



LITTLE LEAGUE CHARTER DELEGATES MEETING

Monday August 6, 2012, 7:30pm

Department of Sports and Recreation

246 Vincent Street Leederville

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:

Little League:	David Hayes (District Administrator), Rod Bacon (Competitions Administrator), Caroline Adamson (Registrar), David Gripper (Umpires Association)
Southern Hills	Dave Denver (Gosnells), Lance MacKichan (Forest Lakes), Dave Halton (Forest Lakes), Glen Tovey (Willetton)
Central	Craig Brown & Mary Ann O'Mara (Kenwick), Kristy Hodges (Roleystone)
East	Russell Barnes (Morley), Ros Oliphant (Perth)
North	Kate Heard & Dean Warren (Carine), (Wanneroo)
Peel	Lindsay Anderson & Adam Lamont (Peel), Paul Gould (Rockingham)
South	Athena Fraser (Melville Districts), Steve Waterhouse (Melville)
Swan Hills	Marina Brennan & Jodie King (Swans), Annaliese Arndt & Rob Green (Kalamunda), Bill Goddard & Dean Whisson (Eastern Hills)
West Coast	Tina Erdman (West Stirling), Felicity Glendinning (Wembley), Marc Stephenson (Balcatta)
Apologies:	David Payne (West Stirling), Henry Britto (Forest Lakes), Mark Beyer (Wembley)
Meeting opened:	7:33pm

David Hayes thanked all who came along to the official opening of the 2012-13 season.

1. Competitions – These By-Laws apply to Club Competition only.

1.1 Club Ball By-Laws document – Changes made or new added into the Club Ball By-Laws were:

- 1.3 (also applies when Little League players play up in the Under 15's)
- 1.8 Authority of By-Laws
- 2.2 (ii) Club un-financial
- 2.3 (iv), (v), (iii), (ix), (xi) Player Clearances
- 4.2 (a) (iv) Age Limit for female players in LL Girls competition
- 4.2 (c) (iv) Team forfeiting games does not get any games played.
- 4.8 (vii) Heat Rule
- 4.10 (g) Dropped Third Strike
- 4.13 (i) Alcohol
- 5. (i), (ii), (iii) Coaching Accreditations
- 6.3 (iv) Premiership Format
- 7.2 Schedule of penalties

Other By-Laws discussed:

- 4.12 (v) Protested games – should read "The lodgement fee is \$100.00
- 4.5 (iv) Refers to catcher – The facemask will have a dangling type throat guard attached to it.

1.2 All-Star League

- Emails have been sent out to all delegates regarding All-Star information.
- Dale Districts not available this year as their Masters Competition has grown and will be using diamond 1 & 2 on Wednesday nights.
- Mirrabooka booked as per last season, Saturday evening using diamonds 1 & 2. Possible use of this field on a Thursday night using diamonds 3 & 4.
- Lark Hill (for south of the river) is being looked at. They have 2 diamonds under lights.
- Require at least 4 teams to play at these venues to cover the cost of lights.
- Cost is approximated at \$50 - \$75.00 per team per night.
- All-Stars North to start Saturday 3 November and All-Stars South to start Wednesday 31 October.
- For 2013-14 season we can look at Wanneroo as they are getting lights around mid-season this year and Maybe Dale Districts as they are going to install lights on a third diamond.
- Mixed teams – can have a combined club team. Criteria are clubs can only source from 3 teams. E.g. If one club have two teams and another has one team, they can combine.
- Official umpires will be used for finals.
- May not be able to use mounds. Rod Bacon will confirm this at a later date.

1.3 Metro Club Championship Format

- Early Easter this year, 29th March 2013 so season will be compressed.
- Current plan to be the same as last year with three separate weeks. Only down side to this is that the first quarterfinal falls on the long weekend in March the same time as the Tee-Ball Championships. Possibility of having the first two games in one weekend. Grand Final is on the 16th March 2013 and played at Barbagallo Ball Park as a curtain raiser to the Under 15's Final game.
- Metro Qualifiers on the 9th and 10th February will cut our season short to 15 games to play club ball. To accommodate the 16th game, run it mid-week or run a Gala day on one of the Saturdays. Exhibition games are inclusive of the 16 games.
- Season will start 13th October 2012.
- Clubs need to let Rod Bacon know if they want to play this competition and condense the Club competition or cancel the Metro Club Championships.
- Rod will circulate the Season Calendar for all competitions.

1.4 Little League Girls Format

- Officially, there is no current format. We need to know how many teams we have.
- Fixtures will be similar to All-Stars League and if you want home and away games. Club can have own team or can be a charter team. Let girls know that this competition is an option for them.
- Please bring your preferences along at Charter Formation night.

