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5.6.2	<p>From - Late start to game – against offending team \$20</p> <p>To - Late start to game – against offending team \$20</p> <p>Umpire not present 10 minutes before scheduled start of game. Forfeiture of umpire fees to BBA</p>
5.6.2	<p>From -No bases and / or home plate and / or painted pitching mat and / or lines provided 1st offence - \$20 each 2nd and subsequent offence - \$50 each</p> <p>To - No bases and / or home plate and / or painted pitching mat and / or lines provided and / or painted batting boxes 1st offence - \$20 each 2nd and subsequent offence - \$50 each</p>
5.7.1	<p>From - Any Club, team or affiliated or associate Association or player or member thereof, failing to carry out any direction of the Pennant Committee (which is within its powers) shall be liable to suspension or disqualification at the pleasure of the Pennant Committee or to such other penalty as the Pennant Committee may deem appropriate.</p> <p>To - Any Club, team or affiliated or associate Association or player or member thereof, failing to carry out any direction of the Pennant Committee (which is within its powers) shall be liable to suspension or disqualification at the discretion of the Pennant Committee or to such other penalty as the Pennant Committee may deem appropriate.</p>
5.7.4 (2)	<p>Inserted governance ruling re Tribunal suspended person</p> <p>(2) Any registered player, club member or official of the BBA who has been suspended by the BBA Tribunal must abide by rule 4.07 of the Australian Baseball Rules – 7th Edition (the rules under which the BBA competition is governed) and the 2015 Umpire Manual which interprets this rule which states quite clearly “ If a manager, coach, player or athletic trainer is under suspension, he may take part in his teams activities prior to the start of the game. During the term of the suspension, he shall leave the field before the game starts, change to street clothes, and either leave the park or take a seat in the stands well removed from the vicinity of his clubs bench or bullpen. If under suspension, he may not be in the dugout or press box during the course of the game.” The ruling of the BBA has always dictated that a suspended person(s) must be out of sight and cannot be heard by the attending umpires. In other words not to have any interaction with the umpires before, during or after the game. Any person breaching this provision (5.7.4 (2)) is liable to further suspension, monetary penalty or deregistration by the Pennant Committee. Any person so sanctioned may appeal, via the Secretary of the BBA, to the full Committee of the BBA against being so sanctioned.</p>

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1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1.1 PREAMBLE

1.1.1 The Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) competition is administered and managed by the BBA and its Sub Committee, the BBA Pennant Committee.

1.1.2 The BBA is affiliated with Baseball Victoria (BV). The BBA committee operates through the auspices of the BBA Rules, Statement of Purposes and Bylaws which are available from the BBA Secretary.

1.1.3 These Bylaws shall be called the BBA Bylaw #1 – Administration of Baseball.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

1.2.1 The objectives of the BBA are -

- a) To ensure that BBA competitions are conducted with the highest degree of integrity, fairness, transparency and common sense;
- b) To provide a fair and balanced competition structure for all Grades of baseball within the BBA Competition;
- c) To provide suitable competition pathways for all players to reach their playing goals;
- d) To provide an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all participants; and
- e) To maintain a safe playing environment for all participants.

1.3 RULES

1.3.1 All affiliated BBA clubs are bound by these Bylaws, BBA Policies and Codes of Conduct and the Official Baseball Rules. Where these Bylaws and the Official Baseball Rules are inconsistent, the Bylaws will apply to the extent of any inconsistency.

1.4 ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS

1.4.1 The BBA Competition shall incorporate baseball played in both Junior and Senior Competitions in the Greater Bendigo Area during any calendar year. The BBA is inclusive of clubs outside the Greater Bendigo Area wishing to affiliate.

1.5 MATTERS OTHER THAN COVERED BY BYLAWS

1.5.1 Any matter of any kind whatsoever not dealt with or provided for in these Bylaws may be dealt with in such manner as the BBA Committee may deem fit.

1.6 COMMUNICATION

1.6.1 All communications to the BBA regarding or required by this document are to be forwarded to the BBA Secretary at the address shown in attached Appendix "A"

1.6.2 Any notification forwarded by email shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee:

a) on the date of transmission (if sent by 5.00 pm AEST); or

b) the following business day (if sent after 5.00 pm AEST).

