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Bylaw - Rule Ratification / Alteration

Date	Bylaw Sect	What happened			
1/4/19 17.9.12 Change of rule		From - Bats: Wood or composite bats only may be used in Div. 1 matches. Wood, composite, ceramic or aluminum bats may be used in Div. 2,3 & Women's matches. To - Bats: Wood or composite bats only may be used in all Senior Matches. Wood, composite, ceramic or aluminum bats may be used in Women's matches.			
20/06/19	18 Different interpretation of rule in line with BA Vic	 From - Rule 8.06 in the "Official Australian Baseball Rules" indicates that there is a limitation to the number of trips a coach/manager can make to the pitcher during an inning. Rule 8.06 does not apply to BBA competitions. To - 18.1 A second visit to the same pitcher in any one inning means the automatic removal of that pitcher from the game in Division 1 only. In all other Senior/Youth grades that pitcher MUST be removed from the mound but may play in another position. 18.2 In Division 1 The Manager/Coach is permitted three free visits to the mound in the game. On the fourth visit the pitcher MUST be removed from the game (or at the second visit during the one separate inning, as above). No limit on the total visits in all other Senior/Youth grades. A Manager/Coach may at any time without penalty go on to the ground for the purpose of giving aid to a sick or injured player. A visit occurs as soon as the manager crosses the foul line, and ends as soon as he/she exits the mound. If he/she then revisits the pitcher, this is a second visit. 18.3 In Division 1 the Catcher shall be permitted to make one trip per inning to the mound. Penalty- 1 ball called for each additional visit. 18.4 The Playing Coach must be nominated on the team sheet. Only a playing coach stationed in the infield can request time out to visit the mound. This visit is deemed one visit to the mound under this rule. 			
17/07/19	20	From – Attached schedule To – New and updated schedule of field of play and diamond sizes, from Baseball Vic bylaws			
23/10/19	Bylaw	Ratified at BBA Committee Meeting			

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Glossary of Terms:

"ABNF" means the Australian Baseball Federation

"BBA" means the Bendigo Baseball Association Inc.

"BV" means Baseball Victoria

"Home Manager" means the designated home team manager of playing on a neutral ground

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"SR" means a Substitute Runner shall be used for the catcher when there are 2 outs if that player gets on base

Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) Inc.

Senior Playing Rules

1. <u>Preamble</u>

The Senior Playing competition rules are to be read in conjunction with the Bylaws of the BBA and the Official Australian Rules of Baseball as published by the ABF.

2. <u>Managers Responsibility</u>

2.1 To complete a line-up in quadruplicate.

2.2 To provide the scorers with his teams batting order and defence.

2.3 To meet the Umpire in Chief at home plate when he arrives to start the game.

2.4 To ensure that his team, except for pitcher (warming up) and catcher if required to warm pitcher up is lined up along either 1^{st} or 3^{rd} baseline on arrival of umpire.

2.5 To present, at home plate, in writing, to the Umpire in Chief and the opposing manger any ground rules unique to their venue. If these ground rules are acceptable to the opposing manager, they shall be legal. If these ground rules are unacceptable to the opposing manager, the Umpire in Chief shall make and enforce any special ground rules he thinks are necessary necessitated by ground conditions. This ruling cannot conflict with the ABF playing rules. All players present must hear the unique ground rules.

2.6. The Home Manager must provide an Umpire in the event of the non-attendance of an umpire. This umpire who will supervise 2.5.

2.7 To present the Umpire in Chief and the opposing manager their line-up.

2.8 The Home manager is to provide the umpire with appropriate match balls.

2.9 The manager is the only team person, during the game, to approach the umpire too seek a ruling or a decision.

2.10 In the event of a protest during a match, to ensure that the scorebook is "ruled" as per baseball scorers recommendations to reflect the position of all players and game situation. On issuing the initial response to protest to the umpire, allowing the umpire an opportunity to consider the objection and then deciding whether to continue the protest.

2.11 At the conclusion of a match, involving a protest, inform the Umpire in Chief, whether the protest is to proceed and endorse the Match Report Card appropriately.

