

# LOCAL CLUB RULES - Teeball

Our Local Club Rules are structured for the benefit and development of all Kalamunda Rangers Players

## 1. Umpiring

- 1.1. Prior to the commencement of the game, the Plate Umpire is responsible to ensure that the Diamond is clear of any rubbish and/or debris, and ensure the bases are **placed** correctly.
- 1.2. **ALL** teams are to provide an Umpire for each game. Home teams are to provide the Plate Umpire for the entire game and the away team must provide the base/field umpire.
- 1.3. The Base/Field Umpire shall stand OUTSIDE the diamond at all times. It is recommend the base/field umpire moves between Foul Territory near First Base and second base.
- 1.4. The minimum age for Base/Field Umpires shall be 12 years of age for Intermediate/Junior division and 15 years of age for Senior division. All junior umpires are required to have an adult advocate present for the duration of the game; Adult Advocate must have an understanding of the rules. A written application to the teeball committee for any junior to plate umpire games.

## 2. Club

- 2.1. In line with TBAWA Rule 2.3(b) **ALL** officials, i.e., Coaches, Base Coaches, Umpires and Scorers, are to wear a hat and **MUST** wear enclosed shoes (no sandals, thongs or bare feet) when on the Diamond.
- 2.2. Each team playing with our Club may (it is recommended) send at least one representative to attend the Club General meetings.
- 2.3. All adults working with the children of the Club are required to comply with at least the minimum standard of the Working with Children legislation.
- 2.4. The placement of players in teams is at the discretion of the Teeball Committee, taking into account all relevant information available including but not limited to, player numbers and medical or physical disabilities. A player *may* play in a higher division from the one in which s/he is registered, provided the player is no more than one year younger than the players eligible for that division and must not prevent a player registered for an older team in participating.
- 2.5. Players are not permitted to fill in for a player in a higher age group unless there are **LESS** than **ten** players of the correct age in that team. The player filling in for a higher age group must be no more than one year younger than the players eligible for that age group.
- 2.6. **Game report** must be completed in full by Team Manager/Coach for each team. While premiership ladders are not kept at Kalamunda Rangers, the **game report** provides valuable information to the Committee regarding any accidents/incidents as well as providing the player game counts that go toward a players milestone awards.



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### 3. Subjunior Division

- 3.1. Club-run 8 week program supervised by Subjunior Coordinator. Runs for 1 hour consisting of skills stations.
- 3.2. Plays on a shortened diamond of 15.24 metres (50 feet). When playing on a shortened diamond the **pitchers plate does not move** – it must always remain at 14.02 metres (46 feet) from the point of home plate.
- 3.3. Subjunior divisions shall be restricted to 6-8 players per team.
- 3.4. In line with TBAWA Rule 2.3(f) and TBAWA Rule 7.6, chest plates and grilled helmets are **COMPULSORY** for **ALL** players fielding in the pitcher's position.
- 3.5. The game ball shall be a Safe-T-Ball or foam ball, depending on the nature of the bats used.
- 3.6. All batters/base runners in games MUST wear helmets in accordance with TBAWA Rule 2.3(c).
- 3.7. **CLUB RULE:** Dead Ball line overthrows (TBAWA Rule 17.3) not applicable.
- 3.8. **CLUB RULE:** Players in the subjunior division are exempt from TBAWA Rule 13.2 – "The batter is out after 3 strikes". Batters are permitted unlimited strikes in order to put the ball into play. Batters experiencing difficulties in hitting the ball may be assisted by a Coach.
- 3.9. Players in the subjunior division are exempt from TBAWA Rule 9.2 "Each team will bat in the order listed in the batting line-up until the third out is made or the innings is declared (see 16.1(b))" and Rule 16.1(d) "when batters 8 and/or 9 are due to bat they are 'automatic outs'".
  - 3.9.1. All players shall have a turn at bat regardless of the number of outs made or the number of players in the line up. However, TBAWA Rule 18.3 "players should leave the field immediately they are given out" shall stand.