1.6.3 All payments to the BBA must be deposited electronically into the BBA's account.

1.6.4 Where these Bylaws require communication from a Club Secretary, the Club President, Vice President or Treasurer (as listed on the BBA Club Form) any of those listed may send the communication on their behalf. Clubs must advise the BBA Secretary of any person temporarily filling any of these positions if they are not listed on the BBA Club Form.

These By Laws shall be read in conjunction with the Rules of the Bendigo Baseball Association Incorporated and shall be binding on its members, teams, players and officials.

1.7 INTERPRETATIONS

In these Bylaws, unless contrary intention appears:

Term	Means
ABL	Australian Baseball League
BBA	Bendigo Baseball Association Inc.
BBA Committee	The Committee appointed by the Clubs responsible for running the administration and financial matters of the BBA
BBA Pennant Committee	Person or Persons appointed by the BBA to run the BBA competition
BBA Player	Any player in a BBA Team
Calendar of Events	Schedule "A" in Section 3.8
Club	An incorporated club affiliated in with these Bylaws
Club President	Individual nominated as President of a club as nominated on BBA Club form
Club Secretary	Individual nominated as Secretary of a club as nominated on BBA Club form
Finals Series	The post regular season games to determine the winner of the season
Grand Final	The final game in the Finals series

1.8 OTHER TERMS

Terms and rules not defined within this document shall take the same meaning as in the Official Baseball Rules or otherwise in the Macquarie Dictionary.

2. AFFILIATION

2.1 AFFILIATION FOR FIRST TIME

Applications from Clubs affiliating with BBA for the first time must include:

- a) a covering letter signed by the Club President or nominated head of the proposed organisation as well as BBA Form #1 Affiliation with BBA for 1st Time;
- b) a budget projection for the Club;
- c) a certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation;
- d) a submission for approval of the Club's uniform colours, design and sponsorship logos; and
- e) a two (2) year Operation Plan.

2.2 UNIFORM – CLUB AND BBA

2.2.1 Before Clubs can present players in any approved competition, they must obtain approval of the Club's uniform colours and design. Applications from Clubs renewing their affiliation must include the Club uniforms if they propose to change their authorised uniform colours, design or sponsorship logos. Clubs must also submit this if they wish to change their uniform or introduce new logos during the season. All Club sponsor logos should be restricted to the left sleeve of undershirts and/or playing tops.

2.2.2 ASSOCIATION UNIFORM

2.2.2.1 Association Colours

The colours of the Association shall be primarily Royal Blue, Gold and Grey. Before issuing uniforms to player selected to participate in representative matches, the Secretary of the Association, Manager, or duly appointed representative, shall obtain from each player a receipt, for the uniforms as part of the agreement signed by players, mentioned in the Championships Plan accepting responsibility for the care and return of the uniform in good order and condition.

2.2.2.2 Security for Association Uniform

Should it be deemed necessary, it shall be lawful for the Secretary to demand a deposit of 20%, or more, as security. The security to be refunded on return of the uniform in a condition satisfactory to the Secretary or the manager of the team. Uniforms of the Association shall be returned to the Team Manager on completion of the relevant competition. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure all uniforms are returned to the Secretary of the Association.

2.2.2.3 Penalty for non-return of Association Uniform -

(1) One warning to both player and player's Club, requesting return of uniform and advice of penalty if uniform not returned; and

(2) If item of uniform cannot be recovered within 14 days after issue of warning as per 2.2.2.3(1), the player responsible will be invoiced immediately for value of uniform item and return time for payment will be 7 days from issue of invoice.

(3) If the invoice as per Bylaw 2.2.2.3(2) remains unpaid after the set 7 days a penalty will be applied as per By Law 5.7.1.

2.3 REAFFILIATION OF CLUBS

Clubs wishing to re-affiliate for the coming season must meet the criteria listed below:

a) the Club must provide a current Club Information Form and a covering letter requesting affiliation with the BBA signed by the Club President;

b) the Club must show that they are working in accordance with a current Strategic Plan that is a living document and is updated on a regular basis;

- c) the Club must demonstrate that they have Governance Policies and Procedures in place including a succession plan for committee positions;
- d) the Club must produce an annual report and submit it to the BBA Secretary. The annual report must include an income and expenditure statement and a balance sheet that has been audited and submitted in accordance with the current Victorian Law;
- e) the Club must incorporate strategies for junior recruitment and development into their Strategic Plan and assist in BBA recruitment and schools programs;
- f) the Club facilities must comply with the any requirement as set out by the BBA Pennant Committee and adhere to any directions given by BBA Executive or the BBA Pennant Committee following any on-site check;
- g) the Club must ensure that all players and volunteers (including scorers, club umpires and coaches) are correctly registered with the BBA Registration Secretary on the approved form, meaning they are active and financial;
- h) the Club must ensure that all relevant volunteers, over the age of 18 years, hold a current *Working with Children Act* (VIC) card;
- i) the Club must have a enough BBA trained umpires to assist the BBA Umpires (if required).