2.12 To ensure that all umpires are remunerated for the match.

2.13 On completion of the match ensure that the Match Report Card, and if required the BBA Report Card Form (BBA Form#7) is sighted and signed.

2.14 On the completion of a match, involving a protest, inform the Umpire in Chief, whether the protest is to proceed and endorse the Match Report Card appropriately.

2.15 The winning manager will be responsible for ensuring that the Media Report is filled in and forwarded to the BBA Media representative, wither by email or other approved format within 24 hours. Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) Inc. Page | 6 of 17 Version 4

3. <u>Scorers Responsibilities</u>

3.1 The home and away team scorers must sit together, during the entirety of the match, in a designated area that is isolated away from players, officials and spectators.

3.2 The scorers will transfer the line-ups of both teams onto their respective scorebooks. The information contained on the "pink" line-up sheet given to them by the managers must be accurately be transposed to the score book prior to the commencement of the match. Scorers must ensure that the Surname and First names are recorded in full and are identical to what is on the "pink" line-up sheet.

3.3 To record their own teams line-up onto the Match Report Card. This information to be accurately transposed from the "pink" line-up sheet supplied by their manager. The information containing the Surname along with First name put on the Match Report Card are accurate.

3.4 To score the match according to the "Official Scoring Rules of Baseball". The scorers' shall have the authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in these rules but only by consensus. Both score books must be identical.

3.5 If the teams change sides before three players are out, the scorer shall immediately inform the umpire of the mistake.

3.6 If the game is protested or suspended, the scorer shall make note of the exact situation at the time of the protest or suspension. The information noted is usually done by "ruling" the scorers boos indicating the score, the number of outs, the position of any runners as well as the ball and strike count on the batter.

3.7 The scorer shall not make any decision conflicting with the Official Playing Rules or with the umpires decision.

3.8 The scorer shall not call the attention of the umpires, or any member of either team, to the fact that a player is batting out of turn.

3.9 At the completion of a match the scorers must:

3.9.1 Note the pitchers on the Match Report Card;

3.9.2 Must record the pitch count of any pitcher who has not attained the age of 18 years on both a pitch count sheet and Match Report Card;

3.9.3 Must complete a statistics sheet for the BBA Awards and forward to the BBA Registration Secretary with 7 days

3.10 The scorer, in conjunction with their manager, complete an injury form for any injury incurred by one of their players in the course of the match. This form is to be forwarded to the BBA Secretary.

4. <u>Starting Matches</u>

4.1 Games shall commence at times stated in fixtures, and these Bylaws, unless other arrangements have been made via the mutual agreement of both clubs, and with the approval of the BBA Pennant Committee.

4.2 No games shall commence unless there are two scorers present.

4.3 The ground manager of the home club, can declare the ground unsuitable for play, up until 15 minutes prior to game time. The ground manager should do this if:

a. There are pools of water on the playing surface, and it is raining.

b. The surface is too slippery to be safe.

c. The batting boxes, and / or the base paths are unsafe.

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d. The ground does not pass a ground assessment.

4.4 Unless the home club shall have given previous notice that the game has been postponed, or will be delayed in starting, the umpire, or umpires, and the Managers of both teams shall enter the playing field fifteen minutes before the time set for the game to begin and proceed directly to home base. They will then decide whether the game is to be abandoned due to adverse weather.

4.5 For any game, up to 15 minutes grace can be allowed to correct ground markings to a reasonable standard before the game need be forfeited. If, and when, a diamond is declared unfit to play, 15 minutes can be allowed for the home team to complete a new diamond, or a "No Game" results. Umpires shall give at least 10 minutes notice before the scheduled starting time, for any ground items requiring attention.

4.6 To "call" a game due to the fitness of the playing conditions, the umpire must be in attendance at the ground at the scheduled time of commencement. This ruling does not prevent the association abandoning a round due to weather etc.

4.7 Matches which are washed out (abandoned), will result in a draw, equal match points, and a score of 0-0 being recorded.

4.8 If the umpire/umpires and the managers of both teams declare the ground suitable, then control of the game goes to the umpire.

