



TEE-BALL ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HBF AFHK CARNIVAL

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Introduction

The HBF Tee-ball Carnival originated in December 1979 as the Perth Building Society Lightning Carnival at Forster Park. The HBF Action for Healthy Kids Tee-ball Carnival is a competition for regular club teams who are nominated by their club. Each team plays 5 half hour games on a Sunday in late November or early December.

Carnival Committee

The carnival is organised and run by a Carnival Committee appointed by the T.B.A.W.A. Executive and approved by the T.B.A.W.A. Council annually at its first meeting after the T.B.A.W.A. AGM.

Before the Carnival

Team Nominations

- Nominations will close at a date set each year in the T.B.A.W.A. Calendar of Events approximately 4 weeks prior to the carnival.
- Nominations must be on the form provided and include the nomination fee.
- Late nominations may NOT be accepted.
- Teams must be regular Saturday morning club teams and each player must meet the age group criteria under which the team is nominated.
- Each club that is affiliated, has registered its numbers, has provided proof of insurance, is currently financial and owes no outstanding fines at that date, will be entitled to nominate teams in each age group.
- Any exceptions to the above rules must be approved by the Carnival Committee.

Acceptance

It is highly desirable to have teams in groups of 6 within each age group.

- Should nominations be less than required, T.B.A.W.A. will accept such additional nominations received as may be necessary to fill the desired quota.
- Should nominations be less than required, and no additional nominations exist for the age group, T.B.A.W.A., at their discretion, will approach clubs to provide additional teams.
- Only if this fails will groups of 4, 8 or 10 teams be formed.
- In the event that more nominations have been received than the ground capacity allows the Carnival Committee reserves the right to not accept some nominations.

Grading

There may be more than one group of teams per age group. However, no grading will take place and the placing of teams into groups is done at the sole discretion of the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar.

Team Names

At a date set each year in the T.B.A.W.A. Calendar of Events (typically 2 weeks prior to the carnival) clubs must advise the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar of the names of their participating teams. These names should be the normal names under which the teams are known in their Saturday morning competition.

Team Registration

At a date set each year in the T.B.A.W.A. Calendar of Events (typically 2 weeks prior to the carnival) clubs must submit the Team Registrations (one for each team participating) to the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar on the form provided. A club must register any player who will play in the carnival with the Registrar of T.B.A.W.A., BEFORE that player takes the diamond.

Players must be a registered and insured player of the club they represent at the carnival and participate in their club's Saturday competition.

Fixtures

The fixtures will be prepared by the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar and are available only a few days before the carnival. Each team will play 5 games of 30 minutes duration with a 50 minute break between games (there will be a longer break during lunch time). Distribution of the fixtures to the participating clubs is done by individual arrangement between the clubs and the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar. Under 7's to only play 3 games.

Grounds

Clubs rostered to do the ground marking, usually on the Saturday afternoon prior to the carnival, must supply line markers, ropes, batting boxes and a home plate. Paint will be provided by T.B.A.W.A.. All ground marking must be done under the direction of the Carnival Committee.

At The Carnival

THIS IS A SMOKE FREE CARNIVAL.

Everybody

All participants including spectators are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia Codes of Behaviour. Copies of the code are available from the official table and we encourage all coaches and club officials to make use of them.

Clubs

- Clubs must supply one (1) plate umpire and (1) base umpire for every team nominated.
- Clubs rostered for table duty must provide one (1) official who must be an umpire to assist with the carnival. The club officials must present themselves at the time designated in the fixture booklet.
- Clubs rostered to help with the cleanup should present themselves to the official table immediately after the conclusion of the presentations.

Teams

- Teams are required to bring their Saturday morning score books and present it to the desk for checking **BEFORE** their first game.
- All umpires, coaches (including base coaches), managers and other team officials **MUST** wear closed toe shoes and a shirt (**NO** sandals or thongs permitted).
- Tees, bases and ball are supplied by T.B.A.W.A. Teams to supply all other equipment.
- A scorebook for each team will be provided with the fixtures. This is the scorebook that **MUST** be used by the scorers.
- Bases and shelters are to be set out by the team named first in earliest game of the day.
- Bases and shelters are to be packed up and left at home plate by team named first for the final game of the day.
- SHELTER will be provided at the carnival but there is only limited natural shelter available. Teams will need to provide shelter for players between games. This will NOT be provided by the T.B.A.W.A.. Don't forget - SLIP SLOP, SLAP, SIP.