2.4 REVIEW OF AFFILIATION

2.4.1 The BBA Secretary and Registration Secretary shall review all affiliations, which shall be valid for the ensuing twelve (12) months.

2.4.2 The BBA Secretary, in consultation with the BBA Registration Secretary and Chair of the BBA Pennant Committee, may accept or reject any application for affiliation based on the criteria listed in Bylaws 2.1 and 2.3 above. The BBA Secretary may use his / her discretion to impose certain conditions in respect of a Club's application including the nomination of the delegates to the BBA Committee.

2.4.3 The Pennant Committee or the BBA Committee may use its discretion to cancel or suspend the affiliation of any Club at any time.

2.5 TEAM NOMINATIONS

Clubs and/or the BBA may nominate teams in any competition, subject to Bylaw 2.3 (Div 1, 2 and 3 (If required)). Nominations must be sent to the BBA Secretary in writing on the prescribed form – BBA Senior Team Nomination Form – BBA Form #5 (available from the BBA Secretary) - by the date stipulated in the Calendar of Events in Section 3.8

The BBA Committee may use its discretion to reject team nominations where a Club has insufficient registered players on the approved database to field the relevant team. The

BBA Pennant Committee shall be notified via the forwarding of the relevant BBA Club Form of the request by the relevant club

The BBA Pennant Committee shall determine the number of grades and teams in each competition based on Club nominations.

The BBA Pennant Committee may use its discretion to promote or relegate any team before or during the season where it is appropriate to do so having regard to the competitiveness or structure of the relevant competition.

If teams are withdrawn after the date for Final Team Nominations stipulated in Section 2.5, the Club will be penalised in accordance with Bylaw 5.6.1.2.

The BBA Committee, in consultation with the BBA Pennant Committee, may use its discretion to accept or reject team nominations made after the date for Final Team Nominations stipulated in Section 2.5.

2.6 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS – CLEARANCE

2.6.1 Any player registered with the BBA shall have the right to transfer:

- a/ From one Club to another within the BBA;
- b/ To an interstate Club; or
- c/ A Club of an affiliated body,

provided that the appropriate Registration/Clearance Form is completed and endorsed by the player's parent Club.

2.6.2 Between 1 July and the completion of the final round in any season there shall be no transfer of players between Clubs of the BBA except:

- a/ if the clearance procedure required by these Bylaws has been commenced, but not completed by 1 July; or
- b/ The transfer of player from a Club of the BBA to an interstate club or the club of an affiliated body may be carried out at any time.

The completed Registration/Clearance Form for all such transfers must be endorsed by the BBA Registration Secretary before the transfer can be considered finalised.

3. FINANCIAL

3.1 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial Year of the BBA shall commence on the first (1st) day of November and cease on the last day of October of the following year.

3.2 EXPENSES

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have power on behalf of the BBA, without seeking "special authority" to expend up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the immediate expenses of the BBA, provided that such expenditure shall be submitted for ratification by the next meeting of the Committee of the BBA.

3.3 SPECIAL LEVIES

All special levies and / or other monies set aside by the BBA for a specific purpose(s) shall be recorded in separate entries and shall be utilised only for such specific purpose(s).

3.4 LIABILITY OF THE BBA

The BBA shall not be responsible for any debts incurred by constituent members, clubs, teams or officials unless endorsed by the Committee of the BBA. No person shall incur any expense to the BBA unless with written consent of the BBA or as herein provided.

3.5 NON-PAYMENT OF MONIES DUE TO THE BBA

Any Member or person failing to pay fees, subscription levies or other monies properly payable on or before the due date shall be liable to a late payment penalty fine as determined by the Committee. Club members shall forfeit its rights of representation at Committee meetings and its team or teams shall be debarred from taking part in any BBA final competition until all outstanding monies have been paid.