4.9 No game should commence if it is raining.

4.10 Once a game is started, the umpire has sole control of decisions regarding the weather, but shall be guided as follows:

a. If the rain increases acutely, and affects visibility, the game should be halted.

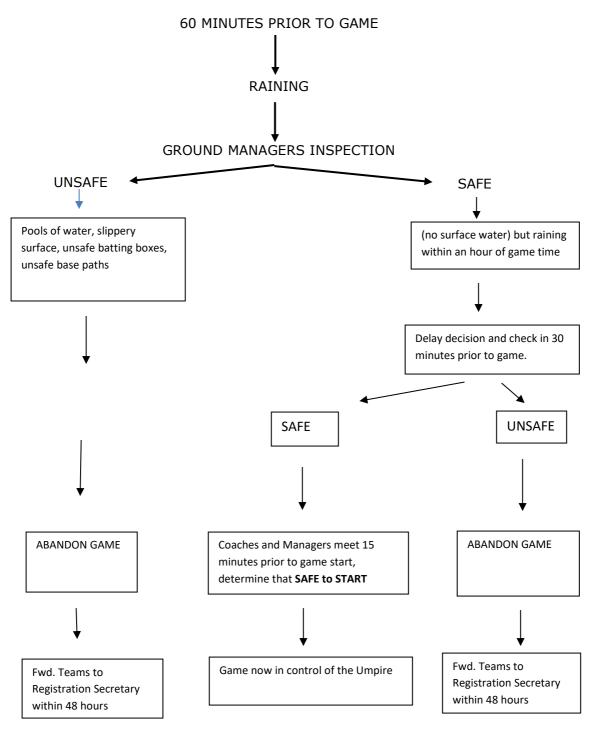
b. If the rain continues and becomes hard enough to cause pools of water on the ground, the game should be halted.

4.11 No attempt should be made to clear water from the ground while it is raining.

4.12 If the rain stops, the home team is to be instructed to remove all the water from the playing surface.

4.13 If they can accomplish this within 15 minutes, the game can resume.

4.14 Rain Delay Chart



Safe = No rain, no pools of water, no slippery surface or unsafe base paths and batting boxes.

Raining but no pools of water, slippery surface or unsafe base paths or batting boxes.

Unsafe = Pools of water, slippery surface, unsafe base paths or batting boxes and it is still raining.

Rain has stopped but ground cannot be made playable within 15 minutes of playing time.

5. <u>Pre — Match Diamond Warmup</u>

5.1 Fifteen minutes (15) prior to the scheduled start time, the visiting team may use the diamond for a maximum of 5 minutes.

5.2 Ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the home team may use the diamond for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

6. <u>Pre – Match Start: Managers and Teams Meet with Umpire in Chief</u>

6.1 Five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the diamond is to be vacated. Managers from both teams are to meet with the umpires at the home plate to determine ground rules etc.

6.2 Each team, except for pitcher (warming up) and catcher if required to warm pitcher up, is lined up along either 1st or 3rd baseline on arrival of umpire. To be informed of ground rules and to shake the hands of the opposing team prior to retiring to their respective benches. The home team is to bring its gloves and equipment so after shaking hands they can immediately go to their positions.

6.3 The home manager shall give their batting order to the umpire-in-chief, in duplicate.

6.4 Next the visiting manager shall give his batting order to the umpire-in-chief, in duplicate.

6.5 The umpire-in-chief shall make certain that the original and copies of the respective batting orders are identical, and then tender a copy of each batting order to the opposing manager. The copy retained by the umpire shall be the official batting order. The tender of the batting order by the umpire shall establish the batting orders.

Thereafter, no substitutions shall be made by either manager, except as provided by the Official Rules of Baseball, and the BBA Bylaws.

6.6 A copy of the batting orders are given to each scorer, by the managers.

6.7 As soon as the home team's batting order is handed to the umpire-in-chief, the umpires are in charge of the playing field, and from that moment they shall have sole authority to determine when a game shall be called, suspended or resumed on account of weather or the condition of the playing field.

