



**LITTLE LEAGUE DELEGATES MEETING
INTRODUCTION OF JUNIOR LEAGUE
13 MAY 2013 @ 7:00PM
Department of Sports and Recreation
246 Vincent Street Leederville**

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:

North	Adam Tilley, Nick Irwin, Darren Riley, Eamonn Lourey, Dawn Kempton, Tanya Takayama, Dean Warren
West Coast	Mark Beyer
South	Wayne Chase, Athena Fraser, Vicki Ainsworth, Rob Read
Peel	Lindsay Anderson, Adam Lamont, Paul Gould, Stuart Johnson
East	Leigh Moyle, Roz Oliphant, Kevin House, Russell Barnes
Swan Hills	Bill Goddard, Gary Arnell, Frankie Chong, Janette Robideau, Arnie Noel, Marina Brennan, Jodie King, Joe Hischar, Dean White
Southern Hills	Peter Butler, Annaliese Arndt, Rob Green,
Central	Lance MacKichan, Jes Fitzgerald, Glen Tovey, Xavier Sequeira
BWA/LLWA Staff	Lachlan Dale, David Hayes, Rod Bacon, Caroline Adamson

Meeting opened: 7:08pm

1.0 Lachlan Dale - thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and that the meeting was about the roll out of the Junior League, the strategic change for the Under 15's. The Rational for the U15's to move to a charter model is significant and a report from the ABF with all states involved in the research, showed that there was a problem with the dropout in this age group.

1.1 Numbers in WA shows that there was a 48% increase in the Little League area, only a 2% increase in the U15's and a 4% increase in the U17's age group. Colts (U21's) is a point for discussion and a core issue that needs to be solved. The goal is to increase numbers in the game, that it's fun and has an elite structure. The ABF will move into the charter model in the next year. It is envisaged that the under 17's will move into the Charter model down the track.

1.2 Feedback from the ABF report – is to play more games, have more tournaments and kids to play with friends and the enjoyment of the game. National participation is around 41,000 playing baseball across the country and is rated 17th against other sports.

1.3 Base on all information received nationally and the BWA Board, we have extended the charter model into the Under 15's age group and how to implement the model into U15's baseball. The rational is that this would help the lack of participation rolling over to U15's and to senior baseball.

2.0 David Hayes – The under 15's will now be known as Junior League. The purpose of this meeting is not to go into the nitty gritty of regulations etc., but to talk about the structure of the charter model. Development needs to be done with the eight charters and give delegates information tonight to take back to clubs. David will email out proposed regulations and information for clubs to talk about in the next meeting.

2.1 Recognized pathways for current **Little League**:

Administration	Participation (Regular Season)	Competitive – All Stars	Elite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Charters 8 Charter committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention: Play with friends Major Div. 1: 8-12 year old Major Div. 2: 8-11 year old Minor League – 7-10 year old Amount of games played is dependent on the Charter Committee/Clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Star Championship – 7-9 week competition. Club based teams – the best of club. Opportunity to be the best you can be. 	<p>Opportunities to play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LL State Championships LL Nationals LL World Series National Youth Champs. Tours Available (Dubai/Hong Kong)

2.1.1 Little League Notes:

- Major League Division 1 and Elite Championships have to comply with the Little League International rules and are non-negotiable.

2.2 Proposed New Age Group – **Junior League**

Administration	Participation (Regular Season)	Competitive – All Stars	Elite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Charters 4 Charter committees. Charters will be joint until player numbers grow: North & West Coast Peel & South Swan Hills & East Central & Southern Hills Rules Consistent with LL International. LLWA Runs the All Star & State Championships competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention: Play with friends Junior League 80: 12-14 year olds Junior League 70: 11-13 year olds Amount of games played is dependent on the Charter Committee/Clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Star Championship Play a full season Club based teams – the best of club. Opportunity to be the best you can be. Played on an 80 foot diamond 12-14 years olds 	<p>Opportunities to play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior League State Championships (Charter based teams) National Youth Champs Tours Available (Dubai/Cape town) Introduce National Youth Women's (girls) <p>Goal to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior League Nationals Asian Pacific World Series <p>Qualifying to play in teams is the same of the LLI rules (must play in regular season)</p>

2.2.1 Junior League Notes:

- Charters may play in another charters competition
- Dispensations for players available to play out of age group.
- Regular Season does not have to be played on a Saturday. Charter can decide on day and time.
- Junior League 80 is played on an 80-foot diamond and 70 on a 70-foot diamond.
- The All Star Competition (looking for a new title) replaces the 15.1's competition and for players to play at a higher competitive level.
- Junior League Championships – date to be revised as it is not to clash with the National Youth Championship.
- Fee Structure to be revised.

2.2.2 Junior League All Star (JLASL) Notes:

- Any Club can enter the competition
- Number of team players are not limited – everyone can play
- Games are 90 minutes and proposed to have a Double Header on Sundays every second week. Reason for this is that parents do not have to commit to every week. 4 teams at one venue each week – negotiable.
- Format of JLASL is negotiable, delegates to speak to clubs and bring to the next meeting.
- Rod Bacon, LL Club Operations Administrator will do the fixtures.

2.2.3 Other Notes:

- David Hayes will email a draft for Regulations and Information.
- Charter Meetings – David will attend to help with development.

Meeting closed 8:28pm

Next meeting TBA