State Championships Carnival Bylaws

Tee-Ball Association of W.A.

1 Preface

The State Championships were first played in the 1974-75 season as an under 10 boys' competition between tee-ball players from the Morley Eagles, Perth and Wembley baseball clubs.
The State Championship Carnival is now played over the March long weekend. More than 100 representative teams, representing about 30 clubs from metropolitan and country regions, in 5 age groups and many divisions, play five/six one-hour games.

2 Introduction

2.1. Carnival Committee

The State Championships are organised and run by TBAWA Committee.

3 Before the Championships

3.1. Team Nominations

1. Nominations will close at a date set by TBAWA each year and published on the TBAWA Calendar of Events.
2. Nominations must be on the form provided and include the nomination fee.
3. Nominations must include details of SCA umpires as required under Clause 4.2.
4. Late nominations will NOT be accepted.
5. Each affiliated club, has registered its numbers, has provided proof of insurance, is currently financial and owes no outstanding fines at that date, will be entitled to nominate one team in each age group. Clubs with 300 or more players may nominate one additional team in each age group.
6. Metropolitan clubs wishing to participate in the State Championships must have had at least one team participate in the Warren Lake Carnival. For associations, it is sufficient that at least one of their member clubs participate in the Warren Lake Carnival.
7. Any application for variation must be submitted in writing to the TBAWA by the 15th of December (of the previous year) for consideration.
8. Any exceptions to the above rules must be approved by the Carnival Committee.

3.2. Acceptance

1. TBAWA desire to have an even number of teams within each age group, with a minimum of four teams.
2. Should nominations be less than required, TBAWA will accept such additional nominations received as may be necessary to fill the desired quota.
3. Should nominations be less than required, and no additional nominations exist for the age group, TBAWA, at their discretion, will approach clubs to provide additional teams.
4. In the event that more nominations have been received than the ground capacity allows, the Carnival Committee reserves the right to not accept some nominations.
5. Nominations for girls' divisions, where not enough teams exist, will be placed in the open divisions in consultation with the clubs involved.

3.3. Grading

1. Teams will be graded by the TBAWA Committee with the main criteria being the club's performance at the previous year's carnival in each relevant lower age group with the exception of Under 9s who are graded on club numbers and with consideration to past performance of U9 in previous years.
2. Clubs may request consideration to be placed in a certain grade at the time of nomination; however, the TBAWA Committee reserve the right to make the final decision.

3.4. Team Registration

1. At a date set each year in the TBAWA Calendar of Events (typically 4 weeks prior to the championships) clubs must submit the Team Registrations (one for each team participating) to the TBAWA Registrar on the form provided. A club must register any player who will play in the championships with the TBAWA Registrar, *BEFORE that player takes the diamond*.
2. Once a player takes the diamond in a game for one team, they cannot play in any other team for the remainder of the championships.
   - Players cannot play in games in 2 or more different teams
   - Players cannot 'fill in' for an older age group if already in another team.
   - Clubs and coaches need to ensure the have enough registered players in each team to cover injury, absences, etc, from that team
   - Players cannot play for two different clubs.
3. Each registered player must meet the age group criteria under which the team is nominated (refer to TBAWA age calculator), must be a registered and insured player with the club and each player must play at least 50%+1 games of the available regular fixtured dates for their team. Warren Lake Carnival games are included in this aggregate.

3.5. Fixtures

1. The fixtures will be prepared by TBAWA and will be available at the Umpires and Coaches' meeting.
2. It is TBAWA's intention to schedule two games on the Saturday and on the Sunday of the championships and one game on the Monday prior to the presentations.
3. Where team numbers per division permit, it is TBAWA's intention to schedule games in adjacent time slots.
4. Subject to team numbers per division, it may be necessary for some teams to play six games in order to ensure all teams can play a minimum of five games.

3.6. Umpires and Coaches Meeting

1. All metro umpires and coaches participating in the carnival are to attend the meeting with the Chief Umpire and the Chief Coach, date and venue to be advised prior to the championships.

3.7. Grounds

1.Ground marking will be arranged by the TBAWA, and all ground marking will be done under the direction of the Carnival Committee

4 At the Carnival

THIS IS A SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE CARNIVAL (this includes e-cigarettes/vaping).

4.1. Everybody

1. All participants including spectators are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia Codes of Behaviour. Copies of the code are available from the official table and we encourage all coaches and club officials to make use of them.
2. Failure to abide by the Codes of Behaviour will result in sanctions being imposed to clubs and/or individuals (see Section 5).

4.2. Clubs

1. Clubs must supply one SCA plate umpire (Level 2 or higher) to umpire scheduled games, up to three neutral games per team entry. The Umpiring schedule will be made available alongside fixtures. There must be one SCA (Level 2 or higher) plate umpire for every three teams nominated.
2. Clubs must supply one SCA base umpire (minimum Level 1) per team to umpire every team game as per nomination form.
3. All Clubs will be rostered to help with setup/cleanup each day's and must provide 2 adults to assist. Clubs are additionally responsible for their team maintaining the condition of their immediate areas throughout the carnival and should leave the dugout and spectator areas in an appropriate clean condition for subsequent teams.
4. Clubs must comply with the Working with Children regulations.