7. <u>Designated Hitter Rule</u>

7.1 A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game, without otherwise affecting the status of the pitcher/s in the game. A Designated Hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included on the line up cards presented to the Umpire-in-Chief.

7.2 It is not mandatory that a club designate a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the game, precludes the use of the Designated Hitter for that game.

7.3 Pinch hitters for the Designated Hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for a Designated Hitter, becomes the Designated Hitter. A replaced Designated Hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.

7.4 The Designated Hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and the manager must then designate their spots in the batting order.

A runner may be substituted for the Designated Hitter, and the runner assumes the role of the Designated Hitter. A Designated Hitter may not pinch run.

7.5 A Designated Hitter is "locked" into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the Designated Hitter.

7.6 Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to a defensive position, this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the rest of the game.

7.7 Once a pinch hitter bats for any player in the batting order, and then re-enters the game to pitch, this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game. (The game pitcher may only pinch hit for the Designated Hitter).

7.8 Once a Designated Hitter assumes a defensive position, this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game. A substitute for the Designated Hitter need not be announced until it is the Designated Hitter's turn to bat.

8. Legal Game or Regulation Game.

8.1 A regulation game consists of 2 hours (Div 1,2 and 3), or 90 minutes (Women's) unless extended due to finals, or shortened:

8.1.1. Because the home team needs none of its half of the inning, or only a fraction of it; or

8.1.2 In the case of an Division 1 game, the time has reached 5.00pm; or

8.1.3 Because the umpire calls the game.

8.2 A Legal Game shall be a minimum of 65 minutes for men's competition and 50 minutes for women's competition or a regulation game as per "Official Baseball Rules", Rule 4.10c. : If a game is called, it is a regulation game:

8.2.1 If five innings have been completed; or

8.2.2 If the home team has scored more runs in four, or four and a fraction half-innings than the visiting team has scored in 5 complete half-innings; or

8.2.3 If the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the 5th to tie the score.

8.3 If each team has the same number of runs when the game ends, the umpire shall declare it a "Tie Game."

8.4 If a game is called before it becomes a regulation game, the umpire shall declare it "No Game."

9. <u>Substitute Runner for Catcher</u>

9.1 A Substitute Runner - SR - shall be used for the catcher when there are 2 outs, i.e. when the game catcher reaches base, a runner shall substitute immediately.

9.2 The SR shall be a bench player, however if there is no bench player, then the last player out <u>must</u> be the SR.

10. Five Minute Rule

10.1 The Five-Minute Rule shall apply to all senior matches.

10.2 If the game has more than 5 minutes before the scheduled finish time from the call of "side away", and even innings have been played, a further complete innings shall be played.

10.3 If the game has 5 minutes or less remaining to the scheduled finishing time, and completed innings have been played, the game will stop immediately.

10.4 If the game has 5 minutes or less to the scheduled finishing time and if the inning has not been completed with the home team ahead, then the game will stop immediately.

10.5 If the home team is tied or behind, then the game will continue until either the winning run is scored, or until the home side has been retired.

Note: The rule will be applied with a maximum of 10 minutes added to the scheduled finishing time. If the game fails to be completed within the 10 minutes added on to the scheduled finishing time, scores revert back to the last completed innings.

11. One – Sided Games (10 Run Rule)

11.1 Any Division 1 or 2 game which has a team leading by ten (10) or more runs after 7 completed innings will be concluded at that point, except if the home team is leading by ten runs or more, the bottom half of that innings will not be played. This rule also applies in the 8th inning and in all finals matches.

11.2 Any Division 3 or Women's game which has a team leading by ten (10) or more runs after 5 completed innings will be concluded at that point, except if the home team is leading by ten runs or more, the bottom half of that innings will not be played. This rule also applies in the 6th inning and all finals matches.

