



TEE-BALL ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FIELDERS CHOICE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS PROCEDURES & BY-LAWS

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Introduction

The State Championships were first played in the 1974-75 season as an under 10 boys competition between tee-ball players from the Morley Eagles, Perth and Wembley baseball clubs.

The State Championship Carnival is now are played over the March long weekend at Langley Park. More than 100 representative teams of both boys and girls, representing about 30 clubs from metropolitan and country regions, in 6 age groups and many divisions, play 5 one hour games.

Carnival Committee

The State Championships are 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 Championships

Team Nominations

- Nominations will close at a date set each year in the T.B.A.W.A. Calendar of Events.
- Nominations must be on the form provided and include the nomination fee.
- Late nominations may NOT be accepted.
- 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 one (1) team in each age group.
- Clubs with 400 or more players may nominate one (1) additional team 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

Teams will be graded by the T.B.A.W.A. Carnival Committee based on the clubs performance over the last year in each age group with the exception of Under 9's who are graded on Club Numbers and performance over the last 5 years.

Team Registration

At a date set each year in the T.B.A.W.A. Calendar of Events (typically 4 weeks prior to the championships) 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 championships with the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar, **BEFORE that player takes the diamond.**

Each registered player must meet the age group criteria under which the team is nominated, must be a registered and insured player with the club since at least January 1 preceding the championships, and play in a Saturday morning Tee-Ball team for that club.

Fixtures

The fixtures will be prepared by the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar and are available at the Umpires and Coaches meeting. Each team will play two consecutive games on the Saturday and on the Sunday of the championships and one game on the Monday prior to the presentations.

Umpires and Coaches Meeting

All metro umpires and coaches participating in the carnival **MUST** attend the meeting with the Chief Umpire and the Chief Coach, date and venue to be advised prior to the championships.

Grounds

Ground marking will be arranged by the T.B.A.W.A. and all ground marking will be done under the direction of the Carnival Committee.

At The 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) Level 2 or higher accredited plate umpire and one (1) accredited Team umpire per day for every team nominated.
- All Clubs are to help with the cleanup immediately after the conclusion of the presentations and are responsible for their immediate areas during the course of the carnival.
- Clubs must comply with the Working with Children regulations.

Teams

- Bases, balls and tees 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 teams in the earliest game of the day.
- Bases and shelters are to be packed up and left at home plate by teams in the final game of the day.
- **SHELTER** will be provided at the championships and but there is only limited natural shelter available. Teams will need to provide shelter for players during breaks. These will **NOT** be provided by the T.B.A.W.A. Don't forget – SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SIP, SLIDE.
- Teams will have a spot check on age and player status in preference to sighting birth certificates. The check will be conducted by a T.B.A.W.A. official.

Players

- Players **MUST** wear club uniforms.
- **ANY INDISCRIMINATE THROWING OF BALLS AND SWINGING OF BATS IS PROHIBITED.**

Umpires

- Umpires **MUST** be accredited. The plate umpire **MUST** be at least a Level 2 accredited umpire.
- Both Plate & base umpires to sign on at official table **AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME.**
- Plate Umpires to obtain match ball and scorecards (2) from official table when signing on, and return match ball, scorecards and team lists **IMMEDIATELY** to the official table, at the end of the game.
- All umpires must wear an 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirt and the T.B.A.W.A. Umpire's Accreditation cap or hat. 'Umpire' shirts will be available 45 minutes before first game of the day and are to be returned at the end of umpiring duties.
- 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!**
- All Umpires must comply with Working with Children Legislation.

Coaches

- The nominated team coach **MUST** have minimum Level A accreditation. Failure is Forfeit 9 – 0.
- Name of nominated team coach must be listed on team registration form and team list prior to game.
- Only the coach nominated on the scorecard can address the Plate Umpire.
- Only the nominated coach can ask for "TIME".
- Coaches will have a spot check on accreditation status. The check will be conducted by a T.B.A.W.A. official.
- Coach must provide the plate umpire with a list of **FULL NAME** of players taking part prior to the game. Additional players must be registered with the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar **PRIOR** to participating. Playing an unregistered player is a 9 – 0 forfeit.
- T.B.A.W.A. 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirts must **NOT** be worn when coaching a team.
- All Coaches must comply with Working with Children Legislation.

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 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 SMOKING** on the grounds during the carnival.
- **NO CONSUMING ALCOHOL** during the championships.

Playing Rules

- Team named first occupies first base line and fields first.
- Any batted ball that passes over, under or goes through the fences or on Terrace Road, Riverside Drive shall be a home run.
- Any ball entering another diamond where an umpire feels a player may be entering into or about to cause danger the umpire shall call "time" and invoke rule 15 d & e.
- There will be batting circles included on each diamond for the next batter to use to warm up this is the only place, other than at the plate a bat may be swung.
- TBAWA Accredited Base umpires **MUST** be used for all games.
- All games will start and finish by the umpire's watch.
- Winning team for each group will be on wins and if necessary percentage.

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 championships should be directed to the Carnival Disciplinary Committee-as appointed by the T.B.A.W.A. Carnival Committee.
- The sole arbiters of any coaching disputes are the T.B.A.W.A. Chief Coach or Assistant Chief Coach.

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:

- Nominated teams failing to attend - \$500.00 fine per team.
- Teams withdrawn after close of nominations - \$500.00 fine per team.
- Failure to provide an official - \$50.00 fine.
- Failure to provide a TBAWA Accredited Umpire - \$100.00 fine per game.
- Failure to return umpires shirt before the conclusion of the championships - \$25.00 fine.
- Failure to submit team list - \$50.00 fine. Additional players must be registered with the T.B.A.W.A. Registrar prior to participating (playing an unregistered player is a 9 - 0 forfeit).
- Failure to be represented at the umpires/coaches night - \$50.00 fine. Country Clubs are exempt.
- Failure to have the nominated team coach a TBAWA accredited coach – Forfeit 9 – 0.



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