

1. THE PRESIDENT

- (a) The President shall be a member of the Association with at least two years standing on a sporting committee, and may be of either sex
- (b) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Selection Committee and the Protests and Disputes Committee
- (c) The President shall have the deciding vote only in the case of voting being equal after eligible members deliberate votes have been cast
- (d) The President shall chair all meetings of the Management Committee, or shall appoint any member of the Management Committee to do so in his/her own and the Vice President's absence
- (e) Any "out of pocket" expenses (such as postage, petrol, phone calls, etc) shall be refunded on written application to The Management Committee from time to time

2. THE VICE PRESIDENT

- (a) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence

3. HONORARY SECRETARY (7/88)

- (a) The Honorary Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Management Committee
- (b) He/she shall keep a true and correct record of all Minutes and Resolutions passed at such meetings
- (c) Correspondence be listed in order on Secretary emails ready for meeting so it doesn't take so long to read at the meeting (01/14)
- (d) He/she shall perform the clerical work of the Management Committee and carry out all directions given at such meetings
- (e) He/she (while acting in an Honorary Secretary capacity) shall have a deliberate vote
- (f) He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees with the exception of the Selection Committee and the Protests and Disputes Committee
- (g) In the absence of the Secretary, any member of the Management Committee may be appointed to the position
- (h) The Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of not less than \$100, with any additional payment being decided by the Management Committee. Any "out of pocket" expenses (such as postage, petrol, phone calls, etc) shall be refunded on written application to the Management Committee from time to time.
- (i) The retiring Honorary Secretary shall forward within fourteen (14) days of retirement, all books and other properties of the Association to the incoming Honorary Secretary

4. HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer shall:

- (a) be over the age of 21 years
- (b) receive and take charge of all monies of the Association and pay same into the account of the Association at the bank for the time being
- (c) keep a true and correct account of all monies received and expended by the Association

(d) prepare and submit to all Management Committee meetings a written statement of receipts and expenditure to the date of such meetings

(e) prepare and submit to the Auditor a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for audit purposes and submit same to the Annual Meeting of the Association

(f) pay all Association accounts by Cheque or Direct Debit

(g) on retiring, forward within fourteen (14) days of retirement, all books and other properties of the Association to the incoming Honorary Treasurer

5. PROPERTY PERSON (06/04)

(a) The Property Person shall have control of all Association playing equipment and submit an inventory of such equipment to each Annual Meeting or as required by the Management Committee

6A. SENIOR REGISTRAR (07/88)

(a) The Senior Registrar shall keep a true record of all registered Clubs, all registered Players, all Clearances and the results of all games played under the control of the Association in senior grades

(b) He/she shall keep a log of records pertaining to Clearances and Permits and shall notify Junior Registrar of those pertaining to Junior and Sub-Junior Players

(c) He/she shall display results of games and team standings in a prominent place at least every fourteen (14) days

(d) He/she shall liaise with the Junior Registrar in the performance of his/her duties

6B. JUNIOR REGISTRAR (07/88)

(a) The Junior Registrar shall keep a true record of all registered Clubs, all registered Players, all Clearances and the results of all games played under the control of the Association in junior and sub-junior grades

(b) He/she shall keep a log of records pertaining to Clearances and Permits as notified by the Senior Registrar

(c) He/she shall display results of games and team standings in a prominent place at least every fourteen (14) days

(d) He/she shall liaise with the Senior Registrar in the performance of his/her duties

7. UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

The Umpires CO-ordinator shall be assisted by two non-executive members of the Management Committee, appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting who shall have equal voting rights with the Umpires Co-ordinator in the performance of their duties which are:

(a) The allocation of umpires for all Association fixtures

(b) The instruction of same

(c) The examination of Umpires, providing he/she is a State Badged Umpire

(d) The presentation of written reports of activities to each Annual Meeting, or as requested by the Management Committee

## 8. SELECTION COMMITTEE

(a) The Senior Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) members, with Honorary Coach, and Assistant Coach automatic. The third member shall be selected by the Management Committee from nominations received by any club, Association Member, or Associate Member.

(b) The Junior Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) members, with Honorary Coach, and Assistant Coach automatic. The third member shall be selected by the Management Committee from nominations received by any club, Association Member, or Associate Member.

(c) The Sub-Junior Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) members, with Honorary Coach, and Assistant Coach automatic. The third member shall be selected by the Management Committee from nominations received by any club, Association Member, or Associate Member.

(d) Selection Committees for Association Representative Teams shall be called when the occasion arises and shall consist of three members elected by the Management Committee (two of which shall be the Honorary Coach and Assistant Coach), from nominations received from any club, Association Member, or Associate Member.

