



# North Murray Diamond Sports Association Inc.

# By-laws

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of these by-laws is to document some local rules that North Murray Diamond Sports Association Inc has implemented. The by-laws also regulate important elements of the club's operations and place an emphasis on player safety.

These by-laws will be changed from time to time to reflect any change in the club's structure, focus or direction. Any changes must be approved by North Murray Diamond Sports' committee who is current at the time the changes need to be made.

The committee is responsible for the maintenance of these by-laws.

## 2. General Club

All members, volunteers and players are to abide by North Murray Diamond Sports' constitution, rules, regulations, codes of conduct, policies and guidelines. In particular, members, volunteers and players must abide by the Healthy Club and Sport Safe Policy to ensure we are all kept safe from injury and harm. Copies of these documents are included in the information kit provided to all new members or they can be obtained from the club's President or Secretary.

### 2.1. Player Safety

- 2.1.1. The use of protective equipment such as body padding, helmets, player's gloves, protective cups and mouthguards is essential for junior teams. Furthermore, where the rules of the sport being played state the need to wear protective equipment, then this must be done.
- 2.1.2. All batters, base runners and catchers must wear helmets at both games and at training sessions.
- 2.1.3. Coaches are to actively encourage all players to wear long pants and shirts with sleeves to training sessions.
- 2.1.4. Players are not allowed to train or go onto the diamond if they are not wearing closed in shoes such as sneakers. Screw-in studs, hard plastic or metal cleats are not permitted on the diamond.
- 2.1.5. Coaches are to ensure that players arrive punctually at games and training sessions to ensure that warm up, stretching and cool down activities occur.
- 2.1.6. Training is an essential component of our sport and it is expected that players will attend training sessions. The Coach should not allow the player to participate in games if the player is continually absent from training.
- 2.1.7. Exposed jewellery such as wrist watches, bracelets, earrings, neck chains etc must not be worn during a game. Medic Alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewellery and may be worn taped to the body without covering the information they contain.
- 2.1.8. If glasses (including prescription) are worn it is recommended that they be approved sports glasses (ASTM F803-2003).

### 2.2. Injury Management

- 2.2.1. Ensure that any injuries during the games or training sessions are recorded on an Injury Reporting form which is then handed to the club's Secretary who will take any necessary action.
- 2.2.2. Any player who has had an illness or serious injury is to seek a medical clearance before returning to training or competition. The medical clearance is to be sighted by the player's

team coach.

- 2.2.3. Each team should have at least one qualified first aider at training sessions and games. If a team does not have one, they should approach the committee to see if the club will fund part of the cost to send a volunteer for training. In most cases, it would be the team coach who would be expected to have or seek the qualifications.

### **2.3. Volunteers**

- 2.3.1. All teams are responsible for providing their own volunteers and officials (i.e. coach, assistant coach, scorer, umpire (base and plate for baseball), team manager and base coaches. It is not the responsibility of the club's committee to find people to fill these positions.
- 2.3.2. If a team is unable to provide an umpire for a game when required to do so, then they must make arrangements to find an umpire from outside the team before the game.
- 2.3.3. Each team will be responsible for line marking and canteen duties as rostered in the fixtures books.
- 2.3.4. Parents and/or players are to help set up for the games by putting out the bases, any relevant portable back nets, erecting the shades etc. The parents and/or players for the last team on the diamond should pack everything away after their game. It is not the responsibility of the committee, the team's coach or the team manager to do this.
- 2.3.5. North Murray Diamond Sports has a policy of no tolerance towards harassment of our umpires. Umpires are within their rights to remove anyone from a game who treats or addresses an umpire in an aggressive (physical, verbal or implied) manner.

### **2.4. Officials and Players on the Diamond**

Any person on the diamond (including umpires) must wear closed in shoes such as sneakers. All softball and baseball umpires are to wear the provided safety equipment.

### **2.5. Smoking**

Smoking is only permitted in the car park or on the edges of the BMX track provided there is a minimum distance of 10 metres from all playing facilities, spectators, members and players. This applies to all club related activities including training and game days.

