



Baseball Regulations

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Regulations

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BASEBALL REGULATIONS

Each League will determine the playing rules for their competition. Please refer to your local league rules for specifics for your competition.

These regulations may not and cannot be adjusted or manipulated in any way by any club, region or league affiliated with **Baseball Queensland**, without the expressed written permission of the **BQ Board of Management**. Any region or association not abiding by these rules will forfeit their right to nominate teams for any Baseball Queensland sanctioned tournament, competition or games and be subject to fines, forfeitures or applicable penalties. This includes tournaments, competitions or games sanctioned by the Australian Baseball Federation. Baseball Queensland may make alteration to these rules at any time. Baseball Queensland may issue any party, special dispensation from one or more of these rules as the Baseball Queensland Board of Management deems necessary.

These rules are to be adhered to. Baseball Queensland may issue a \$100.00 fine per offence for any infringements of these rules.

Infringements of these rules are to be dealt with by the league or region conducting the competition. **All infringements must be reported to Baseball Queensland by the league/region president.**

SPONSOR SIGNAGE

Sponsorship signage on uniforms is permitted. Anything resembling a baseball is prohibited. All sponsors names; size and placement of the signage **must** be endorsed by Baseball Queensland through the region, league or competition administration.

THE PLAYING FIELD

AGE	GAME	BASEPATHS	PITCH DISTANCE	CENTREFIELD DISTANCE	BASES
U8 *	AUSSIE T-BALL and TEEBALL	60 FT	46 FT	150 FT – 170 FT	REMOVABLE #
U10	ROOKIE BALL	60 FT	46 FT	200 FT – 220 FT	REMOVABLE #
Little League	BASEBALL	60 FT	46 FT	225 FT	REMOVABLE or Breakaway Hollywood
Junior League**	BASEBALL	80 FT	54 FT	300 FT	PERMANENT
Senior League	BASEBALL	90 FT	60 FT 6 IN	OPEN	PERMANENT
U20	BASEBALL	90 FT	60 FT 6 IN	OPEN	PERMANENT
Adult.	BASEBALL	90 FT	60 FT 6 IN	OPEN	PERMANENT

Note: It is recommended Little League Minor Leagues use Safety balls/Injury Reduction Balls for League games.

* In Teeball there will be a fair ball line 15 ft in front of the tee.

All bases are to be of the padded variety and placed on level ground.

** Junior League tournament play field sizes may vary.

All games for the Little League and Junior League age levels must have an age specific outfield perimeter of some description. Even where fields are fully enclosed but the existing fence line exceeds age specific requirements, temporary age specific perimeter must be deployed. Any such perimeter is to be established/installed by the home team. **For example:** Cones or markers that are clearly seen from home plate. Any batted ball, declared fair, that bounces prior to leaving the field of play, will be ruled a ground rule double. If markers are used to identify the perimeter, the base of the markers forms the limit of the field of play.

NOTE: Should a base be pegged to the ground (removable as per Little League), it is to be done with safety as the **PRIME CONCERN**. Pegs **MUST** be driven **entirely** into the ground with the buckles **under** the centre of the base

PLAYING EQUIPMENT

AGE	GAME	BALLS	SHOES
U8	AUSSIE T-BALL and TEEBALL	SAFETY	RUBBER SOLE
U10	ROOKIE BALL	SAFETY	RUBBER SOLE
U12/ Little League	Little League Baseball	Minors - Safety/RIB Majors- Standard	RUBBER SOLE
U14/Juni or League	BASEBALL	STANDARD	METAL CLEATS PERMITTED
U16/Seni or League	BASEBALL	STANDARD	METAL CLEATS PERMITTED
U20 and Seniors	BASEBALL	STANDARD	METAL CLEATS PERMITTED
Major A / Pac A	BASEBALL	STANDARD	METAL CLEATS PERMITTED

BASEBALL BATS

RULE 1.10 – LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGULAR SEASON AND TOURNAMENTS

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and colour tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).

Beginning with the 2019/20 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2019/20 season. Additionally, starting in 2019/20, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2⁵/₈ inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions.

Additional information is available at LittleLeague.org/batinfo.

LITTLE LEAGUE MINOR/MAJOR DIVISIONS

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

NOTE 1: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

INTERMEDIATE (50-70) DIVISION AND JUNIOR LEAGUE

It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.