## 9. GROUND COMMITTEE

The Ground Committee shall be elected by the Management Committee and duties will be designated by the Management Committee.

## 10. SPECIAL OFFICERS (06/04)

Specially appointed Officers, such as the Publicity Officer, Property Officer, Canteen Manager, Bar Manager and Ground Marker shall act in accordance with instructions given by the Management Committee

## 11. CANTEEN MANAGER(ESS) (07/88)

The Canteen Manager(ess) shall:

(a) be over the age of 21 years

(b) Be responsible for ordering and maintaining stocks for the Canteen

(c) Receive and take charge of all monies paid into the Canteen and deposit same into Association Canteen account

(d) Keep a true and accurate account of all monies received into the canteen

(e) Prepare and submit to all Management Committee meetings a written statement of receipts and expenditure to the date of such meetings

(f) Prepare and submit to the Auditor a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance sheet for audit purposes and submit same to the Annual General Meeting of the Association

(g) Pay all canteen accounts by cheque or direct debit

(h) On retiring, forward within fourteen (14) days of retirement, all books and other properties of the Association to the incoming Canteen Manager(ess)

(i) The Canteen Manager(ess) shall be paid an honorarium of not less than \$100, with any additional payment being decided by the Management Committee. Any "out of pocket" expenses (such as postage, petrol, phone calls, etc) shall be refunded on written application to the Management Committee from time to time.

Allocated Canteen helpers: (09/19)

(a) Those completing Canteen duties need to be over the age of 16 and they need to be able to complete tasks as required

(b) Enclosed shoes and a hat need to worn

#### 12. BAR MANAGER(ESS)

The Bar Manager(ess) shall:

(a) Be over the age of 21 years

(b) Be responsible for ordering and maintaining stocks for the Bar

(c) Receive and take charge of all monies paid into the Bar and deposit same into Association Bar account

(d) Keep a true and accurate account of all monies received into the bar

(e) Prepare and submit to all Management Committee meetings a written statement of receipts and expenditure to the date of such meetings

(f) Prepare and submit to the Auditor a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance sheet for audit purposes and submit same to the Annual Meeting of the Association

(g) Pay all bar accounts by cheque or direct debit

(h) On retiring, forward within fourteen (14) days of retirement, all books and other properties of the Association to the incoming Bar Manager(ess)

(i) The Bar Manager(ess) shall be paid an honorarium of not less than \$100, with any additional payment being decided by the Management Committee. Any "out of pocket" expenses (such as postage, petrol, phone calls, etc) shall be refunded on written application to the Management Committee from time to time.

(j) The Bar Manager(ess) is to apply for and hold the current state Liquor Licence

Allocated Bar helpers:

(a) Any workers helping in the bar must hold a current RSA and give a copy to the Bar Manager(ess) to be kept on file (02/17)

(b) All workers must wear enclosed shoes

#### 13. FIXTURES AND GRADING COMMITTEE

(a) Fixture and Grading Committee shall be the Senior Registrar, the Junior Registrar, and other members elected from the Management Committee and shall prepare fixtures and grading for all teams entered for competitions in the Association and arrange dates of all matches and allocate grounds for same

(b) The Fixture and Grading Committee shall determine the eligibility of players to be added to a team as per By-laws 28(A) (b), 28(A) (d), 27 (b)

#### 14. HONORARY COACH

The Honorary Coach shall:

(a) Organize practice from the date of his/her appointment and instruct the players in all phases of the game

(b) Attend all practice and official games under the care of his/her care

- (c) Whilst on tour, have full control of the players and team whilst at practice and in competition games
- (d) Once the squad has been selected, be the sole selector of the team for each days play, with the Captain, Vice-Captain, and Assistant Coach acting in an advisory capacity only.
- (e) Be responsible for the care and transport of material

#### 15. HONORARY ASSISTANT COACH

The Honorary Assistant Coach shall be appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee, and shall perform duties as designated by the Honorary Coach

#### 16. OFFICIAL SCORER

The Official Scorer shall:

- (a) Attend all official matches between the Association and other representative teams, and keep a detailed score of the game and submit a summary of same to the Honorary Secretary
- (b) Attend all training sessions of the Association Representative team
- (c) Return completed scorebooks to the Association

#### 17. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee shall have the power to raise money for any purpose authorized by the Management Committee, and may do so by any lawful means not in conflict with the Constitution, but shall not commit the Association to any expenditure or debt in that regard unless recommendations have previously been approved by the Management Committee

#### 18. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The Emergency Committee shall consist of any three members of the Management Committee including the President or Secretary and shall have authority to authorize anything to be done or not done in case of an emergency where time does not permit the calling of a Special Meeting to deal with the matter in question. Any decision of the Emergency Committee must be ratified by the Management Committee.

