



Teeball By-Laws

Umpiring

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 pegged correctly.
2. **ALL** teams are to provide an Umpire for each game. Subjunior will have the Plate and Base Umpires rotate after each completed Innings, that is 1 Batting and 1 Fielding Innings. All other home teams are to provide a Plate Umpire for the entire game whilst away teams must provide a base umpire.
3. The Base Umpire shall stand in Foul Territory near First Base with no runners on first or second base. When runners occupy first and /or second base, the umpire shall stand in line with the batter and pitcher, outside the diamond. NOTE: The base Umpire shall stand OUTSIDE the Diamond at all times.
4. The minimum age for Umpires shall be 15 years of age. However, on application the Chief Umpire may allow a younger person to officiate at a game at his/her discretion, but must be supervised by a responsible adult over the age of 18.

Club

5. In line with TBAWA Rule 2.3(b) **ALL** officials, ie, Coaches, Base Coaches, Umpires and Scorers, are to wear a hat and enclosed shoes (no sandals, thongs or bare feet) when on the Diamond.
6. Each team playing with our Club may (it is recommended) send at least one representative to attend monthly Club meetings. (Total of 6 meetings for the season).
7. 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.
8. The placement of players in teams is at the discretion of the Club 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 age group 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 age group and must not prevent a player registered for an older team in participating.
9. Players are not permitted to fill in for a player in a higher age group unless there are **LESS** than nine 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.
10. Scoreslips must be completed in full (both sides) by each team and returned to the Clubrooms at the completion of each game. While premierships ladders are not kept at Kalamunda Rangers, the scoreslip provides valuable information to the Committee regarding any accidents/incidents as well as assisting in the calculation of player game counts.

Game

Note: In interpreting all these game bylaws, the overriding principal shall be to teach our younger players how to play diamond sports. We want to encourage them to make the play as if they were an older player participating in a baseball/softball game. Each scenario is different and when making a decision, umpires/coaches should ask themselves "if this scenario happened at a senior game, what would be the play?" and made a decision accordingly.

11. Regulation Game Rule shall apply to all age groups in accordance with TBAWA Rule 9.1 – that is 9 Innings or 1 hour, whichever occurs first. Transition Teeball games incorporating Rookie Ball, or Machine Pitch, shall have a regulation game time of 1 hour and 15 minutes. There is no minimum regulation number of Innings.
12. In games where one team is winning by a significant margin the following rules shall apply.
 - a) When one team is 10 runs ahead, no aggressive base running (ie, no running additional bases on an error by the fielding team). TBAWA Rule 17.3 regarding overthrows shall still apply.
 - b) "Time and Game" shall be called in consultation with the team coaches prior to the usual one hour game when one team is 15 runs ahead at completion of the third inning.
The scorers shall advise the team coaches and the umpire when either of these situations arise.
13. Subjunior division plays on a shortened diamond of 15.24 metres (50 feet) and with the home plate arc set at 1.2 m. All other divisions play on a standard diamond of 18.29 metres (60 feet) and home plate

arc set at 2.4 m. 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.

14. TBAWA Rule 16.1(a) limiting teams to 12 players shall not apply. Teams of up to 13 players are permitted and the Coach shall list ALL 13 players (if available) on the Batting Line up, and select from the 13 when fielding. Subjunior divisions shall be restricted to 10 players per team.
15. 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.
16. All games will be scored, however the subjunior scores will not be announced. 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.
17. The "Safety Base" should be used as an aid in accordance with the TBAWA Rule 17.5 and 17.6.
18. 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.
19. In the subjunior and junior divisions, 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).
20. In line with TBAWA Rule 2.3(g) Chest plates are **COMPULSORY** for **ALL** players fielding in the pitcher's position.
21. In line with TBAWA Rule 7.2, for senior division, the game ball shall be a baseball. For the junior and intermediate divisions the game ball shall be a teeball. For the subjunior division the game ball shall be a Safe-T-Bol or foam ball, depending on the nature of the bats used
22. Pitchers and Catchers in all age groups are to wear helmets fitted with face guards.
23. All batters/base runners MUST wear helmets in accordance with TBAWA Rule 2.3(c).
24. 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 a 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 who require more than three steps to effect a tag must be encouraged to throw the ball to a base in order to make the "Out" and avoid an "Obstruction – TBAWA Rule 20" being called.
25. The award of bases on Dead Ball line overthrows (TBAWA Rule 17.3) shall only apply to the senior and intermediate divisions. **Subjunior and Junior divisions are exempt from this ruling.**
26. 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.
27. 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'". 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.
27. Players in the subjunior division will be permitted to run only one base for all infield hits, but should be encouraged (where possible) to run two or more bases for outfield hits.
28. In addition to any other dangerous disposal, it shall be considered "throwing the bat" and therefore batter is "OUT" if the bat is disposed of in a manner which causes it to land in either batting box, or the area between the boxes.
29. 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 innings 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.

**PLEASE READ THE LOCAL RULES, THEY ARE STRUCTURED FOR
THE BENEFIT OF ALL KALAMUNDA RANGERS' PLAYERS**