NOTE 1: Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

NOTE 2: Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour. Aluminium/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminium/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.

SENIOR LEAGUE (16U)

It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour. Aluminium/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminium/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.

The USA Bats approval stamp will appear on the bat as per one of the following examples (Umpires are advised to look for one of these markings on the bat):



Adult Division I Grade Baseball Bats

The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2.61 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. The bat shall be wood, wood composite or wood laminate only.

All other Non-Wood Adult/Open/Masters Grade Baseball Bats

Effective from March 2016, any non - wood bat senior competition will need to use wood bats or metal bats that comply with the BBCOR standard. All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.

PLEASE NOTE: Players representing Queensland at the National Championships will be required to use the following bats at their National tournament as per the Championship rules.

Under 18 AYC: Wood or wood composite.

For all other Bat Rules please refer to the [Baseball Australia Bat Rules](#)

Females playing Senior Baseball (Excluding Adult Division I Leagues) are permitted to use Baseball bats - 5 ounces or heavier

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Please note for Little League, Junior League and Senior League specific rules please refer to Little League Baseball Playing Rules.

A. Players **must** wear full protective equipment **at all times** when catching or warming up a pitcher. **For example:** Mask (with throat guard), helmet, chest protector, throat protector, leg guards and protective cup. Coaches warming up a pitcher are only required to wear a mask and protective cup.

NOTE: At the Rookie Ball age level or below, soccer style leg guards are permitted.

B. Properly fitted, non-damaged two eared helmets must be worn by all batters, baserunners and juniors performing the duties of a base coach.

C. Any bat boy/girl (must be a minimum of 8 years old) in the dugout or on the field **must** wear a two-eared helmet at **ALL TIMES**.

D. Protective cups are **MANDATORY** for **ALL** players.

E. Base coaches must wear an approved helmet whilst on the field. Base coaches under 18 years of age must wear a two eared, baseball batting helmet. Base coaches 18 years or older, may opt to use either a two eared baseball helmet or skull cap style helmet.

NOTE – It is not mandatory for Teeball and Rookie ball coaches to wear skull caps when on-field, but it is recommended.

F. All clubs **must** make available a generous supply of SPF 30+ sunscreen.

NOTE: If in the opinion of the home plate umpire (**in consultation with both coaches**), the weather becomes potentially detrimental to any player's health, the game will be abandoned. Please refer to Appendix A - Little League Rules for Lightning Safety Guidelines applicable to all levels of play.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Please note for Little League, Junior League and Senior League specific rules please refer to the Little League Baseball Playing Rules.

A. Under **normal circumstances**, games will be considered finished when either the maximum time duration or the maximum innings, as determined by Leagues in their bylaws, is reached.

B. Unless addressed in local league By-Laws; if a team is ahead by 10 runs after 1 hour 45 minutes and equal innings, then the "mercy rule" **will be** invoked.

C. Leagues are to consider and communicate equitable participation rules for implementation at the junior local league level.

COACHING

- A. Any person coaching in a Queensland affiliated baseball competition (Little League to Adult competition), **must have** a minimum Certificate A and B Baseball Coaching Accreditation and hold a current Suitability Card issued by the Commission for Children and Young People. All coaches are required to abide by the Baseball Australia Coaches' Code of Conduct.
- B. Coaches and players are prohibited from disputing any type of umpiring judgement calls. (**Example:** Out/safe, ball/strike, or fair/foul).

Penalty: Automatic ejection

ALL TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE ONFIELD CONFINES OF ANY BASEBALL FACILITY. ALSO SEE THE BASEBALL QUEENSLAND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT. After ascertaining that a coach, player or any team official is disregarding the above directive, the umpires are to automatically eject the offending person. Leagues are then to ensure that the offending person is required to report for a judiciary hearing.

