

# **PENRITH CITY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**



## **FIXTURE BOOK 2021/22**

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## GAME TIMES 2021/22

8:30 am – 9:30 am	Teeball, Bennyball
10:00 am – 11:15 am Modball 11:30 am Majors	Modball, Majors (U18 Mixed Comp)
12:00 pm – 13:30pm	Minors (U15 Mixed Comp), Women's Social
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Women Competitive, Women's Social
4:00pm – 5:30 pm	Men's Division

## COMPETITION DATES 2021/22

R1 – 20 November 21  
R2 – 27 November 21  
R3 – 04 December 21 (STATE U16)  
R4 – 11 December 21 (STATE U14)  
R5 – 18 December 21 (STATE OPEN & STATE U12)  
R6 – 22 January 22 (STATE Over 35's)  
R7 – 29 January 22  
R8 – 05 February 22  
WASHOUT DATE 06 February 22  
R9 – 12 February 22  
R10 – 19 February 22  
R11 – 26 February 22  
WASHOUT DATE 27 February 22  
R12 – 05 March 22  
R13 – 12 March 22  
R14 – 19 March 22 BENNYBALL ONLY  
R15 – 26 March 22 BENNYBALL ONLY

## FINALS SERIES 2021/22

Finals – 18 March 2022  
Grand Final – 26 March 2022

NB Teams affected by State Championships may request Draw Points in writing, noting number of players involved  
– **Strictly - minimum two weeks' notice.**

## **COMPETITION DIVISIONS**

Benny Ball	Mixed	Under 7's DOB 2016, 2017, 2018
Tee ball	Mixed	Under 10's DOB 2013, 2014, 2015
Modball	Mixed	Under 13's DOB 2012, 2011, 2010
Minors	Mixed	Under 15's DOB 2008, 2009
Majors	Mixed	Under 18's DOB 2007, 2006, 2005
Division 1	Male	16 and Older
Division 2 & 3	Male & Female	14 and Older

**NB:** In all Junior Divisions a player may only play one (1) age division above that in which he/she is Age Eligible i.e. a Teeballer may NOT play in U16's.

**NB:** In all Junior Divisions age is at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

**NB:** In the case of two Senior Divisions merging – then the restrictions are relaxed. Please consult with the Exec for further information.

### **NB: Mens & Ladies**

Div 1 Mens– Open to ALL Players. 16 years old and above.  
May be Representative players of any level (including Senior State or National). Female Players may NOT play Womens Social.

Div 2 Mens - Open to O35's Players and Under 16's Rep Players  
Womens Comp – Open to Representative Players U16 & O35's  
Womens Social - Players Age 14 and Older. Reps players under 16 or O35 with exemption permitted.

## **PCSA REPRESENTATIVES**

- Players MUST be a First Registered member of a PCSA Affiliated Club. (Exemption is given to National or State Players how ever they MUST be First registered with PCSA to be eligible)
- Players MUST be playing in their Age Appropriate Competition to be eligible. I.e. if a player wishes to play PCSA U10 Teeball – they MUST be playing in the PCSA Summer Teeball Competition.

## **PCSA EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

19 July 2021  
16 August 2021  
20 September 2021  
18 October 2021  
08 November PCSA (Registrars Meeting)  
15 November 2021  
14 February 2022  
14 March 2022  
18 April 2022 (AGM)

**NB:** Any items that you would like to be included in the exec meeting agenda need to be emailed by 6pm the Friday before the meeting. Email address is [penrithcitysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:penrithcitysoftball@gmail.com)

## **PCSA GENERAL MEETINGS**

26 July 2021  
23 August 2021  
27 September 2021  
25 October 2021  
08 November PCSA Registrars Meeting)  
22 November 2021  
21 February 2022  
21 March 2022  
27 April 2022 (AGM)

Are held at Surveyors Creek Community Centre 7:30pm

## GROUND DUTIES 2021/22

Diamond Setup will be carried out by the Clubs that is listed on 1<sup>st</sup> Base Dugout in the first game played on that Diamond.

This includes the placement of Bases on the Diamond in the correct positions as well as Line Marking.

The Team on 3rd Base Dugout is responsible for the delivery of Bins.