### 4. Game

- 4.1. Regulation Game Rule shall apply to all age groups, (**except the subjunior level**) in accordance with TBAWA Rule 9.1 – that is 9 Innings or 1 hour, whichever occurs first. Transition Teeball games incorporating Rookie Ball, shall have a regulation game time of 1 hour and 15 minutes. There is no minimum regulation number of Innings.
- 4.2. In games where one team is winning by a significant margin the following rules shall apply.
  - 4.2.1. When one team is 10 runs ahead, no aggressive base running (i.e., no running additional bases on an error by the fielding team).
  - 4.2.2. TBAWA Rule 17.3 regarding overthrows shall still apply.

The scorers shall advise the team coaches and the umpire when either of these situations arise.
- 4.3. In line with TBAWA Rule 7.1(f) the home team shall occupy first-base line bench area and the away team the third-base line bench area. The Home team shall field first and the Away team shall bat first.
- 4.4. All games will be scored. The only people permitted to look at the Scorebook during a game are the Coaches. The Umpire may only look at the Scorebook if the Scorers ask for assistance.
- 4.5. The "Safety Base" should be used as an aide in accordance with the TBAWA Rule 17.5 and 17.6.
- 4.6. If a ball is hit onto another diamond, and is blocked by shelters or spectators, the Umpire shall award the Batter a three-base hit.
- 4.7. In the junior divisions, fielding teams are permitted to have ONE Coach stand in the outfield, provided they remain **behind** the outfielders in accordance with TBAWA Rule 5.1(b).
- 4.8. In line with TBAWA Rule 2.3(g) Chest plates are **COMPULSORY** for **ALL** players fielding in the pitcher's position.
- 4.9. In line with TBAWA Rule 7.2,
  - 4.9.1. Senior divisions game ball shall be a baseball.
  - 4.9.2. Intermediate divisions game ball shall be a tee-ball.
  - 4.9.3. Junior divisions the game ball shall be a Safety teeball.
- 4.10. In accordance with TBAWA Rule 7.6 Pitchers in all age groups are to wear helmets fitted with face guards. Catchers are to wear batters helmets.
- 4.11. All batters/base runners in games MUST wear helmets in accordance with TBAWA Rule 2.3(c).

- 4.12. **CLUB RULE: Junior Division ONLY** - In an attempt to eliminate batters/base runners being run down by players fielding the ball, it shall be considered chasing the runner if any fielder requires more than three steps from where they have fielded the ball in order to tag the runner out. If a player is able to field the ball, take three steps and tag a runner out, then the out will stand. Fielders are to be encouraged to throw the ball to a base in order to make the "Out" and avoid an "Obstruction – TBAWA Rule 20" being called.
- 4.13. **CLUB RULE:** The award of bases on Dead Ball line overthrows (TBAWA Rule 17.3) shall only apply to divisions of intermediate or higher. **Junior division is exempt from this ruling.**
- 4.14. **CLUB RULE:** Batters experiencing difficulties in hitting the ball may be assisted by a Coach. Players in the junior division can be given a 4<sup>th</sup> turn to bat, before being called "batter out" by the umpire.
- 4.15. Junior division will be permitted to run only one base for the first 5 rounds, regardless of outfield or infield hit. Round 6-9 one base for all infield hits and two bases for outfield hits. From round 10 to end of season as per TBAWA Rule 11 "play proceeds normally until the ball is held by any player in an infield position (with no play being made) and all runners are in close proximity to a base.
- 4.15.1. The umpire shall then call: "**Time**".
- 4.16. In accordance with TBAWA Rule 16.8, any dangerous disposal, shall be considered "throwing the bat" and therefore batter is "OUT". Players should be encouraged to HIT, DROP and RUN or HIT, RUN and Drop. – Umpire discretion.
- 4.17. Players in all age groups should be given equal opportunity to play in every fielding position. It is at the Coach's discretion how this is done; however, all players must:
- play every fielding position at least three (3) times throughout the season;
  - not occupy the same position in consecutive fielding innings;
  - play at least one infield and one outfield position in each game;
  - not change fielding positions in an inning unless injured; and
  - not sit out twice in each game unless injured or all other players have sat out at least once.
- Note: this rule does not apply to Interdistrict teams.