#### 19. LIFE MEMBERS

Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted to the Life Membership Committee as appointed by the Management Committee, who by unanimous assent may select one of the nominees for Life Membership for automatic acceptance at the Annual Meeting.

To become eligible for Life Membership a nominee shall, in the opinion of the Life Membership Committee, have given outstanding service to the Association other than on the Management Committee

#### 20. MEETINGS (06/04)

- (a) Management Committee meetings shall be completed within two (2) hours unless an extension of not more than 30 minutes is agreed upon by a majority of those present
- (b) Where changes to By-laws or other important matters are on the agenda for a Management Committee meeting, the Secretary may declare such meeting compulsory by giving seven (7) days notice to Management Committee members Clubs not represented at Management Committee meetings so declared shall be fined \$25

(c) Management Committee meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month excluding April and December

(d) Failure of clubs to collect Association correspondence from their pigeon hole shall not relieve them of their responsibilities.

## 21. SUBSCRIPTIONS

(a) All Association fees shall be paid prior to the third playing date of current season

(b) All monies received by way of admission fees or collections from public at matches as prescribed by the Association shall be paid to the Treasurer or the Association within 48 hours after such matches have been played

## 22. UNFINANCIAL CLUBS

(a) Clubs that are not financial by the Annual Meeting shall forfeit their right to be represented on the Management Committee for the following season

(b) Clubs becoming unfinancial during the current season lose the right to vote on the Management Committee until such time as they become financial

(c) Clubs becoming unfinancial during the current season will be suspended from competition in Association games until such time as they become financial

**(d) Clubs that are not financial at 12 noon on the Wednesday prior to the first Semi-final will be deemed unfinancial for the complete final series regardless of when outstanding fees are paid (07/20)**

## 23. DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFICIALS (06/04)

Any member of the Management Committee (including club delegates) who shall absent his/herself from two consecutive meetings except as permitted under By-law 20 (b) without permission of the body of which he/she is a member, unless such attendance is considered unavoidable, he/she shall forfeit his/her seat on all Committees and the club shall be notified accordingly.

## 24. SUSPENSION AND DISQUALIFICATION (06/85)

(a) Any club failing to pay affiliation fee or other amounts due to the Association, on or before the date required shall forfeit its right to representation on the Management Committee and its team or teams shall be debarred from taking part in competition until such fees are paid

(b) All players chosen to represent the Association shall hold themselves at the disposal of the Association when called upon, or on failing to do so shall not be permitted to take her or their place in any match of her or their club without the permission of the Management Committee PROVIDED HOWEVER the President shall have the power to act on behalf of the Management Committee in case of urgency

(c) Any person under suspension or disqualification shall be disbarred from playing or taking part in any match under the control of the Association

(d) Any Club or Associate Member affiliated with the Association committing any breach of these rules shall forfeit their right to representation on the Management Committee and shall be debarred from taking part in any match under the control of the Association or suffer other such penalty as the Management Committee shall determine.

## 25. AFFILIATION OF CLUBS OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (06/85)

(a) The Annual Affiliation Fee shall be determined by the Management Committee

(b) All fees payable under this rule must be paid to the Honorary Treasurer

## 26. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

All clubs seeking admission to the Association shall apply in writing stating:

- (a) The Name of the Club
- (b) The name, address, email address and phone number (if any) of the Secretary
- (c) The colours and full description of uniform of teams representing the club.

## 27. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

(a) All club Secretaries or Registrars must register on form provided all members by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Full name and previous playing experience must be supplied with date of birth for Juniors and Sub-Juniors. Team registration fee as set by the Management Committee covers the first twelve (12) players.

(i) (05/21) As the Senior and Junior competition are two (2) separate competitions, Junior fees do not cover putting a player on the diamond in the Senior competition

(ii) If Junior players compete in the Senior competition, they are playing under the same Game and Financial rules as Senior players. Therefore, Junior players are counted in the 12 players making up a team within all Senior clubs.

(iii) Extra players above the 12 are then charged a nominal fee to help offset costs involved to the Association.

(iv) At present this is set as follows:

Player taking the diamond for one (1) or two (2) games will be \$10 per player

Player taking the diamond for three (3) or more games for the season will be \$35 per player

(b) Additions to team registration after 31<sup>st</sup> August are subject to the following:

(i) Details of any new player, including name, grade, and details of previous softball experience, with date of birth for Juniors and Sub-Juniors shall be submitted to the appropriate Registrar no later than 36 hours before the fixtured game in which that player will participate.