3.6 DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Any account for fees, subscriptions, levies and other amounts due by each club, shall be rendered to the respective Clubs by the Honorary Treasurer on or about the first of each month during the competition. In accordance with common trading practice accounts are payable within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Accounts thirty-one (31) days past the due date of invoice will be considered overdue.

3.7 MEMBERSHIP, ENTRY FEE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

3.7.1 Membership, entry fees and subscriptions shall be set at the Annual General Meeting of the BBA as set out in the Rules of the Bendigo Baseball Association, Part 3, Sub Section 12 and are payable on or before 30 June in each year.

3.7.2 All Clubs are to pay invoices issued by the BBA and/or Baseball Vic within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice, or they shall be deemed unfinancial.

3.7.3 Any Club that is unfinancial under this Section shall not continue to play in the competition. Games scheduled during the unfinancial period shall be deemed to be a forfeit in favour of the opposing team.

3.7.4 Any Club that is unfinancial under this Section shall not receive trophies or awards until the Club becomes financial.

3.8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – ADMINISTRATION

REQUIREMENT FOR CALENDAR

The following Calendar of Events nominates the key requirements for the administration of the League competitions. Timely completion and/or submission of these requirements by Clubs shall allow the BBA administration to develop and communicate specific details regarding the upcoming season in enough time for Clubs to recruit, register and nominate players and teams for the season.

Requirement	Days Required (of any year)
Affiliation documents (BBA Form #1)	56 days prior
Club Information Form (BBA Form #2)	28 days prior
Re-affiliation documents (BBA Form #3)	28 days prior
Availability of Grounds and condition report (BBA Form #4)	28 days prior
Senior Competition nominations (BBA Form #5)	21 days prior
Junior Competition nominations (BBA Form #5)	TBA
Code of Conduct Acknowledgement. List is active document & updated	7 days prior
Top 6 list. List is active document & updated monthly	7 days prior

Note – Days prior means number of days prior to the start of the relevant season.

4. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

4.1 PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED PLAYERS

Each club shall activate, on the current approved ABF database, a list of names and updated addresses and other details of previously registered players who will be playing

for the club in the forthcoming season **prior to the first game of the season and must be ticked as active.**

4.2 ADDITIONAL PLAYERS (Senior and Junior)

Prior to a player playing his/her first game for the season, whether an existing player, new player or as a 'fill in' for the day, clubs are required to enter the players details on the approved ABF Data base prior to that player taking the ground for the first time.

4.3 NEW PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

4.3.1 Prior to a new player (senior and junior) participating in his/her FIRST game – players need to complete the Baseball Victoria registration form and return this to their relevant Club Official prior to them taking the field.

4.3.2 Clubs are to safely and securely store the completed forms and may be asked to produce the form if required by the Bendigo Baseball Association Registration Secretary.

4.3.4 Clubs are responsible for adding details of all new players (senior and junior) on the current ABF data base. NOTE: These players must then be **ticked** as active.

4.3.5 Junior players – the relevant club official must be satisfied that the date of birth provided is correct.

4.3.6 Clubs are to check on the 1st of each month, during any season of the BBA, their active player list to ensure that it is accurate.

5. **BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (BBA) PENNANT COMMITTEE**

5.1 ESTABLISHMENT

The BBA Pennant Committee is established and administered by the BBA Committee.

5.2 ROLES OF BBA PENNANT COMMITTEE

5.2.1 The administration of the competition(s) conducted by the BBA (including draws, ground clearance and conditions) BUT does not included registration of persons, affiliation of clubs or any financial matters pertaining to the BBA which remain the sole responsibility of the BBA Committee;

5.2.2 Hearing administrative disputes and game protests arising under the BBA Bylaws;

5.2.3 Making recommendations to the BBA Committee for determination of administrative disputes and game protests arising under the BBA Bylaws; and

5.2.4 Providing advisory opinions on the BBA Bylaws.

5.3 DISPUTES (DISAGREEMENT WITH PENNANT COMMITTEE)

5.3.1 A Club Secretary or President may refer a dispute relating to the administration of the competition and these Bylaws to the BBA Pennant Committee by completing and forwarding a BBA Dispute Form to the BBA Secretary.

