviour, ejections, protests, injuries or other incidents are clearly stated with the Umpire in Chief signature that requires the Association's Management action and attention.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION:

14.33 The consumption of alcoholic drinks by any participant of a game, either before or during a game is prohibited. Any reports that are received by the Management Committee and proven will result in a severe penalty being applied to those concerned.

STAMINA CUP REPRESENTATIVES:

- 14.34 The team selected to represent the Association each year in the Stamina Cup will be the 1st Grade team that is leading the Association Competition 1st Grade competition as at the 2nd Monday in June.
- 14.35 The venue for the tournament will be organised and arranged by the host Association and all games will be played on the 2nd weekend in July.

TEAM PLAYING EQUIPMENT:

- 14.36 All teams competing in the Association shall provide all necessary protective apparel for players taking part in competition games. Such apparel shall be worn on the field at all times in the required situation i.e. batting, base running, catching.

NON COLLISION RULE:

- 14.37 Any player adjudged by the umpire to have deliberately or recklessly caused a collision to occur may be ejected from the game.

APPENDIX 'A' - ASSOCIATION FEES AND CHARGES

Team Affiliation Fees	\$130.00 per team
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Note: Fees payable to Baseball NSW are to be managed by the individual clubs via the MyClub database.

Baseball NSW fees applicable only to players that were not registered in an affiliated summer competition and are set by Baseball NSW (www.bnsw.baseball.com.au)

Umpire Fees	ACCREDITED UMPIRES
For ALL Competition rounds / All Grades	\$20.00 per team / per umpire

Finals Series fees paid out of Association Funds

Team Bond	\$500.00
Team Protest Fee	\$ 50.00

Premiership Team Monetary Awards

1 st Grade	\$375.00
2 nd Grade	\$325.00
3 rd Grade	\$275.00
4 th Grade	\$250.00
5 th Grade	\$225.00
6 th Grade	\$200.00
7 th Grade	\$175.00
8 th Grade	\$150.00

Club Champions Monetary Awards	\$500.00
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APPENDIX 'B' - ASSOCIATION MONETARY FINE PENALTIES**FORFEITS:**

Notified Forfeit (before 8pm Wednesday)	NIL
Notified Forfeit (after 8pm Wednesday but before Sat/Sun)	\$20.00 per team + Umpire Fees
Forfeit on Game Day (no commencement of play)	\$40.00 per team + Umpire Fees
Forfeit on Game Day (Due to an ejection)	Both Teams Umpire Fees

Playing an Unregistered Player	\$100 (each player breach)
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Breach of Pitching Regulations

Fines per offence	1st Offence	\$50.00
	2nd Offence	\$100.00
	3rd Offence	\$200.00

Use of ground equipment

Abuse/non return or other infringements to ground equipment	\$50.00 plus cost of replacement equipment.
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Home Team Responsibilities	Failure to submit a Match result card	\$60.00 per team
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Clubs failing to have at least one (1) delegate attend the Association delegates meeting.	\$50.00 per club.
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Non return of Association

Trophies on loan by due date:	\$5.00 per day until returned
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APPENDIX C – GROUND RULES

TOM EVANS FIELD No.1 & 2	Rules of Baseball
KELSO FIELD Nos.1	Rules of Baseball
LUCAS HEIGHTS FIELD	Outfield ground boundary line marked, ball on full over line HOME RUN, ball rolling over line ground rule double.
FAIRFIELD	Rules of baseball
McLAUGHLIN FIELD No.1	Rules of Baseball
McLAUGHLIN FIELD No.2	Ball rolling through gap in fence marked by boundary line at centre field ground rule double, all other hits to Rules of Baseball.
JANNALI FIELD	Centre field ball rolling out of view of umpire ground rule double, Right field balls curving over foul ball line on full becomes foul ball. Balls must clear eastern fence pole to be Home Run. All balls hit into private estate housing property CANNOT be retrieved. Ball hitting tree branches over hanging in the field of play at right field, ball is dead and batter awarded 1 st base Forced runners advance one base, non forced runners do not. There is to be no batting practice on the main diamond.
SYLVANIA WATERS	Ball rolling into undergrowth at fence from centre to right field or under Transmission Tower GROUND RULE DOUBLE Ball hitting power cables is dead and batter awarded 1 st base. Forced runners advance, non forced runners do not.