(ii) Fixtures and Grading Committee may accept or reject registration

(iii) Any additional fee as set by the Management Committee shall be payable on acceptance of registration

(c) Any player and/or club dissatisfied with the decision of the Fixture and Grading Committee as per clause (b) of this By-law, have the right to appeal to the Protests and Disputes Committee, which shall decide the question

(d) Penalty for playing illegal player: forfeiture of the game and \$25 per player

## 28. PLAYER MOVEMENT (09/95)

(a) No player may play in two Junior or two Senior fixture games on the one playing date (except when the team they play for is fixtured to play two games on the same day or a protest replay game)

(b) Junior Players 13 years and older may play in one junior competition and one senior competition match for the same club on one day

(c) U13 female players may play in one U13 match and one junior match on the same day.

(d) A player whose name appears on a scorecard of a forfeit game shall be considered as playing in that game

(e) Any team found to include Undisclosed State/State League players and /or players playing under an assumed name will result in the forfeiture of all premiership points accumulated by that team year to date

(f) Fixtures and Grading Committee has the right to re-grade any player after they have participated in four fixtured games

(g) Downward player movement of any State/State League player will not be permitted unless sanctioned by Fixtures and Grading Committee

(h) Downward player movement in Senior and Junior competitions will not be permitted after the last Sunday in January

(i) Prior to the last Sunday in January, downward player movement in Senior competition is limited as follows:

(i) Players may only move downward a maximum of two (2) grades

(ii) Further player movement is subject to the approval of the Fixtures and Grading Committee

(iii) Any player who has played 50% or more qualifying games in a higher grade cannot play in the finals of a lower grade

(j) If a cancelled game occurs prior to the "downward movement date" and the replay occurs after the "downward movement date", that the "downward movement rule" be disregarded for the **REPLAY** game only (04/14)

(k) Should the replay game NOT/cannot be played, that the game still act as a game statistic for all players on the teams towards finals qualification (04/14)

**(l) PLAYER MOVEMENT OF COMBINED GRADES:**

Grades may be combined due to lack of numbers in any one grade, the movement for this grade will be:

(i) When two (2) divisions are playing as a fixtured competition in a season there shall be no more than (2) players of the higher division involved in downward movement between the teams of the same club on any fixture date.

(ii) No movement between like club teams in the same grade.

(iii) Will need to be ratified by the Fixtures and Grading Committee

**29. CLEARANCES (06/04)**

(a) No player registered with one club may play for another Club until a Clearance has been obtained in writing on Sports TG

(b) The cut off date for Clearances and Permits is December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season

(c) If a player has not played for a club within the West Australian Softball Association for the previous three (3) seasons, clearance will be automatic, provided they are financially clear with the club concerned

(d) Any player and/or Club dissatisfied with the decision of any Club in respect to a Clearance shall have the right to appeal to the Protests and Disputes Committee, which shall decide the question

(e) Any player not Cleared or Registered on Sports TG as per preceding rules will be deemed an illegal player: Penalty is forfeit the game and \$25 per player

**30. TEAMS AND GRADING**

(a) The Fixtures and Grading Committee will decide the number of teams in each Grade, and shall draw up a set of fixtures

(b) The Fixture and Grading Committee will handle all aspects of Promotion and Relegation of all grades and Teams



- (c) Submissions from all Clubs and/or Teams seeking a different Grading will be given full consideration
- (d) Any objection to Grades allocated will be handled by the Management Committee