5.3.2 The Club must pay a deposit of \$100.00 which will be refunded if the dispute is upheld, or otherwise, at the discretion of the BBA Pennant Committee if it is not considered frivolous or vexatious. The protest will not be heard until after a confirmation of transfer of the deposit has been forwarded to the BBA Secretary.

5.3.3 All administration disputes will be conducted in the same format as a BBA Tribunal Hearing with a quorum being at least two (2) members and no more than three (3) members of the Pennant Committee being present with the BBA Secretary or nominee to take minutes.

5.4 PROTESTS (DISAGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL GAME RULES)

5.4.1 During a game, any teams head coach may protest a ruling associated with a game on the grounds that the ruling is contrary to the Official Baseball Rules and/or these Bylaws. At no time can a judgment decision be protested.

5.4.2 At the time the protest arises, the protesting head coach must advise the umpire-in-chief of the nature of the protest and:

a) the umpire-in-chief must inform the scorers that the game is being played under protest;

b) the umpire-in-chief must inform the head coach of the opposing team of the nature of the protest; and

c) the scorers must record the time of the protest and the details of the protest on the game card and in the appropriate section of the scorebooks.

5.4.3 After the game, the protesting Club Secretary or President must email or fax a BBA Dispute Form to the BBA Secretary no later than 4 pm on the next business day (Monday to Friday).

5.4.4 The Club must pay a deposit of \$100.00 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld or otherwise at the discretion of the BBA Pennant Committee if the dispute is not considered frivolous or vexatious. The protest will not be heard until after a confirmation of transfer has been forwarded to the Pennant Committee.

5.4.5 No protest pertaining to an umpire's technical game ruling (excluding game-ending plays) can be made after the game has been completed. All protests must be made at the time the play occurs and before the next pitch, play or attempted play.

5.4.6 Protests relating to game-ending plays or breaches which arise after completion of the game that are not recorded on the game card must be reported in accordance with the procedure outlined in 5.3 of this Bylaw.

5.4.7 The BBA Secretary shall refer the protest to the BBA Pennant Committee to be resolved as soon as practicable. If the above protest format is not followed, then the protest may be dismissed.

5.4.8 All game protest disputes will be conducted in the same format as a BBA Tribunal Hearing with at least three (3) members of the Pennant Committee being present with the BBA Secretary or nominee to take minutes.

NOTE: Official Baseball Rule 7.04 Protesting Games

Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the [BBA] the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.

5.5 RIGHT OF APPEAL

5.5.1 There is no right of appeal from a decision of the BBA Pennant Committee in relation to a game protest.

5.5.2 There is no right of appeal from a decision of the BBA Tribunal.

5.5.3 Any club, team or affiliate or associate Association or players or members thereof suspended, disqualified or penalised by the Pennant Committee in relation to Bylaws 5.6.1 and / or Bylaw 5.7 shall have the right of appeal to the Committee of the BBA notwithstanding any club affiliation would disqualify those members of the Committee.

5.5.3.1 The appeal must be lodged, in writing (either hardcopy or via email), with the Secretary of the BBA within 14 days of the said suspension.

5.5.3.2 This being subject to any right of appeal which may exist, to any authority for the time being controlling baseball in Victoria or, any part thereof; the decision of the BBA Committee shall be final and binding.

5.5.3.3 The Committee shall have the right on any such appeal to increase or reduce any penalty previously imposed.

5.6 BREACHES OF BYLAWS

5.6.1 The BBA Pennant Committee shall forward to the relevant Club Secretary an invoice, or notification of penalty, for each breach incurred. The notification shall detail all breaches applicable.

5.6.2 Minimum penalties for breaches of these Bylaws are as follows (repeated or deliberate breaches of the Bylaws may be penalised at the discretion of the BBA Pennant Committee):

