



JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATES MEETING

6TH AUGUST 2013 @ 7:00PM

Department of Sports and Recreation

246 Vincent Street Leederville

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:

North	Tanya Takayama, Craig Patison & Dave Spreckley
West Coast	Mark Beyer, Tina Erdmann, Craig Spring & Adam Stephenson
South	Michael Hayes, Rob Read & Athena Fraser
Coastal Bay	Stuart Johnson, Lee Darracott, Paul Gould & Lindsay Anderson
East	Ros Oliphant, Phil Kendall, Evan Hall, Adrian Deal
Swan Hills	Marina Brennan, Joe Hischar, Bill Goddard, Gary Robideau & Janette Robideau
Southern Hills	Sandy Johnson, Craig Brown, Mary Ann O'mara, Angela Fairman, Annaliese Arndt & Rob Green
Central	Lance MacKichan, Jes Fitzgerald, Glen Tovey, Luke Prindiville, Russell Foulk & Brett Walters
BWA/LLWA Staff	David Hayes (LLDA), Mark Kerr (JLOA) & Caroline Adamson (LLR), Sue Reid & Lachlan Dale

Apologies: Jim Ivester, Russell Barnes

Meeting opened 7:01pm

Dave welcomed everyone to the first JL meeting Launch. It is exciting times for delegates and clubs and hopefully expansion for this grade. As it is the first year, it won't be 100% perfect and adjustments can be looked at in the off season winter meetings.

1.0 Caroline Adamson

- 1.1 Registration – New forms are up on the LLWA website. The form is used for Junior League and Little League.
- 1.2 New MyClub Database – The new MyClub database will be rolling out soon. Access will be given late August or Early September. Not All clubs have sent in their contact forms. Clubs need to check to see if this has been done so that their TCO's can be notified of upcoming information and training dates.
- 1.3 Fees – The new team nomination form has been uploaded onto the LLWA website. Forms are to be returned to Caroline and are due in before Charter Formation night. Nomination forms will also help with allotting out the new 2013 Little League International (LLI) Rules & Regulation books. Clubs will receive one book per JL & LL team. These will be handed out at the Charter formation night.

2.0 Competitions - Anything JL is referred to Mark.

2.1 Club By-Laws proposed – Draft of By-laws was sent to all delegates. Where the ideas of the JL comes from are:

- a) From the LLI Rules book. These rules are non-negotiable as we have to be compliant with LLI.
- b) Some has come from the eight charters winter meetings
- c) Some has been inherited from the Metro Competition (U15) regulations

2.2 Discussion of Draft by-laws open to the delegates:

- 1) 4.1 (iv) All-Star Championship participation is 1 plate appearance and six (6) defensive outs. It has a 9 batter line-up. Players listed on the bench (Roster) must enter the game. If you decide that a player was not going to play in that game, then don't put them on the Roster.
- 2) 2.4 (xi) Team Nominations & Fixtures – Two or more clubs from the same carter may nominate a combined team in the All Star Championships (ASC). No need to enter a club team if you don't have the players to compete at this level. You can nominate more than one ASC team. Example: A club may enter a team and a combined team into the ASC but it is subject to the approval of the JLOA.
- 3) 4.2 (b) (v) Allow JL70 to play in ASC – This will be subject to dispensation by the JLOA. David Hayes will look at revising this rule.
- 4) 4.8 (v) – David Hayes to check on this rule. It may be a LLI Rule and non-negotiable.
- 5) 4.9 No ties – See how it goes this year and can discuss in the off-season.
- 6) 4 (e) JL Pitching Mounds – If you don't have mounds, work towards attaining mounds sometime in the future. Not to worry about at the moment.
- 7) Height of mound is approx. 8 inches off the height of home plate.
- 8) Defining the Player rule vs game rules – a player rule is specific to what an individual can do and a game rule is one that is a rule stated for the game of a specific age. A rule that is specific for LL game is not associated to JL or other age groups. Eg.. 4.2 (b) (i) relates to a player, while 4.2 (b) (iii) relates to a LL/JL game. 4.2 (b) (iii) does not relate to an U17's game.
- 9) 4.5 (f) Metal cleats affect the LL competitions only – LL games no metal cleats allowed. JL games metal cleats allowed. (This is a game rule not a player rule). Some clubs do not allow metal cleats on artificial mounds. Some Council's does not allow metal cleats.
- 10) 4.1 (f) (ii) 6th run rule – JL may apply the 6 run rule during exhibition series play. They may not apply the rule in Regular season play. ASC is 3 outs.
- 11) 4.14 – Alcohol – Games played on Sundays where there is a bar open, Clubs to monitor the sale of alcohol and as long as adults are drinking away from the diamond/game, preferably out of sight.
- 12) 6.4 (i) Awards – Awards are currently not documented. They will be no requirement to obtain stats for JL70, JL80 or All-Stars. Clubs prefer no stats to make it easier for the volunteer scorer. Player of the day can be chosen, also reported on the game report to be put up on the results page.
- 13) 4.3 (a) (5) A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game was in the LL regulations last season and is proposed for the JL league & ASC. This rule is used to protect the arms of a young pitcher from injury.