12. Match Report Cards and BBA Report Card (BBA Form #7)

12.1 It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that a Match Report Card and the BBA Report Card (Form #7) are available at senior matches. The following information is to appear on each Match Report Card:

Front:

12.1.1 The name and signature of the Umpire-in-chief, and other umpires if present;

12.1.2 If the Home Club provides the umpire, the name of the club is to be indicated next to their name;

12.1.3 The names of the Home Team and the Visiting Team in the appropriate place;

12.1.4 The Division of competition;

12.1.5 The date, the time, and the venue of the match;

12.1.6 Box scores for both teams;

12.1.7 The "Game won by" section, and the score, MUST BE ACCURATE;

12.1.8 Any reason for an early finish;

12.1.9 Start and finish time for the game;

12.1.10 The signatures of both the Home Team, and the Visiting Team Managers, or their authorized representatives.

Back:

12.1.11 The teams are to be listed under correct headings of Home Team, or Visiting Team;

12.1.12 The full Christian and Surnames of all players who appeared in the game, listed under their team name;

12.1.13 Any players who enter the game after it starts must also appear on their team list;

12.1.14 Each pitcher must be noted on the card, by the letter "P" followed by a number denoting the order in which they came to the mound;

12.1.15 The use of the Designated Hitter, and, or the Designated Pitcher, must be noted as either "DP", or "DH", in red;

12.1.16 Any under-age pitchers who have a pitch count restriction, must have the number of pitches recorded against their name, in red;

12.1.17 Any under-age catchers who have caught to be noted as "C" in red.

12.2 The Match Report Card must be written in ink, no pencil.

12.3.1 Team managers or his substitute must come to the scorer's location and sign the Match Report Card and any Reported Persons Notice upon their completion by the Umpire;

12.3.2 The Match Report Card must not be altered after it is signed by the Umpire/s and managers or their delegates.

12.4 The winning team must ensure the Match Report Card is delivered to the Registration Secretary, within 48 hours of the finish of the match.

12.5 Scorers are not to sign the Match Report Card.

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13. Match Report for the Media

Preamble

Media coverage is vital to the progress of baseball in the Greater Bendigo area. It is vital that each club appoint a "media representative" to cover as many games as possible and to facilitate with each team to generate a "Match Report" for submission to the BBA.

13.1 The winning team of EVERY senior match is to complete a media report detailing the following:

- 13.1.1 The box scores of the match
- 13.1.2 Pitchers statistics for both teams
- 13.1.3 Batting statistics for both teams
- 13.1.4 A summary of the game

13.1.5 If possible minimum 3 high resolution photographs of the game in progress

13.2 The winning team is then responsible for getting the BBA Match Reports to the BBA Media Representative within 24 hours from the completion of the game.

14. Reported Persons or Clubs

14.1 Ejected persons cannot re-enter the playing field while the umpire is still on the ground. Ejected persons are not to approach the umpire after being ejected.

14.2 Team manager or his substitute must come to the Scorer's area and sign the Match Report Card, and any Report Card Form (BBA Form #7) upon their completion by the Umpire.

14.3 Signing of the Card/Notice is compulsory, and thereby endorses that the Manager and his/her club is aware of what is included on the Card/Notice.

The Card/Notice shall not then be amended or added to except for the description of the offence that will be completed by the Umpire and forwarded to the appropriate BBA Secretary.

14.4 A reported person's manager will **NOT** receive a copy of the Report Card Form (BBA Form #7). No other official notification of a report shall be forwarded to a Club or ejected person unless:

14.4.1 The club or the ejected person may via email or in writing, before a Tribunal, hearing request, a copy of the Report Card (BBA Form #7). The appropriate Secretary must comply with this request so that the club and/or ejected person can examine the document at least 24 hours prior to the person or club appearing before the Tribunal.

14.4.2 If a club or any registered person wishes to see any Yellow, Blue or Red Card reports, not entailing a Tribunal appearance, then they must do so in writing or via email to the appropriate BBA Secretary. The request will be put to the Pennant Committee if appropriate and if records are to be released. Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) Inc.Bylaw #6Page | 14 of 17Version 4

15. Most Valuable Player

15.1 Three, two and one votes (no shared votes) are to be recorded by the Plate Umpire, in consultation with the base umpire(s), by clear endorsement on the vote paper provided.