Players

- Players **MUST** wear Saturday club uniforms.
- No screw in sprigs permitted. Soft moulded one-piece soles are acceptable.
- ANY INDISCRIMINATE THROWING OF BALLS AND SWINGING OF BATS, unless under the direction of coaches, IS PROHIBITED. Equipment will be confiscated until the completion of the Carnival.

- Jewellery, such as wrist-watches, bracelets, any type of earrings, neck chains or any other item considered dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during the game. Medical Alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewellery but if worn, they must be taped to the body. If a player is requested by the umpire to remove jewellery, illegal shoes, or illegal parts of the uniform and they refuse, the player will be removed from the game.

Umpires

- Umpires do not have to be accredited.
- Plate & base umpires to sign on at official table AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME.
- Umpires to obtain match ball and scorecards x 2 from official table when signing on, and return them IMMEDIATELY to the official table, at the end of the game.
- Only accredited umpires must wear an 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirt which will be available from 7.30 am on the day and are to be returned at the end of umpiring duties. All non-accredited umpires **MUST** wear appropriate clothing. (e.g. club uniform).
- Umpires wearing 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirts, who are not officiating, **MUST NOT** cross the parent line, NOR MAKE ANY COMMENT TO OR ABOUT THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED!

Coaches

- Only the coach nominated on the scorecard can address the umpire.
- Only the nominated coach can ask for "**TIME**", and that can only be when the players' or spectators' safety is at risk.
- T.B.A.W.A. 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirts must **NOT** be worn when coaching a team.

Scorers

- Use the official scorebook provided to the team.
- Collect the scorecard, one for each scorer, from the plate umpire before the game.
- Compare scorebook with the other scorer at the end of the game
- Complete and sign the scorecard after the game and make sure it aligns with the scorebook.
- Get the plate umpire to sign the scorebooks and scorecards x 2 and return the scorecards to the umpire.

Spectators

- Remember the four F's of Tee-Ball
Fun
Fair Play
Fundamental Skills
Family Involvement
- Behave at all times in accordance with the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia Codes of Behaviour.
- No consuming alcohol during the carnival.

Playing Rules

- As per current T.B.A.W.A. rulebook.
- Team named first occupies first base line and fields first.
- Any batted ball that contacts a spectator, or an official or player on another diamond, will be a "Dead Ball" and the batter and all runners will be awarded two bases from the hit, unless they had already exceeded that award at the time of contact, when they will be awarded the next base.
- ALL GAMES LAST 30 MINUTES. SCORE AT THE LAST EVEN INNINGS STANDS UNLESS the team batting second is ahead or level at the siren and was level or behind at the last even innings. In this case ONLY scores at the siren stand.
- Base umpires **MUST** be used for all games.
- The first game will start and finish by the umpire's watch. All other games start and finish on the official siren.
- Any play in progress when siren sounds shall be completed on the next "**TIME**" call, and no further plays are permitted.
- Winning team for each group will be on wins and if necessary percentage.
- Speed up rules to apply to all games:-
 - ◆ One minute changeover
 - ◆ Batters and fielders to be ready when the Umpire calls "Batter Up".
 - ◆ Players to move off and on the diamond quickly.

Disputes

- The Carnival Committee are the arbiters of the weather and the condition of the ground for play to start or continue.

- The sole arbiters of any rule disputes are the T.B.A.W.A. Chief Umpire or Assistant Chief Umpire. Umpires should exercise their discretion and try not to delay any game while waiting for the officials to arrive. All other disputes during the Carnivals should be directed to the Carnival Disciplinary Committee — as appointed by the T.B.A.W.A. Carnival Committee.

Presentations

All Clubs should ensure that all participants attend the presentation. All players will receive a pennant at the presentations.

Fines

Clubs failing to meet their obligations will be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) Nominated teams failing to attend - \$500.00 fine per team.
- (b) Teams withdrawn after close of nominations - \$500.00 fine per team.
- (c) Failure to provide an official - \$20.00 fine.
- (d) Failure to provide an umpire - \$50.00 fine per game.
- (e) Failure to line mark - \$150.00 fine
- (f) Failure to return umpires shirt on the day - \$25.00 fine.

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