- 14) 8.2 Slide/Collisions rule – This rule was copied from the Metro Competition regulation book which was used for U15's. If correctly policed by umpires, this rule shouldn't be a problem. Umpires need to eject a player if it was done intentionally.
- 15) Catchers dangly throat guards – This is non-negotiable even when using a hockey style catcher's mask. It is in the LLI rule book.

2.3 Mark Kerr – Junior League Operations Administrator (JLOA)

- 1) All-Star Championships to start on 20th October, running every second week for 5 games. Games will return 2nd February for 2 more games and Finals to run in March.
- 2) Venues – Clubs will get approximately 12 days' notice and will be discussed with clubs before fixturing the game. Games will be rotated on different fields where they are senior games playing and dependent on how many teams nominated.
- 3) Time slots for double headers are 8:30am for first game and 10:30am-12:00pm for second game. (Games are 1 ½ hours in duration).
- 4) Games will be played even if State League has a double header. Mark will work with the senior fixtures to work out available fields.
- 5) Mark has changed his email address to markskerr91a@gmail.com you can also find this information on the LLWA website.

3.0 Tournaments

- 1) U17 Senior League & JL State Championships will be separate tournaments and played in the second half of January. Senior League may start later than Junior League. Venue or Venues to be decided.
- 2) Around April there will be three Junior League teams traveling internationally.
- 3) Feedback from the Senior League Championships last year was that the Sunday games clashed with the Colts (U21) games and made it difficult for some players.
- 4) Championship ran for 5 days last season.

3.1 Goodwill series – Sue Reid – Tournament Director. This is a great chance for kids to play more games and be involved with an international program.

- 1) Charters and Clubs can enter teams.
- 2) There are 4 Age groups.
- 3) Current have 2x U18 teams & 1x U16 team from the America. Singapore is entering team's at all different age groups.
- 4) Australian teams will be the State Teams, currently some LL teams and 2x U17's team have also come on board.
- 5) Teams will be graded and put into a competition they are capable of.
- 6) State Players will play in their State Team.
- 7) Cost is \$100 per team to cover cost of umpires and baseballs.
- 8) Tournament runs from 27th December 2013 – 2nd January 2014 @ Swans Baseball Club Grounds.

Please let Sue know if your club may be interested in submitting a team and confirm ASAP after your registration day.

4.0 Junior Girls – Competition and State team - Sue Reid. Next year there will be a U15's girl's National team. Clubs are encouraged to promote this with their junior girls members. The Championship is run at the Easter weekend @ Ballarat, Victoria. Coaching positions will be advertised and applicants must be accredited, Head Coach Level 4 and Assistants are Level 3. All coaching staff must have a current Working With Children's Card.

Colin Keen has been working on a draft to put together a girls competition to present to clubs.

5.0 Umpires Level 0 Clinic – Ryan Harder (apologies)

- 1) When booking a clinic, clubs must have a minimum of 6 participants.
- 2) For the JL League, there will be a real need for clubs and charters to have their own trained umpires available to cover all games, outside of what the WABUA may be able to provide.
- 3) David Hayes – There are more avenues we are working on to acquire umpires for the Sunday games. Rosters for umpires have not been discussed as yet. Just be prepared for the worst case scenario.

General Business:

- 1) Players out of boundary – Australia has an exemption from LLI for players to play as Club based not post code based. If Players request a clearance from a club, the club has the right to protect its players and not grant the clearance.
- 2) There are no zones for clubs. Areas are open for all clubs.
- 3) 4.2 (b) (i) "players may play as many games in a day as they desire" is a concern for some clubs. Ultimately this is a club management issue. Charters can add a by-law restricting the amount of games allowed. One charter is implementing a charter by-law capping how many games allowed playing in a week.
- 4) David Hayes will reword this rule to give clubs and charters to determine games allowed.

Meeting Closed 8:45pm