**Teams** will be responsible for packing up at the end of the days play.

The Last Teams to use the Diamond will Pack it up:

The Winning Team

- ❖ packs up bases
- ❖ replaces the base plugs
- ❖ returns the trolley to the equipment room and

The Losing Team

- ❖ Returns the garbage bins to the bin bay.
- ❖ Sweeps the dolerite in the batting box, pitcher's circle and at all base areas.

Please **PACK UP** diamond equipment **PROMPTLY**.

### **If Games called off due to Rain –**

**BOTH teams** playing at the time are required to pack up the diamond and return gear to the equipment room.

### **Base Distances**

For all divisions the distance is 60 feet (18.2m).

### **Pitching Distances**

Benny Ball	40 feet (12.19m)	Major Boys	46 feet
Teeball	40 feet (12.19m)	Major Girls	43 feet
Modball (Girls)	38 feet (11.58m)	Ladies Competitive	43 feet (13.1m)
Modball (Boys)	40 feet (12.19m)	Ladies Social	40 Feet (12.19m)
Minor Boys	43 feet (13.1m)	Men's Division	46 feet (14.2m)
Minor Girls	40 feet (12.19m)		

It is the responsibility of the coaches of the playing teams on each diamond to move home plate (mod ball) and the pitching plate if/when required.

If a discrepancy is noticed in the distance of the pitching plate during the game, it shall be rectified at the beginning of the next full inning.

If a Girl / Woman in a Mixed Competition wishes to pitch at the Boys / Mens distance for that Competition - they may do so with no penalty.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS SUMMER 2021/22

<b>AFFILIATED CLUB</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE NO</b>
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Saints Softball Club	Trish Standing	0402 806 630
Western Sydney Boomers	Lyndy Crouch	0415 364 946

### **Saturday Wet Weather**

In case of inclement weather on Saturday morning, a Message will be placed on the PCSA Facebook Page and Club Contacts will be notified as early as POSSIBLE.

# CANTEEN ROSTER 2021/22

- ❖ Clubs are required to supply THREE (3) personnel for Canteen Duty when rostered
- ❖ Persons rostered for canteen duty must be 15 years of age or older and have good money skills
- ❖ Children (including those of rostered people) are not permitted in any part of the Canteen – front and back rooms. This is for WHS reasons.
- ❖ Clubs may swap assigned duties with another club BUT the Canteen Manager must be notified prior to the day
- ❖ No cleats to be worn in Canteen
- ❖ The Canteen Manager will reduce numbers of helpers as required.

## 3 people required at all times

Date	Round	0800-1330	1330-1700
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Round 1	GLENMORE PHANTOMS	
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Round 2	PENRITH SOFTBALL CLUB	
04 <sup>th</sup> December	Round 3	BLUE MOUNTAINS	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Round 4	HORNETS	BOMBERS/ MACKILLOP/ SAINTS
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Round 5	GLENMORE PHANTOMS	
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Round 6	PENRITH SOFTBALL CLUB	
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Round 7	BLUE MOUNTAINS	
05 <sup>th</sup> February	Round 8	HORNETS	BOMBERS/ MACKILLOP/ SAINTS
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Round 9	GLENMORE PHANTOMS	
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Round 10	PENRITH SOFTBALL CLUB	
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Round 11	BLUE MOUNTAINS	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Round 12	HORNETS	BOMBERS/ MACKILLOP/ SAINTS
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Round 13	PENRITH SOFTBALL CLUB	
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Finals	TBA	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Grand Final	TBA	



# **GAME CODE OF CONDUCT**

**All Games** - Only **Level 1 or above** accredited umpires in uniform can be approached by **one coach or player** in an orderly manner. Offending coaches and players may be reported or ejected. Unlevelled Umpires may be asked about a Ruling – with supervisor present – but must not attempt to argue the validity of such.

Coaches, players and spectators are not to make negative comments about umpires or their decisions. Umpiring issues are to be referred in a constructive manner to the PCSA Executive either by email or Incident Report

Senior qualified umpires & PCSA Executive who witness instances of non compliance have been empowered to deal with the matter immediately.

Reported instances will be forwarded to the Judiciary Convenor for further action.