### 31. REGULATIONS GOVERNING MATCH PLAY

- (a) Home Team: The team named first in the fixtures shall be known as the Home Team, and shall
  - (i) Occupy the bench area adjacent to the First base line
  - (ii) Early games – set out the diamond at least 20 minutes prior to the advertised commencement of play. Supply two top quality match balls (**Yellow**)
  - (iii) Be the first team to take the field
  - (iv) Late games – take down and pack up the back net, pitching mat, batting mat, bases and pins ready for collection.
- (b) Away Team: The Team named second in the fixtures will be known as the Away Team and shall:
  - (i) Occupy the bench area adjacent to the Third base line
  - (ii) Be the first to bat
- (c) Helmets: Catchers, batters and base runners are required to wear helmets.
  - (i) “ If a helmet is judged to be deliberately removed by a batter-runner/base runner while the ball is live, the onus of safety of the player shall be with the player. The umpire will not stop the play, and the umpire shall call the offending player out.”
  - (ii) Persons under 18 years of age acting as bat person or base coach must wear a helmet at all times
- (d) Uniform:
  - (i) All players must be in uniform by their third playing date
  - (ii) Base coaches must be in Club colours and wear enclosed shoes
  - (iii) Caps, visors and headbands, if worn, must be in Club colours
  - (iv) Uniform numbers should be at least 15cm (6 inches) high and only numbers 1-99 shall be used
  - (v) No Manager, Coach or Player on the same team may wear identical numbers
- (e) Umpiring: Rostered teams are required to supply a plate umpire of acceptable standard. Suitable enclosed footwear and protective gear are **COMPULSORY** for both **FEMALE** and **MALE** plate umpires (Chest Plate, Helmet and Leggings)
- (f) Base Umpires: Rostered teams are required to supply two (2) base umpires per game as fixtured. Base Umpires under 18 years of age **MUST** wear helmet (08/20)
- (g) Pitching distance: Pitching distance for ALL SENIOR GRADES (A,B1,B2,B3,B4,C1,C2 and C3) will be 43ft (13.1 metres)
- (h) Teams may start and/or finish with eight (8) players. The ninth player may enter the game on arrival. The Umpire must be advised before the player enters the game
- (i) Eligibility for Finals – Senior Competition:
  - (i) Players must play at least five (5) games for their Club in the senior competition to be eligible to play in finals
  - (ii) A player having played at least 50% or more games in a higher grade will not be eligible to play in finals for a lower grade

(iii) Junior registered players must have played in at least five (5) senior games to qualify for Senior Competition finals

(j) Teams or their spectators consuming alcohol at games shall render the team liable to suspension from the competition and forfeiture of the game, and/or fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(k) Duration of Games:

(i) Junior A, U16 Boys and Senior games will be played over 90 minutes from the scheduled starting time, or to the completion of seven (7) innings if within scheduled 90 minutes. After 90 minutes, innings in progress will be played out until the team second at bat is either all out or one (1) run in front. A draw will stand. The bottom of the seventh innings shall be played out only until the team second at bat is ahead.

(ii) Junior B and U13 games will be played over 90 minutes from scheduled starting time, Games to cease at 90 minutes. If team batting second is behind or drawn, the result shall revert back to previous completed innings

(iii) Games drawn after seven (7) innings will be played out only if time permits. Such extra innings shall be played under International Tie Breaker Rule

(iv) If the third out is made in the bottom of an innings within five (5) minutes of the scheduled finishing time, no new innings shall start.

(v) Any innings in progress at the scheduled finishing time will be played until the team second at bat are all out **OR** one (1) run in front

(l) Ten Run Rule: If the team **second** at bat is ten (10) or more runs in front after four and a half innings, the game shall be called. If the team **first** at bat is ahead by ten (10) runs or more, the bottom of the fifth innings must be played out and if the team **first** at bat is still 10 or more runs in front, the game shall be called.

(m) Speed up rule: When there are two out and the catcher on base, any player not in the next four batters will replace the catcher. The runner must have a helmet on ready to make the change and the catcher should return to the dugout and put on the catching gear.

(n) Designated Runner:

(i) The Designated Runner must be nominated on the score card in the 11<sup>th</sup> position with "DR" next to the players name

(ii) The "DR" can be substituted at anytime by any of the players listed as substitutes providing they have not already been used

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THIS IS DONE THE ORIGINAL DR CAN NO LONGER TAKE ANY FURTHER PART IN THE GAME**

(iii) The "DR" can only be used **ONCE** per innings

(iv) If the "DR" has been used during an innings they cannot be used as a speed up runner for the catcher

(v) The "DR" can be used for a speed up runner for the catcher provided they have not been used as a "DR" in that innings

(o) Protests and Disputes: The Plate Umpire may confer but cannot overrule the base umpire's decision. "If a team wishes to lodge a protest, and deems it is entitled to do so, the following procedure must be adhered to:

(i) The Plate Umpire and opposing Coach must be informed

(ii) Details (including incident, innings and time) must be entered on the back of the scorecard

(iii) The state of the game and the time of the dispute must be recorded in the scorebook and on the scorecard

(iv) The Umpire must sign both scorebook and scorecard

(v) The team making the protest must contact the Secretary, in writing, within 72 hours of the incident, so that a P&D tribunal can be arranged within 14 days.

(vi) All protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$10, refundable if protest upheld.

(p) Forfeit games: All forfeits will only be allowed if a completed scorecard listing players for claimants team is placed in the Scorecards box at the canteen

(i) To claim a forfeit teams must have at least 8 players in uniform at the diamond at the scheduled starting time

(ii) Teams intending to Forfeit should **advise Registrar at least 36 hours prior to game**, Registrar can then inform umpires and opposing team so that compliance with preceding bylaw may be waived

(iii) Scores in forfeit games are 7-0 unless score at time of forfeit would give the non-offending team a better percentage, when score at time of forfeit will stand.