UMPIRING

- A. Any person that umpires a baseball game (Little League to Adult Baseball) must hold a minimum Community Umpires Accreditation.
- B. Open-faced shoes of any type are prohibited.
- C. Junior players 13 years and above may umpire games, but only below their own age level. If they are the home plate umpire they **must** wear at least a mask (with dangling throat protector), chest protector, leggings and protective cup.
- D. When an umpire (or coach) notices blood on any part of a player's person or uniform, the player in question must be removed from the field.
- E. Where players are directed by an umpire to leave the field under paragraph **D** above, the umpire will wait a reasonable time period, allowing the blood rule (**see section "Infectious Diseases Policy"**) to be implemented. The time allowed is at the umpire's discretion, but should not exceed 10 minutes. If, when this time has elapsed, the players are unable to take their place in the team, they must be substituted in the usual manner. When a team has only nine players, the game may recommence with the team in question fielding the allowable eight players.
- H. Any player or coach, refusing to obey an umpire's direction in accordance with **D** and **E** above, **will be** ejected from the game.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY

The following rules pertaining to infectious diseases (**Blood Rule**) are taken from the Australian Baseball Federation's policy statement. As an affiliate of the ABF, Baseball Queensland willingly implements and will enforce this policy.

- A. All participants with prior evidence of infectious diseases must first obtain confidential advice and clearance from a doctor prior to their participation in baseball.
- B. No players will participate in any baseball game or continue to participate in any game for so long as such players:
 - i. are bleeding, or
 - ii. have blood on any part of their person, uniform or equipment in use.
- C. Players shall immediately, upon direction by an umpire, leave the playing field where such umpire is of the opinion that the players are bleeding or have blood on any part of their person or uniform. Upon being directed to leave the playing field, players shall not return or take any further part in any baseball game until and unless:
 - i. the cause of any such bleeding has been abated and the bleeding has stopped
 - ii. the injury is securely covered to the extent that no blood shall emanate there from
 - iii. any blood stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced
 - iv. any blood on any part of a player's person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed
- D. CLUB RESPONSIBILITY:
 - i. Those handling bleeding players must wear disposable rubber or plastic gloves. Resuscitation bags or disposable mouth-to-mouth devices **must** be available.
 - ii. Spitting or urinating in dugouts or on the field is strictly prohibited.
 - iii. All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood must be treated as potentially infectious. Household bleach in a 1:10 solution may be used to wash contaminated areas. Clothing should be soaked in a bleach solution or disinfectant, depending on manufacturers instructions.
 - iv. Sharing of towels, razors, face washers and drink containers is prohibited.
 - v. All personnel working within baseball areas should be fully vaccinated.
 - vi. All open cuts and abrasions must be reported to the coach, trainer or team EO and treated immediately



AUSSIE T-BALL RULES



Aussie T-Ball is designed to introduce children to the game of baseball and help them develop basic baseball skills in a FUN way. For more information on the Aussie T-Ball Rules please refer to the Aussie T-Ball Manual available from <http://www.aussietball.com.au/>

A. Team Size

- Six (6) players a side (possibly 5 or 7).
- As skill level is increased team size can be increased to nine (9) players a side.
- If there are five (5) players the coach acts as the catcher.
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B. Batting

- The ball is not pitched in Aussie T-Ball - instead it is batted from a tee.
- A hitter may have as many swings as they require in hitting the ball into fair territory.
- A player is out when:
 - A batted ball is caught on the full.
 - A player in possession of the ball stands on the base before the runner arrives.
 - A runner between bases is tagged by a fielder with the glove or hand which is holding the ball.
- An inning is completed when every player on the batting team has completed a turn at bat.
- Each inning the leadoff hitter becomes the sixth hitter in the next inning and subsequent hitters will move up one spot in the line up so that every hitter has the chance to lead off an inning.

C. Fielding

- All fielders rotate fielding positions each innings in the following manner:
- pitcher becomes catcher
- catcher becomes 1st base
- 1st base becomes 2nd base
- 2nd base becomes 3rd base
- 3rd base becomes shortstop
- Shortstop becomes pitcher

D. Base Running

- So that fielders are encouraged to throw, runners may advance no further than the base they were heading to when the first throw is made.
- Once a runner turns back toward a previous base they are entitled to that base only.

E. Umpiring

- Where an umpire is used (often the coach of the batting team) he or she is to be positioned behind the home plate.
- Where no umpire is used, any disputes on outs are settled by the players using 'Rock Paper Scissors'. • It is preferable that no coaches are on the field with the players – let the children play.
- Before 'Play Ball' is called, allowing the ball to be hit:
- The pitcher must be on the pitching plate; and

- The catcher must be behind home plate, in the catcher's box; and
- No fielders may be inside the base paths; and
- The runner must be in contact with the base.