15.2 Votes should reflect the contribution made to the game by the players receiving votes.

16. Ground Equipment

16.1 All equipment is to be provided by the host club.

16.2 Playing area:

16.2.1 The playing area shall be enclosed if possible; but

16.2.2 On all grounds not enclosed a net or distinguishing mark and a line shall be placed a maximum of 60 feet from the home plate; and

16.2.3 When the distance beyond the first or third base line exceeds 90 feet, a white line shall be marked at 60 feet parallel with the respective base line.

16.2.4 Limits and conditions (Ground Rules) are to be established by the Managers with the Umpire, before the game and all players, when lined up prior to the commencement of the game shall be informed of the local "Ground Rules".

16.3 Back Net: a securely erected continuous back net at least 10 metres by 3 metres.

16.4 Bases: to be whitened and fixed.

16.5 Home Plate: to be whitened, fixed and flush to the surface. On constructed baseball fields, the plate shall be permanently fixed.

16.6 Pitching Mound: mounds are compulsory for all senior divisions.

16.7 Pitching mats: to be pegged on mound.

16.8 Foul flags: In the absence of fence markers, flags of cloth at least 450mm square on single poles at least 1.0m high. No discs or metal plates permitted.

16.9 Players Benches: must be provided for all games. Scorers and/or statisticians are not permitted on the bench.

16.10 Home Run Fence: For all divisions is compulsory. Where there is no permanent Home Run Fence, clubs shall provide a temporary Home Run Fence 98 metres from the home plate to the nearest fence, stand or other obstruction on the right and left field foul lines, 114 metres to centrefield unless other distances are approved by the BBA. 16.11 Any home run limits without a fence shall be defined by locating witches hats or flags of cloth, at least 450mm square, on single wooden poles. No discs or metal plates permitted. A white line is to be marked on the ground joining each marker, and is considered the top of the "fence."

16.12 The umpire may ask for two responsible persons at the Home Run "Fence" to assist him to judge decisions. Use of a temporary Home Run Fence is optional.

16.13 Match balls: In all senior games, two new approved leather water-proof baseballs of the same brand are to be provided by the Club nominated as the Home Team. Vinyl baseballs are not permitted in senior games. Match baseballs shall not be available for pre-inning warm-ups, except for use by the pitcher.

Home Team at Neutral Venue

16.3 Teams who are designated as the Home Team at neutral venues will incur a fine if they do not remove all equipment from the ground, and replace it back into storage, clean up the field and benches, smooth base paths and base areas.

17. Uniforms and Equipment

17.1 Uniforms shall be as registered. All players shall wear a club cap or helmet.

17.2 All Division 1 players who take the field shall be in **full club uniform**. Players who have been granted match permits must play in either the full uniform of their host club or the full uniform of their parent club.

17.3 Seven players at least in Divisions 2 and 3 shall be in full uniform, and remaining members shall be as near as possible to team uniform.

17.4 Coach's uniforms are not compulsory provided a club jacket or shirt, plus cap are worn.

17.5 **Undershirts** (if worn) must conform with the official uniform registered with the BBA.

17.6 **Jackets:** A pitcher may bat wearing a jacket. A batting pitcher who reaches base may remove or put on their jacket, provided it is readily available with the base coach. No other player may wear a jacket whilst playing.

Exception: If at the discretion of the umpire (due to inclement weather) outfielders may wear a jacket.

17.7 **Helmets:** The wearing of helmets, whilst batting, base running, base coaching and for batboys is compulsory. Catchers shall wear helmet protection.

17.8 **Warm-up catchers:** must wear a mask.

17.9 Jewelry:

17.9.1 Exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets and types of earrings, neck chains or any other items judged dangerous by the umpire, must not be worn during the game.

17.9.2 Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry, but if worn, must be taped to the body.

17.9.3 Players must be asked to remove jewelry and in failing to do so, will be ejected from the game.

17.9.10 Gloves: No circle marking shall be different in color to the glove.

17.9.11 Sweatbands of minimal size for wearing at the wrist to be in club colors, but white not permitted.

17.9.12 **Bats:** Wood or composite bats only may be used in Div. 1 matches. Wood, composite, ceramic or aluminum bats may be used in Div. 2,3 & Women's matches.