### **2.6. Fees**

- 2.6.1. The committee is responsible for setting the player's fees each season.
- 2.6.2. The \$20 registration fee which is to be paid when a player registers to play will not be refunded for any reason.
- 2.6.3. If a player decides not to play after the second game of the season, the player's fees will not be refunded except where a written letter outlining the reason for the player not being able to finish the season is forwarded to the committee and following discussion by the committee, the committee agrees to provide a refund based on the information provided. The committee has the final say on who is to receive a refund.

### **2.7. Uniforms**

- 2.7.1. All club provided uniforms must be returned in good condition at the end of the season as directed by the Uniform Manager.
- 2.7.2. Allowing for fair 'wear and tear', if the Uniform Manager believes that a uniform has not been returned in good condition, then, the member responsible for the care of the uniform during the season will be required to pay for the cost to replace the item.

2.7.3. If the club's uniform is damaged or lost during the season or it is not returned within one week of the end of the season, then, the member responsible for the care of the club's uniform will be required to pay for the cost to replace the item.

## **2.8. Game Milestones**

2.8.1. The club's Registrar keeps a record of all junior sport games played

2.8.2. The Tee-ball game tally is worked out from the names listed on the Player Game Register form which is completed by the team coaches. It is essential that the home teams supply these forms for completion and then deliver them to the canteen at the end of the game. If a form is not left at the canteen, then the Registrar will be unable to add the player's games to the tally and subsequently a player may miss out on a trophy.

2.8.3. If a player moves from Tee-ball to Baseball or Softball, their game tally will be carried over.

2.8.4. The Junior Baseball game tally is worked out from the player's names listed on Baseball WA's website for each game played.

2.8.5. The Softball game tally is worked out from the names listed on the Player Game Register form which is to be completed by the team coach. It is essential that the coach makes sure the Registrar receives this form as soon as possible after each game.

2.8.6. The committee may choose to present participation awards being either a medallion or a trophy at their discretion.

2.8.7. The game milestone trophies or awards are as follows. These awards which are only available for the junior sports and will be presented to the players at the end of the season.

30 games	-	Trophy
50 games	-	Trophy
80 games	-	Trophy
100 games	-	Trophy and sport gift voucher
150 games	-	Trophy and sport gift voucher
200 games	-	Trophy and sport gift voucher

Every 50 games after this – Trophy

2.8.8. Any player who leaves before the season concludes is not eligible to receive any awards except where a written letter outlining the reason for the player not being able to finish the season is forwarded to the committee and following discussion by the committee, the committee agrees to make the award based on the information provided. The committee has the final say on who is to receive an award.

## **3. Tee-ball**

North Murray Diamond Sports abides by the Official Tee-ball Rules as published by the Tee-Ball Association of WA except as detailed below in sections 3.1 and 3.2.

### **3.1. All Tee-ball Teams**

3.1.1. Pitchers in all games must wear helmets with facemasks. This also applies to all training sessions.

3.1.2. All players are to wear long black socks and the club's cap during their games.

3.1.3. The use of mouthguards by all infield players is highly recommended.

### **3.2. Under 7 Tee-ball Competition**

- 3.2.1. The distance between the bases for the Under 7 competition shall be 15 metres. All other diamond dimensions including the position of the pitcher's plate shall be as per the Official Tee-ball Rules as published by the Tee-Ball Association of WA.
- 3.2.2. The game should last for a minimum period of 45 minutes however if the players are willing the game may be extended to one hour. Games must finish on an even innings. Do not commence further innings within 10 minutes of the scheduled finish time if the innings are even.
- 3.2.3. The batter will be given five (5) chances to hit the ball off the tee. If they fail to hit any of the five balls fair, they are out.
- 3.2.4. The batter will be first warned then subsequently called 'out' if they throw the bat in a dangerous manner after swinging at the ball.
- 3.2.5. Up to two coaches may stand in the outfield while the team is fielding, but they must not interfere with the play.
- 3.2.6. There is to be a maximum of 10 players in an Under 7 team but there will only be seven players on the diamond. The following fielding positions will apply – catcher, pitcher, first base, right short stop, second base, left short stop and third base. Having no outfield in this age group will maximise the opportunities that each player has to field a ball.
- 3.2.7. The batting team will continue to bat until three players have been called out or 9 players have batted (even if some batters have to bat twice).
- 3.2.8. The use of mouthguards by all infield players is highly recommended.