F. Inclusion

- It is recommended that teams adjust their play to encourage the inclusion of participants with a disability. Refer to the online club development kit for further advice.

G. Coaching

- In accordance with **Rule B** in General coaching, Coaches are not permitted to dispute ANY Umpire's call.
- Coaches must wear at least the club uniform shirt and cap and be neatly attired at all times. Open faced shoes of any type, are prohibited.

NO LEAGUE OR PERSONAL STATISTICAL DATA IS TO BE KEPT AT THE TEE BALL LEVEL.

TEE BALL RULES

These tee ball rules are intended as a guide. Local leagues set their own rules in place to manage tee ball games.

1. GENERAL

MAXIMUM RUNS THAT CAN BE SCORED

6 per inning

NOTE: Teams may field as many fielders as the opposition up to 12; and bat as many as 12 in any given game. Players that exceed the normal nine, **MUST** occupy fielding positions in the outfield.

NOTE: It is important to note that at this age level, all emphasis should be on games and modified games that are used to help develop basic motor skills.

2. PLAYING RULES

BATTING

- A. The home plate umpire is to suspend play by calling "Time" before requesting "Batter Up". Batters then assume their position in the batter's box. Batters cannot hit the ball until the umpire calls "Play Ball"
- B. A batted ball is in play when it is hit off the tee and passes over the 15 feet fair ball line. Otherwise it is considered a foul ball.
- C. The batter will continue their time at bat until the ball is hit into fair territory.

NOTE: No strikes will be called on the batter.

BASERUNNING

- A. Base stealing is prohibited.
- B. Runners may not leave their base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
- C. Runners may not advance beyond the base they are approaching on the call of "time." "Time" may only be called by the umpire once the ball is in the possession of a player in the infield and it is deemed that no other plays will reasonably take place.
- D. No runner(s) including the batter/runner, may advance beyond the base they are approaching in the event of an overthrow.
- E. Runners approaching a base occupied by a fielder in possession of the ball are to be given out. This eliminates the necessity, but **does not preclude** the tagging of a runner.

FIELDING

- A. The fielding pitcher is **not** considered an infielder. Infielders **must** assume their initial fielding position **behind** the basepaths. Outfielders must be well behind their infielders before play can resume. An appropriate distance is **approximately** 8 meters behind the infielders.
- B. The catcher is to be **approximately** 5 metres directly behind home plate and **in front** of the umpire.
- C. Pitchers **must** throw the ball to get an out. If this does not occur the batter/runner shall be awarded the base that they are running to.

Coaches are to encourage **ALL** fielders to throw the ball to a team mate rather than independently running to a base to execute the force out.
- D. The Infield Fly rule (**see rule 2.00 of the Official Rules of Baseball**) does not apply to Tee Ball. Therefore, if any fly ball is caught by an infielder, the batter is out, the ball becomes dead and **NO** runner(s) may advance or be put out.
- E. On overthrows at **any base**, the ball is automatically declared dead. **NO** runner(s) including the batter/runner, may advance beyond the base they are approaching.

3. COACHING TEE BALL

A. Coaches are **only** permitted on field if positioned **behind** their infielders. When on field, coaches may not physically touch a hit ball, or a player in the act of fielding.

Penalty: Batter/runner is awarded first base; all other runners advance one base **only**.

B. In accordance with **Rule B** in General coaching, no debates on **ANY** calls are permitted.

C. Coaches must wear at least the club uniform shirt and cap and be neatly attired at all times. Open faced shoes of any type, are prohibited.

NO LEAGUE OR PERSONAL STATISTICAL DATA IS TO BE KEPT AT THE TEE BALL LEVEL

ROOKIE BALL RULES

These Rookie ball rules are intended as a guide. Local leagues set their own rules in place to manage Rookie ball games.

1. GENERAL

MAXIMUM RUNS THAT CAN BE SCORED

6 per inning

NOTE: Teams may field as many as the opposition, up to 12; and bat as many as 12 in any given game. Players that exceed the normal nine **MUST** occupy fielding positions in the outfield.

NOTE: It is important to note that at this age level, all emphasis should be on games and modified games that are used to help develop basic motor skills and basic Baseball skills.