(q) Postponement of games: No team shall postpone a game with the intent to play it at a later time or date. Any postponements shall be at the discretion of the Fixtures and Grading Committee

(r) Legal Game:

(i) In the event of a game being called off due to bad weather, a legal game shall be of three (3) completed innings or of five (5) completed innings if a finals game.

(ii) 90 minutes play constitutes a legal game

(s) Finals:

(i) Semi-Finals and Preliminary Finals will be ninety (90) minutes or seven (7) innings. The innings in progress at the 90 minutes time limit is to be completed.

(ii) If at the completion of the innings scores are tied, extra innings will be played under the Tie Breaker Rule

(iii) Grand Final will be seven (7) completed innings, no time limits.

(iv) Tie Break Rule and Ten Run Rule to apply. Check finals information sheet

(t) State/Premier League Players: Current Premier League/State Players are restricted to playing in A Grade teams or the highest team entered by their club. The Fixture and Grading Committee must ratify registration of all Premier League/State players

## 32. FINES (06/93)

The following fines shall apply and not be limited to:

(a) Litter left on playing field or spectator area: \$10

(b) Failure of plate Umpire to return scorecard to canteen on day of match or to the Registrar by the following Tuesday. Umpire or Club duty: \$10

(c) Failing to provide plate umpire as per fixtured roster: \$25 per umpire and loss of two premiership points

(d) Failing to provide base umpires as per fixture roster: \$25 per umpire and loss of two premiership points

(e) Failing to provide assistance in the canteen as per fixtured roster: \$25 per person per round and loss of two premiership points

(f) Failure to wear correct uniform after three games: \$10

(g) Illegal player: \$25 per player and forfeit game

(h) Unregistered player: \$25 per player and forfeit game

(i) Fines and points loss imposed under this clause are open to appeal to the Management Committee within fourteen (14) days of written notice to the club or Member concerned. Such appeal shall be heard within fourteen (14) days of receipt of same by the Management Committee

(j) Fines imposed under this clause shall be payable within 28 days of written notice to the club or Member concerned. If less than 28 days to Wednesday prior to Semi-finals, bylaw 22(d) shall apply being [(d) Clubs that are not financial at 12 noon on the Wednesday prior to the first Semi-final will be deemed unfinancial for the complete final series regardless of when outstanding fees are paid (07/20)]

(k) Fines not paid within the prescribed period will render the Club or Member unfinancial and Club Members or Member ineligible to compete in Association competitions or activities until fines are paid

(l) Points loss penalties will be imposed immediately the offence is known

(m) Points loss for the last three (3) qualifying dates, and finals, which do not affect the team's qualification for finals matches, may be imposed on the team the following season whose roster includes members of the penalized team

### 33. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF GAMES

All games must start at the advertised starting time, unless in the opinion of the Umpire, a delay of up to five (5) minutes is warranted, and be played as per the rules and regulations set down in the current fixture book

### 34. EQUIPMENT FOR MATCHES (06/93)

(a) In ordinary Association fixtures, the team designated as Home Team shall before the commencement of the game, hand to the Umpire two yellow balls of sufficient quality for the playing of the game. The Umpire shall approve the balls and may demand balls of a better quality. If such are not supplied, the Umpire may award a forfeit to the opposing team. The Umpire shall take full responsibility for the balls and return them to the Captain/Coach at the completion of the game.

(b) Semi-finals and Preliminary finals: Team that is Home Team will supply two yellow balls of sufficient quality to the Umpire for the duration of these games

(c) The Association will supply new yellow balls for all Grand Final games

### 35. POWERS OF THE UMPIRES (06/85)

(a) The umpire shall report in writing to the Management Committee all incidents of unseemly conduct whether a definite breach of rules or not, and the Protests and Disputes Committee shall take cognizance of same and deal with the matter. Any player or official continuing such conduct whether a breach of the rules or not shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

(b) Umpires are representatives of the Association whose powers and duties are laid down in the respective portion of the Official Softball Guide

(c) Umpires shall have full support of the Association

(d) All Plate Umpires **MUST** wear helmet, leggings and chest plate (11/16)

### 36. UMPIRING (07/88)

(a) Umpires must always wear full equipment (11/16), if they don't have full equipment, they will be fined (10/17)