## **PCSA: CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
5. Co-operate with your coach, teammates, opponents and umpires. Without them there would be no game.
6. There is to be no Abuse of Players or Officials from Spectators. If this occurs a warning will be given to the Offending Teams Coach. On a second Incident in the same game the Plate Umpire may Call TIME and FFT the Game against the Offending Team. The Offender will then be reported to the PCSA Judiciary for Discipline Action.

## **PCSA: SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Members must not use electronic communication (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc) in a manner that intimidates, offends or humiliates any person in a manner that can be deemed as bringing Penrith City Softball Association, its members or softball into disrepute. This includes harassment, vilification and bullying.

## COMPETITION STRUCTURE 2021/22

Scoring Structure –

3pts Win

2 pts draw

1 pts Loss

3pts Bye

3pts Forfeit (Forfeiting team 0pts and the a score of 7-0 will be recorded)

Washout 2pts (Bye Team gets 3pts for the Bye as normal)

**Teams on Equal Competition Points are separated by the Difference of For and Against.**

If a Team misses a Rostered Umpire Allocation then it is stripped of 3 Points and may be FINED \$50

**If a Team Misses more than Three (3) Rostered Umpire Allocations then it is Removed from the Finals.**

Players may play either UP Divisions or for another team in the SAME division but they may NOT play DOWN a division. If they play in the SAME division for another team (as a Borrowed Player) they may only play in the OUTFIELD.

## COMPETITION RULE MODIFICATIONS 2021/22

Softballs shall be Leather Yellow Optics 0.47 cor. They shall be used in Men's, Ladies, and Majors Divisions.

Mod balls shall be Leather Yellow Optics 11 inch. They shall be used in Modball & Minors

Tee balls shall be white or yellow optic 10.5 inch soft core. They shall be used in Tee ball and Benny Ball divisions.

Games will be timed games. If there is a batter in the box when the hooter sounds that batter shall complete their turn at bat.

The Nine Run Rule and the Twelve Batter Rule shall apply for all games in Ladies Divisions as well as Men's Division. Each inning is completed when either the third out takes place or when the ninth run for that inning is scored. All teams must bat through their line up (up to 12). Unlimited defensive substitutions are permitted in these divisions but the batting order must remain the same for the duration of the game

Junior Coaches on field MUST wear helmets in Modball games and above. In Accordance with Softball Rules and **SNSW Conventions**.

No new inning will commence with five minutes to go.

The Catcher Runner rule must be used in all competitions, except tee ball.  
Metal Cleats may ONLY be worn in Division One Games

Intention Base on Balls is **NOT** allowed in Competition Games however it is a part of Finals.

A fast pitch team must have seven players to take the field, or they will forfeit the game.  
(Bennyball is not included – Teams may vary as needed due to non-competitive nature.)

Teams with less than nine players are encouraged to borrow players from other teams of equal or lower division. Borrowed players from equal divisions may **only** play in the outfield. Borrowed players from lower divisions may play anywhere including Battery.

There is no penalty applied (i.e. no automatic outs) to teams that are short of nine batters.

All borrowed players must be identified on the result sheet. Next to the borrowed player's name, print their registered team or club's name. Failure to identify borrowed players will result in a forfeit by the team at fault.

If a team does not have 7 players, they will be given an extra 10 minutes from the start time to find players. If this does not happen, the offending team will forfeit (a score of 7-0 against recorded and no competition points).

Players may not change clubs during the playing season, or play for a second club as a registered player (except as a borrowed player), without a Local Interchange Clearance being carried out on SportsTG. If the club's permission is rejected an appeal can be lodged directly through the PCSA Secretary for review and outcome.

Players may NOT change Teams within their own Club after the Season begins UNLESS they are being regraded.

In junior divisions (Benny Ball, Tee ball, Mod ball and U16's), players may play in their first registered age division and one age division higher only (or one Senior Team if Age Eligible).

The PCSA Mercy rule (runs ahead) will apply to Men's Division only. (If a team is down by 10 Runs or more after an hour of play – the team behind may be given the option for the game to be called at that point)

3 Game Rule (Seniors Div 2 and lower) – If a Player plays more than 3 Games at a higher grade then what they are first registered they are to be re-assigned to that grade permanently.