2. PLAYING RULES

A designated pitcher is defined as: a coach or other delegated person from the batting team that pitches the ball to that team's batters. The designated pitcher must be 15 years and above.

BATTING

- A. Should the batter hit the ball into the designated pitcher, the batter will be awarded a single base hit (all other runners advance one base **only**). Designated pitchers should wear a glove for self-protection, but **must make every effort to avoid touching any batted ball**.
- B. Only **ONE** baseball is allowed **on the playing field** at any given time
- C. There are no Base on Balls in Rookie Ball
- D. Each batter will have three (3) swings after which a tee will be provided for the batter to hit off. The batter will continue his/her at bat until such time as he/she hits the ball into fair territory. (Only full rubber tees or fold up tees are to be used.)
- E. When the tee is in use the batter must hit the ball a minimum of 15 feet from the tee before the ball is considered to be in fair territory.

BASERUNNING

- A. Base stealing, or advancing on passed balls and wild pitches, is prohibited.
- B. Runners may not leave their base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
Penalty: Should the umpire observe such an infringement, the runner is sent back to the base last legally occupied. If the pitch is hit into fair territory, the infringing runner is ruled out. **All** other plays resulting from that hit stand.
- C. Runners may not advance beyond the base they are approaching on the call of "time." "Time" may only be called by the umpire once the ball is in the possession of a player in the infield and it is deemed that no other plays will reasonably take place.
- D. On overthrows at **any** base, the ball is automatically declared dead. **NO** runner(s) including the batter/runner, may advance beyond the base they are approaching.

FIELDING

- A. The fielding pitcher is **not** considered an infielder. Infielders **must** assume their initial fielding position **behind** the basepaths. Outfielders **must** be well behind their infielders before play can resume. An appropriate distance is approximately 5 meters behind the infielders. **All** fielders shall remain relatively stationary when the umpire calls "play ball."
- B. The Infield Fly rule (**see rule 2.00 of the Official Rules of Baseball**) does not apply to Rookie Ball. Therefore, if any fly ball is caught by an infielder, the batter is out, the ball becomes dead and **NO** runner(s) may advance or be put out.

NOTE: Coaches should teach players how to "tag up" in the event of a fly ball.

PITCHING

- A. The designated pitcher (coach) is to pitch from a kneeling position. The pitcher is required to throw a flat trajectory pitch either over arm or under arm, at a speed that is conducive to the batter's ability **to make contact with the ball**. (See **Playing Rules; Batting C) Battery operated pitching machines are permitted on low settings only**.
- B. The fielding pitcher must be positioned approximately an arms length to either side and behind the designated pitcher.
- C. 2nd year Rookie ball players will be eligible to pitch in the second half of the season. These players will be limited to a maximum of 35 pitches per game and can only pitch in one game per day. These players will pitch to their own team and emphasis should be placed on pitching strikes to their team that can be hit.

3. COACHING ROOKIE BALL

- A. Coaches are **only** permitted on field if positioned **behind** their infielders. When on field, coaches may not physically touch a hit ball, or a player in the act of fielding.

Penalty: Batter/runner is awarded first base; all other runners advance one base **only**.

- B. Appeals by a defensive coach for **(1)** runners leaving early, **(2)** bat throwing, or **(3)** for taking extra bases on "Time," may only occur at the conclusion of said play. Such appeals **must** be in the form of a question and **must** occur prior to the first pitch to the next official batter.
- C. Coaches must wear at least the club uniform shirt and cap and be neatly attired at all times. Open-faced shoes of any type are prohibited.

**NO LEAGUE OR PERSONAL STATISTICAL DATA IS REQUIRED AT THE ROOKIE BALL LEVEL.
HOWEVER, PITCHING DATA IS TO BE KEPT WHEN A SECOND YEAR PLAYER IS PITCHING.**

Coach's Code of Conduct

The coach/manager of a team can be a very influential person in a player's life. A key responsibility of a coach/manager at any level is to lead by example; coaches/managers, through their own behaviour can have an enormous impact (on and off the field), particularly on the development of young players.

The responsibilities and duties of a coach/manager are not simple and should be dealt with in a professional manner. For these reasons and many more Baseball Australia (BA) has developed a Code of Conduct for all coaches/managers participating in BA endorsed and/or organized tournaments, programs and special events.