APPENDIX D - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

POINT SYSTEM:

The Club Championship points will commence as at Round 1 and be calculated by multiplying each teams Win/Loss/Draw % points by the following Grade points scale:

1st Grade	=	10	5th Grade	=	6
2nd Grade	=	9	6th Grade	=	5
3rd Grade	=	8	7th Grade	=	4
4th Grade	=	7	8th grade	=	3

APPENDIX E - EQUIPMENT STORAGE LOCATIONS

FIELD LOCATIONS	EQUIPMENT STORAGE LOCATION
TOM EVANS 1 & 2	Washington Drive BONNET BAY, Bonnet Bay to set up ground. CANTEEN RIGHTS - Bonnet Bay Baseball Club.
KELSO FIELDS 1	Henry Lawson Drive, MILPERRA Key with East Hills Baseball Club stored at ground CANTEEN RIGHTS - East Hills Baseball Club.
LUCAS HE IGHTS	Turn left at round about on New Illawarra Road. Illawong Baseball Club to set up ground. CANTEEN RIGHTS - Illawong Baseball Club.
FAIRFIELD	Enter via Fairfield Leisure Centre Off Vine Street FAIRFIELD CANTEEN RIGHTS - Tide Baseball Club.
McLAUGHLIN 1&2	Wiggs Road PUNCHBOWL. Key with Canterbury Baseball Club stored at ground CANTEEN RIGHTS - Canterbury Baseball Club.
JANNALI FIELD	Soldiers Rd, JANNALI Comets Baseball Club set up ground CANTEEN RIGHTS – Comets Baseball Club
SYLVANIA WATERS	Box Road, Sylvania Waters Amenities block at Ground CANTEEN RIGHTS – Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club
PHIL AUSTIN 1 & 2	End of Production Ave, KOGARAH. Arncliffe Scots to set up ground. CANTEEN RIGHTS – Arncliffe Scots Baseball Club.

APPENDIX F – UNIFORM POLICY

All clubs shall register with the Secretary of the Association its colours and design of uniform which shall not be altered without the consent of the Management Committee and the supply of a coloured photograph (100x150mm) showing a player in uniform front, back and side from cap, shirt, (undershirt if any), trousers gaitors or straps, socks; uniform shirt to indicate players number and club name.

All players are required to be in the correct **Club** uniform during any competition game conducted by the Association unless an exemption has been granted by the Management Committee.

When an umpire has reported a team member for being out of uniform without a dispensation from the Management Committee and the Association find that player guilty of the offence, then that affiliated Club will be penalised a monetary fine. 50% of that fine will be apportioned to the Umpire Association. The sum of all fines under this provision will be forwarded to the Umpires Association at the completion of the season.

The Umpire-in-Chief will enforce this rule which includes all parts of the playing uniform, caps, under shirts, shirts, trousers, socks and uniform numbers. All team players shall display their own uniform number and NO two (2) players can display the same number in the same team, playing in that game.

The complete uniform shall include a club cap, which shall be worn by all players taking the field with the exception of the catcher. The club cap shall be the correct style and colour registered by the club together with the club insignia, badge, and crest of motif signifying the identity of that club.

All shirts shall be the same style, colour and design complete with a uniform player number displayed in 150mm (6”) high minimum size numbers positioned on the back of each shirt OR 75mm (3”) high numbers on each sleeve, 50mm (2”) down from the shoulder. All club shirts may display the club name, a club emblem or motif design signifying and identifying the club on the front of each shirt, with allowance for the individual players name to be displayed above the players number on the back, these items are optional to all clubs concerned.

All players' undershirts shall be as close as practicable in colour and style. The wearing of an undershirt by each player is optional.

All players trousers shall be as close as practicable in design, style, finish and colour and shall be subject to consideration by the association each season because of:

(a) Differences in supply of materials and the right to change manufacturer by each Clubs.

Differences between old worn trousers and new trousers where the manufacturer has not been able to match colour dye and material quality.

All players who elect to wear such items as gaiter socks, gaiters or straps shall all be the same colours, style and design. All socks worn by players shall be the same colours and style.

The provision of footwear type, colour, style and make to be worn by each player is their own choice and consideration.

Where players request to wear club jackets for weather protection and /or other reasons for body warmth. This provision is allowable providing the jacket is the club's registered jacket design in colour and style. All players wearing jackets on the field shall wear these garments fastened at the front.

Any team official taking part in the game and is required to take the field in the capacity of coaches shall be required to wear either a club cap or club jacket or both to signify their identity with that club team.

Where umpires representing the St George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires are officiating as game umpires in charge of the Association's Competition Games the code of dress shall be in accordance with the Umpire Association's Standards and rules.

Where at the seasons commencement clubs find that manufacturers of their uniforms are unable to supply uniforms by given dates set down by this association, then each club will be entitled to make written application to the association for dispensation and an extension of time .These clubs seeking this dispensation are required to provide all the details of their uniform order and confirm to the association the date of uniform supply, the number of players effected, the grade team which will be effected by such delays in supply.

The association upon receipt will grant a dispensation order in writing to the club and a further copy to the umpire association to verify this allowance has been granted.

If the association receive an abundance of requests then the management will consider issuing a blanket dispensation time allowance to all clubs in the competition with advice to the Umpire Association to act accordingly.

Where the Association Management have granted permission for additional team members to register after the last Monday in June then those particular team players will be issued with a special dispensation allowance for a limited time to be in the correct uniform of that club.