Infringement / Breach	Fine / Penalty
General	
Non- attendance of club at any scheduled BBA meeting	1 st offence - \$30 2 nd offence – Loss of match point to highest grade team 3 rd offence - Loss of match point to highest grade team and \$100
Late return of Match / Vote Card within 72 hours (excludes T Ball)	\$10
Forfeiture of a game	1 st / 2 nd offence – loss of game and both official umpires fees as fine; 3 rd offence – loss of game plus official umpires fees and MUST show cause why the team should not be removed from the competition.
Withdrawal of team after Senior Team Nomination date	Club fined \$200
Illegal player, including breach of player eligibility, registration and suspended player	\$50 per player and loss of game.
Underage player	\$30 and loss of game
Prohibited substances	\$200 per person and ejection.
Player out of uniform	\$50 per player.
Player failure to return Association Uniform, after Invoice issued	See Bylaw 6.7.1 (of these bylaws) Failure to carry out direction
Exceed pitch count	1 st offence -\$200 and loss of game 2 nd or Finals offences - \$100 and additional \$10 per 10 pitch count over and loss of game
Late start to game – against offending team Umpire not present 10 minutes before scheduled start of game.	\$20 Forfeiture of umpire fees to BBA
Unsigned or incomplete Match Cards	\$20 – each team or Umpire
Ground or Playing Conditions	

No bases and / or home plate and / or painted pitching mat and / or lines provided and / or painted batting boxes	1 st offence - \$20 each 2 nd and subsequent offence - \$50 each
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Diamond marking incomplete (includes home run line or cones etc)	\$20
Incomplete clean-up of diamond whilst home team at neutral venue	\$50
Umpire	
Non attendance of BBA appointed umpire	\$50
Club umpire not provided	1 st offence - \$20 2 nd and subsequent offence - \$40
No umpire supplied at Junior Match	1 st offence - \$10 2 nd and subsequent offence - \$20

5.7 SUSPENSION, DISQUALIFICATIONS, DEREGISTRATIONS AND PENALTIES

5.7.1 Failure to carry out direction

Any Club, team or affiliated or associate Association or player or member thereof, failing to carry out any direction of the Pennant Committee (which is within its powers) shall be liable to suspension or disqualification at the discretion of the Pennant Committee or to such other penalty as the Pennant Committee may deem appropriate.

5.7.2 Endorsement of Suspensions

The Pennant Committee shall have power to endorse any suspension, disqualification or penalty imposed by anybody controlling baseball, either within or outside Victoria provided that the BBA shall have received notification in writing of such suspension, disqualification or penalty.

5.7.3 Forfeiture of Rights and Privileges

Any club, team or affiliate or associate Association which is under suspension or disqualification by the Pennant Committee in accordance with Bylaw 5.7.1 or 5.7.2 of this Bylaw shall forfeit –

- (1) All rights and privileges held under or in the BBA or in its property;
- (2) Its delegates shall cease to act and shall not be entitled to attend any meetings for the Association; and
- (3) Its members shall be debarred at the pleasure of Pennant Committee from taking part in any match played under the control of the BBA.

5.7.4 Persons Under Suspension Debarred from Taking Part in Matches.

(1) Any person under suspension or disqualification by the Pennant Committee in accordance with Bylaw 5.7.1 or 5.7.2 of this Bylaw shall be debarred from playing or taking part in any match under the control of the BBA and any member of any Club, team or association knowingly playing or taking part in any match in which such suspended or disqualified person plays or takes part shall be liable to suspension or disqualification or such other penalty as the Pennant Committee may determine.

(2) Any registered player, club member or official of the BBA who has been suspended by the BBA Tribunal must abide by rule 4.07 of the Australian Baseball Rules – 7th Edition (the rules under which the BBA competition is governed) and the 2015 Umpire Manual

which interprets this rule which states quite clearly " *If a manager, coach, player or athletic trainer is under suspension, he may take part in his teams activities prior to the start of the game. During the term of the suspension, he shall leave the field before the game starts, change to street clothes, and either leave the park or take a seat in the stands well removed from the vicinity of his clubs bench or bullpen. If under suspension, he may not be in the dugout or press box during the course of the game.*" The ruling of the BBA has always dictated that a suspended person(s) must be out of sight and cannot be heard by the attending umpires. In other words, not to have any interaction with the umpires before, during or after the game. Any person breaching this provision (5.7.4 (2)) is liable to further suspension, monetary penalty or deregistration by the Pennant Committee. Any person so sanctioned may appeal, via the Secretary of the BBA, to the full Committee of the BBA against being so sanctioned.

5.7.5 Misconduct on or off the field

Should any registered player, Club member or official conduct himself / herself in a disorderly manner either on or off the playing field, the Pennant Committee may suspend or otherwise deal with the offender, parent/guardian in such manner as it may deem appropriate.