These principles are considered practicable and are within the aims and objectives of Baseball Australia.

- I will adhere to Australian law and the requirements of BA on Child Protection, Sexual Relations, Anti Discrimination and Harassment. See BA Integrity Policy suite available online at:
<https://baseball.com.au/integrity/>
- I will provide supervision of the behaviour of the team at all times (junior players must **NEVER** be left unsupervised).
- I will avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity with people under the age of 18 years, and will adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions with my staff and players.
- I will ensure my decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment, and that any physical contact with a person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- I will not criticize players in front of spectators, parents and other teams. Constructive criticism will be provided in a manner which respects the dignity of the player and the team.
- I will accept decisions of the umpire as being fair and called to the best of their ability. I will not abuse or ridicule the umpire nor allow my players to do so.
- I will help to develop team respect for opponents, spectators and officials. I will not criticize other teams, supporters or officials by words or gestures.
- I will set a good example in personal appearance and behaviour.
- I will encourage sportsmanlike behaviour among the players.
- I will ensure whenever possible that all players have equal time on the diamond. Avoid overplaying the talented players - the average players need and deserve equal time.
- I will encourage players to work together as a unified group (teamwork).
- I will keep myself informed of sound coaching principles and seek more skilled advice when necessary. ➤ I will encourage my team to abide by the guidelines provided in the "Baseball the Australian Way" document.
- I will ensure that press statements and/or interviews, other than those restricted to comments on members of my own team and its involvement in a particular competition, will have BA/BQ approval.
- I will place the welfare and development of the individual above a winning or losing record.
- I will not embarrass my opponents.
- I will not use any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description on the field, in the dugouts, bullpens or while in uniform. ➤ I will, whenever possible, provide assistance with coaching expertise and knowledge to developing teams.
- I will abide by the tournament rules and regulations established by BA/BQ
- I will be aware of any player with medical problems.
- I will maintain interaction between coach/es and players on an appropriate level at all times.
- I will strive to develop a positive image and self-sufficient attitude with each player.
- I will assist to enforce BA's Player Code of Conduct.
- I will help to present Australian Baseball in a positive image.

I

(print name)

Have read BA's COACHES / MANAGERS CODE OF CONDUCT
and fully understand the responsibilities and conditions
disclosed.

I will, to the best of my ability, abide by the COACHES /
MANAGERS CODE OF CONDUCT during all BA endorsed
events.

Signature: Date: _____

PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

These principles are considered practicable and are within the aims and objectives of Baseball Australia.

- I will always play by the rules
- I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- I will control my temper.
- I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- I will work equally hard for myself and/or my team
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition •

I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated.

- I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- I will cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches •

I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or consume alcohol at junior games

- I will not use tobacco products while in uniform or on field.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
- I will comply with all policies and procedures from Baseball Australia, Baseball Queensland, my Association and my Club.

I
(print name)

Have read BA's PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT and fully
understand the responsibilities and conditions disclosed.

I will, to the best of my ability, abide by this CODE OF
CONDUCT during all BA/BQ endorsed events.

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OFFICIAL'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

These principles are considered practicable and are within the aims and objectives of Baseball Australia.

- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- I will give all players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion • I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players • I will avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- I will be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words
- I will always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- I will keep up to date with the latest 'Rules of the Game', trends and principles of their application • I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials
- I will refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards players or other officials
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior games
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I will adhere to all policies and procedures of Baseball Australia, Baseball Queensland, my Association and my Club.

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ADMINISTRATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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- I will provide opportunities for key stake-holders to be involved in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to their activity
- I will create pathways for players to participate not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc
- I will ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players
- I will ensure quality supervision and instruction for players
- I will remember that players participate for their enjoyment and benefit. I will not over emphasise awards
- I will help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- I will ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs
- I will distribute a code of conduct to players, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior games. • I will not consume tobacco products in uniform or at games and events. • I will not allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions • I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or spectators
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- I will promote adherence to all policies and procedures of Baseball Australia, Baseball Queensland, my Association and my Club.

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PARENT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

These principles are considered practicable and are within the aims and objectives of Baseball Australia.

- I won't pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions – no matter what.
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- I will remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- I will focus on my child's efforts and performance – not the score
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- I will help when asked by a coach or official
- I won't criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior games
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

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