Offensive Visits to the Pitcher by Pitching Coach or Manager 18.

18.1 A second visit to the same pitcher in any one inning means the automatic removal of that pitcher from the game in Division 1 only. In all other Senior/Youth grades that pitcher MUST be removed from the mound but may play in another position.

In Division 1 The Manager/Coach is permitted three free visits to the 18.2 mound in the game. On the fourth visit the pitcher MUST be removed from the game (or at the second visit during the one separate inning, as above). No limit on the total visits in all other Senior/Youth grades. A Manager/Coach may at any time without penalty go on to the ground for the purpose of giving aid to a sick or injured player. A visit occurs as soon as the manager crosses the foul line, and ends as soon as he/she exits the mound. If he/she then revisits the pitcher, this is a second visit.

18.3 In Division 1 the Catcher shall be permitted to make one trip per inning to the mound. Penalty- 1 ball called for each additional visit.

18.4 The Playing Coach must be nominated on the team sheet. Only a playing coach stationed in the infield can request time out to visit the mound. This visit is deemed one visit to the mound under this rule.

19. Time Wasting

19.1 It is contrary to the spirit of senior baseball for teams to engage in the practice of time wasting, particularly in the closing minutes of a time limit game. Umpires are hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to prevent such 19.2 malpractice and team managers are warned that the BBA will not tolerate such tactics.

20. Playing Field Dimensions

Senior and Under 18		Women		
Pitching Distance	60' 6" (18.44m)	Pitching Distance	60' 6" (18.44m)	
Base Paths	90' (27.43m)	Base Paths	90' (27.43m)	
Diagonal	127' 3 3/8" (38.79m)	Diagonal	127' 3 3/8" (38.79m)	
Pass Ball Line	60' (18.29m)	Pass Ball Line	60' (18.29m)	
Bases	Full Size	Bases	Full Size	
Home Plate	Full Size	Home Plate	Full Size	
Pitching Plate	Full Size	Pitching Plate	Full Size	
Coach's Box	20' x 10'	Coach's Box	20' x 10'	
Batting Box	6' x 4' (1.83m x 1.22m)	Batting Box	6' x 4' (1.83m x 1.22m)	
	(1.0011 × 1.2211)		(1.0311 × 1.2211)	

Junior	TBall	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	Under 16
Pitching Distance	43' (13.11m)	43' (13.11m)	46' (14.02m)	50' (15.24m)	54' (16.46m)	57' (17.37m)
Base Paths	60' (18.3m)	60' (18.3m)	60' (18.3m	80' (24.38m)	80' (24.38m)	90' (27.43m)
Diagonal	84' 10" (25.86m)	84' 10" (25.86m)	84' 10" (25.86m)	113' 3" (34.52m)	113' 3" (34.52m)	127 3 3/8" (38.79m)
Pass Ball Line	25' (7.62m)	25' (7.62m)	25' (7.62m)	40' (12.2m)	40' (12.2m)	60' (18.3m)
Bases	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
Home Plate	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
Pitching Plate	Full Size	46"	46"	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
Left & Right Field	200' (61m)	200' (61m)	200' (61m)	230' (70.1m)	230' (70.1m)	250' (76.2m)
Centre Field	200' (61m)	200' (61m)	200' (61m)	250' (76.2m)	250' (76.2m)	320' (97.54m)
Coaches Box	8' x 4'	8' x 4'	8' x 4'	16' x 8'	16' x 8'	20' x 10'
	(2.44m x 1.22m)	(2.44m x 1.22m)	(2.44m x 1.22m)	(4.88m x 2.44m)	(4.88m x 2.44m)	(6.1m x 3.05m)
Batting Box	6' x 3'	6' x 3'	6' x 3'	6' x 4'	6' x 4'	6' x 4'
	(1.83m x 0.92m)	(1.83m x 0.92m)	(1.83m x 0.92m)	(1.83m x 1.22m)	(1.83m x 1.22m)	(1.83m x 1.22m)