### **3.3. Other Tee-ball Teams**

- 3.3.1. Tee-ball teams who are not in the Under 7 Tee-ball competition will abide by the Official Tee-ball Rules as published by the Tee-Ball Association of WA.
- 3.3.2. The game should last for a minimum period of one (1) hour however games must finish on an even innings. Do not commence further innings within 5 minutes of the scheduled finish time if the innings are even.
- 3.3.3. No coaches are to stand in the outfield while the team is fielding except in the situation where a child is disabled and requires assistance or if the plate umpire and the opposing team's coach both agree to allow it. In this situation, only one coach may stand in the outfield while the team is fielding, but they must not interfere with the play.
- 3.3.4. There is to be a maximum of 12 players in a team.

## **4. Baseball**

### **4.1. Baseball Rules**

- 4.1.1. North Murray Diamond Sports abides by the Baseball WA Regulations for all its Baseball games. All players, parents and volunteers associated with Baseball should make themselves familiar with these Regulations.
- 4.1.2. In accordance with Baseball WA Regulations, all bats used by Little League players must be stamped as being an approved Little League bat. A Little League player is not to use any bat that does not have this approval stamp on it.

- 4.1.3. All baseball players are to abide by Baseball WA's *Baseball Etiquette – A Participant Guide*, a copy of which is to be provided to the players before the first game of the season.
- 4.1.4. Coaches taking infield / outfield warm up must be in uniform.
- 4.1.5. Any person warming up a pitcher must wear a face mask and a helmet regardless of where they are doing the warming up. The face mask will have a throat guard attached to it unless the throat guard forms part of the mask.
- 4.1.6. The team manager or the team scorer is responsible for getting the game results to Baseball WA in accordance with Baseball WA's requirements.

## **4.2. Baseball Competition**

- 4.2.1. All male baseball players are to wear protective cups.
- 4.2.2. As baseball games are played against other clubs, North Murray Diamond Sports' baseball players are to wear the club's colours, being any combination of black, orange, grey or white. A plain black t-shirt is to be worn under the baseball shirt, with black pants, black belt and black socks.
- 4.2.3. All players must wear the club's cap during games.
- 4.2.4. The coach will tell players what time they need to arrive at games and players (and their parents) must ensure they abide by this instruction. The consequence of a player continually arriving late is to be set by the team's coach at the beginning of the season and communicated to all concerned.
- 4.2.5. The baseball players and their parents are responsible for setting up the diamond and packing everything away afterwards. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the baseball diamonds. Although they may choose to assist, it is not the responsibility of the committee, coach or the team manager to do this.

## **5. Softball**

### **5.1. Softball Rules**

- 5.1.1. For all its Softball games, North Murray Diamond Sports abides by Softball Australia's Official Softball Playing Rules and the rules of the Association where the games are being played.

### **5.2. Softball Competition**

- 5.2.1. The use of casual softball players is to be discouraged as these players are not covered by insurance and they are putting the club at risk. If a casual player has to play to make up the team's numbers, then they must complete a club player registration form and pay an amount as agreed to by the committee to their Team Manager. The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring the form has been completed and the pay to play amount collected from the casual player. Both items should be handed to a committee member as soon as possible after the game.
- 5.2.2. As softball games are played against other clubs, North Murray Diamond Sports' softball players are to wear the club's colours, being any combination of black, orange, grey or white. Pants and socks should be black and players are to wear the Club's cap during all games.