1.5 Registration Process / Fees / Match reporting

- All forms can be found on the Little League WA website www.walittleleague.baseball.com.au under "Forms" in the main menu.
- Clubs need to send in their BWA Club Contact Form.
- Trusted Club Officials (TCO) forms – request that clubs check with their TCO's if they have applied for access to the club's MyClub database. Please contact Caroline if they have not done so already or send in their forms to her.
- Team Nomination forms are due in at the end of August. Please have this done prior to the Charter formation night.
- Clearances – acknowledgement will be sent to clubs when received when clearance are completed. A reminder that cleared players will not be entered into the database until after the rollover in August. Email will be sent when this is completed.
- Any queries, just contact Caroline – contact details are on the "Forms" webpage.

1.6 Fixtures

- Fixtures are due two weeks prior to the season starting. Send as soon as possible. Change can be made to fixtures at any time.

1.7 Preseason coaches / manager seminar

Experience coaches have offered to run a seminar for Little League Coaches about coaching. Dean White will organise the venue and date.

2. Tournaments

2.1 LLSC

- 2.1.1 Tender for Metro Qualifier – Metro Qualifier will not conflict with under 15's. Tenders will be called for to host this competition. Two to four diamonds will be needed. Tender can be split between two clubs, one for the first day and one for the second. David Hayes will email this out shortly.

2.2 Senior LLSC (U17 LL State Championships)

- 2.2.1 Tender for Tournament Host – will go out to clubs for tender to host. Requirement of a minimum of two diamonds. Possible third diamond is more than eight teams in the Tournament. David Hayes will send out tender information.
- Under 17 Little League State Championships will be the new name for this competition and is charter based. The intent is to eventually use all LL international age groups. LL Juniors (U15), Seniors (U17) and Big League (U19) and go to a National Championship in the future.
 - Game is played on a 90-foot diamond.
 - This competition will give more kids opportunity to play at a higher level.
 - Tournament will run for five days between 16th – 20th January.
 - Teams are charter based.
 - Sharon MacDonald has stood down as Tournament Director. David Hayes will be running all Tournaments.

2.3 operations Manual

The Little League Tournament rules have not yet been approved by the BWA Board of Management. They are looking into pitch counts for the tournament. Changes to the rules are:

- 2.1.2 Charter Qualifying Criteria.
- 2.3 Development Shield invitations.
- 10.1.1 Eligibility of Players.
- 12.4 Head Coaches must be Level 2 accredited.
- 25.2 Dropped 3rd Strike.

3. Level O Umpires Courses

- Dave Gripper thanked Balcatta baseball Club for the use of their grounds to run the clinics.
- Current had approximately 16 guys for the training program for little league umpires. About twelve guys to do their level 1 ABF accreditation.
- Level O are for those who are doing the Green Shirt program for their club. There is also a Level 1 Green Shirt course to do if they don't want to do the ABF accreditation.
- The ABF says you must do your Level 1 to umpire at State Championships.
- Cost is \$20.00 per person
- Level 1 ABF accredited little league umpires will have an official blue shirt.
- Clinics coming up are on Sunday 19th and 26th August, and Sunday 9th September at Barbagallo Baseball Park. You only need to turn up for one of these days
- Charters can book to have it run for their charter – Alex trains the South of the river and Ryan Harder does the North of the river.
- Contact Dave Gripper for information.

Scoring Clinics:

- WA Scorers and Statisticians Association runs pre-season clinics and for those wishing to do the accreditation exams.
- Caroline Adamson will also run clinics for Clubs or Charters. She is a National Level 4 accredited scorer and is proficient in running accredited clinics. Clinics are free. Contact Caroline to book a clinic.

4. Charter Committee Notification

Most charters are completed. Two Charters are still outstanding (Perth Metro North and Perth Metro South).

5. Charter activities at Perth Heat

Little League has opportunity to run four heat modified skills and drills challenge before the HEAT games on Sunday 18th November, 9th & 13th December and 3rd January.

- Teams of 10 from your charter
- Based on the State Championship skills and drills
- The four heat winners will be in a Grand Final on the 27th January.
- Confirm with David Hayes on which day you prefer to compete on. This is on a first in first-serve basis.

General Business

Charters can combine to play in a competition. Good example is Southern Hills and Centrals have a combined competition for the season.

6. Team Image Presentation – Ian Callander

Team Image is our biggest supporter in Little League Baseball. They do all the photography at the Little League State Championships and is a major sponsor. The more business we can give them as a group the more they can pour back into Little League.

- Team Image Photography is sports specific.
- We encourage more baseball families to support by using Team Image.
- Clubs were handed a package with information to take back to their clubs.

Meeting closed 9.07pm

Next meeting 3rd September 2012 @ DSR, 246 Vincent Street Leederville @ 7.30pm

This is a mandatory meeting for all clubs.