- (b) Plate umpires for all games shall wear Face mask, Throat Guards, Leggings and Chest Plate
- (c) Plate Umpires for Junior games must be Senior players, Adults or Badged Umpires
- (d) Umpires shall choose the three best players in each qualifying game and enter the same on both scorecards
- (e) Teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at the end of qualifying rounds will provide plate and base umpires for Semi-finals
- (f) Teams eliminated in first semi-final will provide plate and base umpires for Preliminary finals
- (g) Teams eliminated in Preliminary finals will supply base umpires for Grand Finals
- (h) Suitable footwear (enclosed shoes) must be worn by all umpires

### 37. RESULTS OF MATCHES (07/88)

- (a) Each team shall appoint a scorer who shall keep a detailed score on behalf of the team
- (b) Clubs are supplied with sufficient cards for each team for the season. If necessary, extra supplies are available from the canteen
- (c) Team **STARTING** line-ups must be entered on scorecards and line-up cards and given to the Umpire at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- (d) **Reserves names ONLY GO ON THE CARDS WHEN THEY ENTER THE GAME**
- (e) Scorecards to be completed as follows:
  - (i) Players **first names and surnames** must be given. **(PLEASE PRINT NAMES)**
  - (ii) Scorecards must be completed by both teams and written in **black biro**
  - (iii) Scorecard to have playing position numbers in **black biro**
  - (iv) Scorecard to have uniform number in **RED**
  - (v) Umpires are required to
    - (1) Sign the scorecards, checking that scores agree
    - (2) Select fairest and best players from game (both cards to show same names)
  - (vi) Umpires must place the completed scorecards in the box supplied at the canteen or hand to the Registrar

### 38. JUNIOR PLAYING RULES

#### 1. Age Groups

- (a) The Junior Grade U18 shall consist of players who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years before first of January of the playing season unless granted a permit by the Fixture and Grading Committee
- (b) The Junior Grade U13 shall consist of players who have not reached the age of thirteen (13) years before the first of January of the playing season and shall, unless otherwise recommended by the Junior Council and sanctioned by the Fixtures and Grading Committee upon receipt of signed letter from parents and club of player in question that they have not reached the age of eight (8) years before the first of January of the playing season
- (c) The Junior Boys Grade U16 shall consist of players who have not reached the age of sixteen (16) years before the first of January of the playing season unless granted a permit by the Fixture and Grading Committee

#### 2. Duration of Games

(a) Under 18 Girls and U16 Boys will be played over 90 minutes from scheduled starting time, or to the completion of 7 innings if within the 90 minutes. The bottom of the seventh innings shall be played out only until the team second at bat is ahead as per Senior Rules

(b) Junior B and U13 mixed will be played over 90 minutes from scheduled starting time. No new innings shall commence within 5 minutes of the finishing time

(c) Games drawn after seven innings will be played out only if time permits. Such extra innings shall be played under the Tie Breaker Rule

(d) If the third out is made in the bottom of an innings within five (5) minutes of the scheduled finishing time, No new innings shall start.

### 3. Coaches

(a) All Junior coaches must have Level 1 coaching accreditation (08/16)

(b) All clubs will forward to Secretary all Working With Children (WWC) info (name, number , expiry date) for all junior coaches and any other member that would be connected to a junior team (11/16)

### 4. Players

(a) Players from U13 are allowed to play two games on the same one playing date in the U 13 and Juniors

(b) Players from the Junior B are allowed to play two games on the one playing date in U18 Junior A and Junior B **OR** Junior B and one Senior game [if 13years or older]

**NB: U13 and U18 Girls players can play a MAXIMUM OF TWO GAMES ONLY IN ANY FIXTURED PLAYING DATE**

(c) The Junior team must have 9 registered players

(d) All registered players for that team must take the field before entering the player playing up

### 5. Eligibility for Finals

(a) Players must play at least **five games** for their club in the Junior Competition to be eligible to play in finals

(b) A player having played at least 50% of games in a higher Junior grade will not be eligible to play finals in a lower grade

### 6. Pitching Distances and Ball size:

Pitching distances shall be as follows:

U13 mixed - 38ft on 55ft diamond with an 11inch ball

U18 Girls Junior B - 40ft on 60ft diamond with a 12inch ball

U16 Boys - 46 ft on 60 ft diamond with a 12inch ball

U18 Girls Junior A - 43 ft on 60 ft diamond with a 12inch ball.