EXAMPLE: Player A is registered in Div 3 Ladies. Player A then plays in 3 games in Div 2. If Player A were to play another game in Div 2 then Player A would be "re-graded" to Div 2 and no longer able to play Div 3

NOTE: If the Player was from a Club that didn't have a team in the Regraded Division then they would be a Player on Permission into a Club that did.

## **SPECIFIC COMPETITION MODIFICATIONS**

### **Benny Ball**

- Pitchers Plate distance 40 feet.
- Base Distance is 60ft.
- Teams bat through the list.
- Batting order must remain the same for the duration of the game.
- There will be no strike out if the batter fails to make contact with the tee or ball on the third strike. The batter will continue until a ball is batted fair.
- Base runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- Coach of the offensive team (batting) team will be the umpire/catcher.
- There will be no outs.
- All team members will field in a defensive inning – five regular infielders, the rest at least 10 feet (3 metres) behind the base paths.
- Two coaches allowed on the outfield (behind outfielders) during defensive innings. These coaches may stop a ball that has passed the outfielders. Coaches are not to throw the ball back into the field of play.
- Unlimited interchange of positions during defensive innings. (It would be good to see each player take a turn in the infield during each game).
- NOTE: Benny Ball will be a social game only. No result card or scoring is required.

**A Presentation for all Benny Ball players will be held near the canteen after the games on the 26 March 2022**

# SPECIFIC COMPETITION MODIFICATIONS

## Tee ball

- Pitchers Plate distance is 40 feet.
- Maximum of FIVE runs per innings (i.e. offensive inning complete at 3 outs or 5 runs - whichever occurs first).
- During the first eight (8) Rounds of the Competition ALL Players MUST rotate positions every innings. Players CANNOT play the same position twice.
- If a throw to first base is not fielded by the defensive team –
  - The batter/runner may attempt to take one (1) extra base only. They may be put out by the fielding team.
  - Any other runners on the diamond may likewise attempt only one extra base at this time. As well, they may be put out by the defensive team.
  - When the batter / runner has safely reached 2<sup>nd</sup> base, time will be called.
- The ball is foul if the batter hits the tee with the bat causing the ball to fall off the tee. (The first two fouls are strikes).
- STRIKE OUT – A strike out only occurs if after two strikes the batter swings and fails to make contact with the ball or the tee.
- The back and front feet of the batter must be parallel with the back and side line of the batter's box and only the front foot can move whilst swinging at the ball.
- "Time" shall be called when, the ball is controlled by a player in the infield or if the runners have stopped or when the pitcher, in the 6ft (1.8m) circle, has control of the ball. Any runner between bases when "time" is called by the plate umpire shall return to the last legally held base unless they have passed half way (in the umpires judgement)
- Two (2) coaches are allowed on the outfield (behind outfielders) during defensive innings in the first 8 Rounds. For the rest of the season only One (1) Coach is permitted. In the finals NO coaches may take the field in the defensive innings.
- Umpires in tee ball are to be of a minimum age. For the season of 2020/21 that age is set at either 12yrs or the Final Year of Mod ball and have a clear understanding of the rules of softball – particularly tee ball.
- All players MUST field and bat (to a maximum of 12).
- Junior On Field and Base Coaches are NOT required to wear Helmets.
- Teams are to bat Alternate Genders (ie male – female – male – female – etc ) in Mixed Competitions as best as possible.
- Teams are to Field a good mix of Genders on the diamond at all times as best as they are able If possible at least three (3) Females on the Infield.

## **SPECIFIC COMPETITION MODIFICATIONS**

### **Modball**

- Pitchers plate distance is 38 feet for girls and 40ft for boys.
- Game Duration is 75 Minutes.
- Maximum of FIVE runs per innings (i.e. offensive inning complete at 3 outs or 5 runs – whichever occurs first).
- Players can only pitch or catch (or a combination of both) for a maximum of 2 innings in any game.
- For the first 5 Rounds after Ball 4 is called – a Tee will be used to effect a hit. Strikes/Foul Balls will be carried over and if the swing misses a strike will be counted. If this is Strike 3 then it will be Called OUT. Players may NOT steal with the Tee in play. No more than two bases from a tee hit.
- Teams are to bat Alternate Genders (ie male – female – male – female – etc ) in Mixed Competitions as best as possible.
- Teams are to Field a good mix of Genders on the diamond at all times as best as they are able If possible at least three (3) Females on the Infield.
- Teams are encouraged to develop both a Male and Female Battery in the spirit of the game. Failure to do so will be investigated by the PCSA Exec and Penalties may apply.