5.7.6 General Powers of the Pennant Committee

The Pennant Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or otherwise deal with a registered player, Club member or official for any act or misdemeanour not provided for in these Bylaws or Rules of the BBA. Any person so sanctioned may appeal, via the Secretary of the BBA, to the full Committee of the BBA against being so sanctioned.

5.7.7 BBA Player and Official Deregistration Policy

5.7.7.1 The purpose of this section allows for players and officials with a poor tribunal record to be deregistered from playing or being involved with baseball for life.

5.7.7.2 The deregistration is automatically applied to any player or official who, since the age of 16, has been suspended for a cumulative total of 16 games or more in any Australian suburban, country or state league or association that plays baseball.

5.7.7.3 The process will be administered by the BBA Pennant Committee. The Secretary of the BBA Tribunal will notify the Secretary of the BBA Pennant Committee once a player or registered official reaches a cumulative total of 12 match suspensions. The Pennant Committee will then cause for the player / official to be notified in writing of the deregistration when the player / official reaches a cumulative total of 16 games.

5.7.7.4 Players / officials may appeal, to the Pennant Committee, for re-registration, but if successful a further suspension will result in deregistration without the right to a further appeal. It should be noted that the deregistration will be noted to all relevant baseball bodies within Australia.

6. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

6.1 CLEARANCE

6.1.1 Any player registered with the BBA shall have the right to transfer from one Club to another within the BBA, to an interstate Club or a Club of an affiliated body, provided that the appropriate Registration/Clearance Form is completed and endorsed by the player's parent Club.

6.1.2 Between 1 July and the completion of the final round in any season there shall be no transfer of players between Clubs of the Association except if the clearance procedure required by these Bylaws has been commenced, but not completed by 1 July.

6.1.3 The transfer of players from a Club of the BBA to an interstate club or the club of an affiliated body may be carried out at any time. The completed Registration/Clearance Form for all such transfers must be endorsed by the BBA Registration Secretary before the transfer can be considered finalised.

6.1.4 The transfer of players from an interstate club to a club of the Association may be carried out at any time provided that:

6.1.4.1 A clearance in writing is obtained by the player from the parent interstate club and the administration officer (or equivalent) endorses it in that State.

6.1.4.2 The BBA Registration Secretary further endorses the clearance.

6.1.4.3 If the clearance is received by the Registration Secretary on or after the 1 July, evidence satisfactory to the Registration Secretary that the player has been domiciled continuously in Victoria for a period no less than 28 consecutive days.

6.1.4.4 That the player submitting the clearance from a interstate club has not participated in any competition match, in any state, during the period referred to in 6.1.4.3.

6.2 CLEARANCE NOT REQUIRED

Any player who is not under suspension or disqualified by any Club or Association and has not played with a club or been registered as a Coach of a Club at any time during the four preceding years shall be deemed not to be registered with any Club.

6.3 CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

6.3.1 Letter of Approach

6.3.1.1 Any Club desiring to approach a player from another club with a view of seeking a transfer of membership shall write to the player's parent club stating their intention to interview that player.

6.3.1.2 A copy of such letter of approach shall be lodged with the BBA Registration Secretary.

6.3.1.3 Players shall not be approached between 1 July and the completion of the final round in any season.

6.3.1.4 The provisions of Bylaw's 6.3.1.1, 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3 shall be adhered to if a player approaches another Club with a view to obtaining a clearance to that Club.

6.3.2 Formal Interview

The formal interview with the player will not take place until the parent club has received the Letter of Approach.

6.3.3 Clearance Processing by Parent Club

6.3.3.1 Upon receipt of a properly completed Registration/Clearance Form the club, shall, if there is a possibility that the clearance may be refused, arrange to meet the player at a properly constituted Committee meeting of the Club.

6.3.3.2 The timing of this meeting shall be as follows:

(1) Within fourteen days (14) of the date of receipt for a clearance received between 1st March and 1st July in any one year.

(2) The next scheduled Committee meeting for a clearance received between the completion of the final round and 1st March.

6.3.3.3 After due consideration of the reasons put forward by the player, the Club shall decide at that meeting to grant or refuse the clearance.

6.3.3.4 The Registration/Clearance Form shall be endorsed accordingly, and hand delivered to the player immediately.

6.3.3.5 If after proper notification of the meeting and acknowledgment by the player, the player fails to attend the meeting, the club may decide the matter in the player's absence.