### 7. U13 Competition:

(a) Qualified male players are restricted to the "U13 mixed" competitions

(b) No more than four males may be in the batting line up at any time in the "mixed" grade unless there is insufficient players to start the game then extra boys are allowed. Female players must stay on the diamond

(c) If there are insufficient nominations, grades may be combined

(d) Up to maximum of 14 players in a line-up will bat with the 6 runs across the plate will apply

(e) Only two male players at a time can play in the infield with NO MALE PITCHER/CATCHER combinations in the mixed grade unless there is insufficient female players

(f) Flexibility on the 38 ft U13 pitching distance to apply to minimum of 35 ft developing pitchers

(g) Pitchers pitching from less than 38 ft a compulsory fielding mask to be worn

(h) All players except the catcher MUST wear a mouthguard

(i) It is compulsory for pitchers to wear a mask

(j) Ninth Batter Rule:

(i) Play continues in each innings until 3 out or the ninth batter for the innings is out or crosses home plate to score

(ii) No runner crossing home plate after the ninth batter in an innings is out or crosses home plate may score. i.e. in the case of a home run, only the ninth batter and runners preceding her/him count. Batter 1, 2, and 3 may be required to bat again for the ninth batter to cross home plate.

(iii) Scorers to notify the plate umpire when the ninth batter is out or crosses home plate

(k) Declaration Rule: The declaration Rule may be applied by a coach when his/her team is 10 runs or more in front

8. Equipment:

(a) Helmets: Helmets are compulsory for all batters, base runners and catchers.

(b) Persons under the age of 18 years of age acting as an umpire, base coach or bat person MUST wear a helmet at all times

(c) Mouth Guards: Mouth Guards are compulsory for all U18's (Female and Male), whether they are paying Juniors or Seniors

(d) Catchers Equipment: Junior Grade Catchers are required to wear Protective Equipment as per Rule 3 Sec 6 [a] [d] & [e] of the Softball Australia Official Rule Book

[Note; this reads, All Catchers [adult or junior] MUST wear Mask, [a] Body Protector [d] and Shin Guards [e]. Also [Note: sec 6a reads, Catchers [or member of the defensive team] MUST wear a mask, throat protector and helmet while receiving warm up pitches from the pitch's plate or in the warm up area. If the person will not wear a mask, he must be replaced by a person who will do so.]

9. Umpiring Juniors

Junior A, U16 Boys, Junior B and Sub-juniors grades base umpire their own games with a senior plate umpire appointed (09/11)

10. Finals

U18 Girls and U16 Boys, Junior A: semi-Finals and Preliminary Finals will be ninety (90) minutes or seven (7) innings. The innings in progress at the 90 minute time limit is to be completed. If at the completion of the innings scores are tied, extra innings will be played under the International Tie Break Rule

Grand Final will be seven (7) completed innings, no time limits for all Junior grades

International Tie Break Rule and Ten Run Rule to apply

Check finals information sheet

### 39. TEE/SOFTBALL COMPETITION

Tee/softball competition shall comprise players who are under 10 years of age as at first of January

### 40. ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

- (a) No alcohol is to be consumed outside the allocated area
- (b) As the club is licenced, NO alcohol is to be brought to the grounds
- (c) Smoking during Junior time slots is only permitted in the carpark. SEMSA is a Smoke Free Sport
- (d) Smoking is not permitted in the dugouts or close to the diamonds

### **S.E.M.S.A. TEAMS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1) Players shall be chosen at selection trials conducted by the Association during October and November
- 2) Selectors shall have the option of adding a player of suitable ability if:
  - (a) A vacancy occurs due to withdrawal or injury after the selection procedure
  - (b) Such player was unable to attend selection trials with reasonable excuse
  - (c) Insufficient players attend selection trials
- 3) Senior selection trials will be open to all players registered whose club is a financial member of S.E.M.S.A.
- 4) Junior selection trials will be open to all players eligible by age who are registered with either Senior or Junior clubs and whose club is a financial member of S.E.M.S.A.
- 5) Players selected agree to be available for all carnivals and championships entered by S.E.M.S.A. Failure to attend without reasonable excuse will leave the player liable to exclusion from the squad for the remainder of the current season, and ineligible for selection for the next two seasons
- 6) Players selected agree to abide by the rules and regulations set by the selection and/or coaching panel and agreed to by players whilst representing S.E.M.S.A. Failure to do so may render the player subject to suspension or exclusion from the squad for the remainder of the season.
- 7) Where two Senior squads are selected, the higher team shall have first call on all members of either squad. Any player refusing to play in the selected team may find herself liable to exclusion from the squad for the remainder of the current season, and ineligible for selection for the next two seasons.
- 8) Uniforms will be issued to all players upon payment of deposit:
  - (a) Players are responsible for the reasonable care of the uniform whilst in their charge



(b) Uniform to be returned at the end of the season or suspension from squad

(c) Failure to return uniform will render player unfinancial and ineligible to play or transfer

(d) Deposit will be refunded upon return of uniform in reasonable condition

9) Players disputes arising out of clauses of this code shall be decided by the Management Committee