## **SPECIFIC COMPETITION MODIFICATIONS**

### **Minors**

- Game Length is 90 minutes.
- A Teams turn at Bat is completed with 3 Out, 7 Across the Plate or Coaches Declaration.
- Boys Pitch at 43ft
- Girls Pitch at 40ft (they may pitch at 43ft with no penalty)
- Teams are to bat Alternate Genders (ie male – female – male – female – etc ) in Mixed Competitions as best as possible.
- Teams are to Field a good mix of Genders on the diamond at all times as best as they are able If possible at least three (3) Females on the Infield.

# SPECIFIC COMPETITION MODIFICATIONS

## Majors

- Boys Pitch at 46ft
- Girls Pitch at 43 ft. (They may pitch at 46ft with no penalty)
- Game Length is 90 minutes
- A Teams turn at Bat is completed with 3 Out, 7 Across the Plate or Coaches Declaration.
- Teams are to bat Alternate Genders (ie male – female – male – female – etc ) in Mixed Competitions as best as possible.
- Teams are to Field a good mix of Genders on the diamond at all times as best as they are able If possible at least three (3) Females on the Infield.

## UMPIRING

Any Umpire not in official Blue Uniform must not be **CHALLENGED** by anyone during the game. I.e. No protests or challenges of rulings.

Any club umpires (not Blues) that are juniors and are appointed to a game **MUST** be accompanied by an Adult or an Older Certified Umpire.

If club umpires appointed to a game fail to arrive, the participating teams are to supply umpires. They are to note on the result sheet that the appointed umpires failed to attend. Please record the names and clubs of the substitute umpires clearly on the result sheet.

If club umpires that are appointed to a game fail to arrive, the club will identify the offending team that was rostered for the game. That team will have 3 competition points stripped for that week of competition where they miss the duty and may be fined \$50.

Three failures by that team will result in them being ineligible to participate in the finals.

The Umpire-in-Chief (UIC), or the person appointed by the UIC, will determine if and when games will be suspended and / or abandoned in the case of inclement weather.

- In the event that a game is abandoned (or suspended and resumed), because of wet weather or unsafe playing conditions, it shall be declared a valid game if:
  1. three complete innings have been played, (or the team second at bat is in front after the top of the third inning has been completed);  
or
  2. Half of the scheduled playing time has elapsed from the scheduled starting time to the time of the suspension or abandonment, and at least one complete innings has been played.
- If the Game is not valid then both teams will record a score of Nil All (0-0) and each team shall be awarded 2 competition points.

## **FINAL SERIES FOR TEEBALL, MODBALL, MINORS, MAJORS DIVISION & SENIOR DIVISIONS**

The PCSA Final Series will be held over three weekends.

These dates will be:	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	(Final)
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	(Grand Final)
Finals	(Game 1) 1 v 3 (Game 2) 2 v 4	
Grand Final	(Game 4) Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2	

### **2021/22 FINAL SERIES RULES**

The 2021/22 Competition Rules will apply with these additions:

#### Re-Allocation of Games

In the case where a Game has gone to a Tie Game situation or is running over time there may be a requirement for the reallocation of Games to enable the Comp to run to time. In this case the Umpire in Chief has full authority. The UIC may seek assistance from the Registrar and Comp Manager in this and seek the aid of other exec in setup of diamonds etc as needed.

Re Allocation will take into consideration other factors such as players already playing in a current game and steps will be taken to avoid conflict in these areas.

The UIC will be the Game Day Authority in these decisions.

#### Eligibility of Players

- To participate in the Finals' series a registered player must have played at least one third of the preliminary round games (excluding washouts-byes) for their registered team or for a lower division.
- Borrowed players from the same club can be used as a SUBSTITUTION and may play ONLY in the event of an INJURY – and only if that will leave the team roster with less than nine (9) players.
- There will be NO borrowing of players from other clubs for the finals series.
- Playing an ineligible player will result in an immediate forfeit for that team and the team will take no further part in the finals series.