6.3.4 Grounds for Automatic Refusal of Clearance

6.3.4.1 A clearance may be refused by a Club without the player being invited to a meeting if:

(1) The player is un-financial – details of a player's un-financial status shall be furnished with the refused Registration/Clearance Form and shall be made available to the Club Committee.

(2) A letter of approach in accordance with Bylaw 7.3.1 has not been received by the Club or the BBA Registration Secretary.

6.3.5 Registration Procedures for Cleared Players.

7.3.5.1 A cleared player does not become a registered player with the new club and cannot participate in a competition match for the new club, until the properly endorsed Registration / Clearance Form has been received by the Registration Secretary of the Association.

6.3.5.2 A player participating in a competition match in contravention of the Bylaw shall be an illegal player and the club shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in Bylaw 5.6.1.

6.3.6 Right of Appeal by Player

6.3.6.1 A player whose clearance application has been refused by the parent club may appeal to the Pennant Committee, via the Registration Secretary, against the refusal.

(1) The appeal shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by the refused Registration/Clearance Form.

(2) Reasons for making the appeal shall be included within the letter and shall be relevant to matters discussed at the meeting with the Club required in Bylaw 7.3.3.

6.3.6.2 The Registration Secretary shall direct all such appeals to the Pennant Committee. The Club refusing the clearance shall, upon receipt of notice from the BBA Secretary appear before the Pennant Committee to show cause why the Clearance was refused. Should a representative of the Club not attend, the Pennant Committee shall have the right to decide the appeal.

6.3.6.3 A player shall be allowed two (2) appeals against the refusal of a clearance in any one (1) season providing that in the judgment of any two members of the Pennant Committee (**provided neither of these persons are members or affiliated with either club involved**), the reasons for requesting the second appeal are significantly different from the reasons of which the first appeal was based.

6.3.6.4 Appeal hearings shall be convened on a "needs basis."

6.3.6.5 The procedures of hearing any appeal shall be decided on by the Pennant Committee, provided that –

- (1) only the player making the appeal; and
- (2) the representative of the parent Club shall appear before the Pennant Committee.

6.3.6.6 If the player making the appeal has not attained the age of 18 years, the player must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or person over the age of 18 years who will act as their Advocate and may speak on their behalf.

6.3.6.7 No appeal shall be considered by the Pennant Committee where the clearance or permit has been refused on the proven ground that monies or materials remain owing by the player to the Club or the BBA.

6.3.6.8 The threat to "Stand out of baseball" will not be considered as a reason for a clearance.

7. AUTHORITY FOR MATCH PLAY

7.1 No match or matches shall be undertaken by any club in the Bendigo Baseball Association Inc (BBA) without the permission of the Committee first being obtained.

7.2 No combination of players shall undertake any match or matches without the sanction of the BBA Committee.

7.3 Any club or player infringing Bylaw 7.1 or 7.2 shall be fined as the Committee may determine, and in the case of the club, may be liable to expulsion from the Association.

7.4 Inter-Association Games

7.4.1 Players for all such matches shall comply with the requirements of the Committee as to transport to and from such matches, accommodation and behaviour.

7.4.2 The expenses of any player of official selected to play in or officiate at such matches shall not be the responsibility of the BBA unless the Committee otherwise determines.

8. DEFUNCT CLUBS

8.1 The Committee may declare defunct:

a/ Any Club which has not affiliated with the Association for a period of two (2) successive years; or

b/ Any Club which makes an application to the BBA to be so declared.

c/ The players of the teams of such club(s) shall, on the Club being declared defunct make application in writing for a clearance and must receive a permit from the Committee before transferring to another Club.

9. FINANCE SHOULD ASSOCIATION CEASE TO FUNCTION

9.1 If upon winding up or dissolution of the BBA there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities of the Association, any money or property whatsoever:

a/ The same shall be given or transferred to some other Association, institution or body having objects similar to the objects of the BBA;

b/ Such Association at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof by the Supreme Court of Victoria or a Judge thereof, and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions then to some charitable object to be determined by the aforesaid.

APPENDIX "A"

Bylaw: ADMINISTRATION – Communication

Contact details for the Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) Inc as per Bylaws (usually the Secretary and Registration Secretary of the BBA).

Information updated and circulated after each Annual General Meeting of the BBA.

Communication etc	Address / Contact
Address	HQ ??
Postal	??
Phone	??
Fax	??
Email	??