4.3. Teams

1. Bases, balls and tees are supplied by TBAWA. Teams to supply all other equipment.
2. A scorebook for each team will be provided with the fixtures. This is the scorebook that **MUST** be used by the scorers.
3. Bases and shelters are to be set out by the teams in the earliest game of the day.
4. Bases and shelters are to be packed up and left at home plate by teams in the final game of the day.
5. Shelter will be provided for the team dugouts and scorers only. Teams will need to provide shelter for players during breaks. These will **NOT** be provided by the TBAWA. Don't forget – SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SIP, SLIDE.
6. Teams will have a spot check on age and player status in preference to sighting birth certificates. The check will be conducted by the TBAWA Registrar/Official.

4.4. Players

1. Players MUST wear club uniforms.
2. Any indiscriminate throwing of balls and swinging of bats, or use of other sporting equipment, is prohibited outside of designated areas (if any are available).

4.5. Umpires

1. Umpires MUST be State Championship Accredited (SCA) and be at least 15 years of age. The plate umpire MUST be at least a Level 2 accredited umpire.
2. Both plate and base umpires -are to sign in at official table AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME.
3. Plate umpires to obtain match ball and scorecards (2) from official table when signing in, and return match ball, scorecards and team lists IMMEDIATELY to the official table, at the end of the game.
4. Plate umpires to review both scroebooks and scorecards nd endorse as correct, and return match ball, scorecards (x2), team lists (x2), and George Georgis votinng form (Saturday and Sunday only) to the official table immediately after the game using the endorsed processes.
5. All umpires must wear an 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirt and the TBAWA Umpire's Accreditation cap or hat relevant to their accreditation. 'Umpire' shirts will be available for loan 45 minutes before the first game of the day and are to be returned at the end of umpiring duties daily. Development Umpires may wear their Umpire Development uniform.
6. Umpires wearing 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirts, who are not officiating, MUST NOT cross the parent line, NOR MAKE ANY COMMENT TO OR ABOUT THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED!
7. All Umpires must comply with Working with Children legislation.

4.6. Coaches

1. The nominated team coach MUST have minimum Level A accreditation. Failure is Forfeit 9 – 0.
2. Name of nominated team coach must be listed on team registration form and team list prior to game.

3. Any planned changes to the nominated team coach must be cleared by the official table prior to commencement of the game.
4. Only the coach nominated on the scorecard can address the plate umpire.
5. Only the nominated coach can ask for “TIME”.
6. Coaches will have a spot check on accreditation status. The check will be conducted by a TBAWA official.
7. The coach must provide the plate umpire with a list of the FULL NAME of players taking part prior to the game. Additional players must be registered with the TBAWA Registrar PRIOR to participating. Playing an unregistered player is a 9–0 forfeit.
8. TBAWA 'Official' or 'Umpire' shirts must NOT be worn when coaching a team.
9. All Coaches must comply with Working with Children Legislation.
10. In the event of a nominated team coach being sanctioned, another listed team coach who also has a minimum Level A accreditation and is still in good standing/unsanctioned may take over nominated coaching duties. In the event no such eligible coach is already listed for the team, the umpire may accept a suitably uniformed, accredited coach who is in good standing from the same club. In the event no such eligible coach is present to coach the team, within a timeframe deemed appropriate at the plate umpire’s sole discretion;
    a. The game shall be played to completion with existing coaches, for the benefit of the players.
    b. No unaccredited coach may approach the umpire, other than for safety concerns.
    c. The result will be recorded as a 9-0 forfeit.

4.7. Scorers

1. Use the official scorebook provided to the team.
2. Collect the scorecard, one for each scorer, from the plate umpire before the game.
3. Compare scorebook with the other scorer at the end of the game.
4. Complete and sign the scorecard after the game and make sure it aligns with the scorebook.
5. Get the plate umpire to sign the scorebooks and scorecards and return the scorecards to the umpire.

4.8. Spectators

1. Remember the four Fs of Tee-Ball
    Fun
    Fair Play
    Fundamental Skills
    Family Involvement
2. Behave at all times in accordance with the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia Codes of Behaviour.
3. Spectators are not permitted to sit between the team dugouts and scorers’ dugout.
4. No smoking on the grounds during the carnival (this includes e-cigarettes).
5. No consuming alcohol during the carnival.
6. All spectators must be positioned on the far side of the team dugout. The only nonplayer allowed in this protected area is the team coach, manager and the two scorers. Any spectator in this area will be asked to move by the Plate Umpire.

4.9. Playing Rules

1. As per current TBAWA rulebook.
2. Team named first occupies first base line and fields first.
3. TBAWA reserves the right to implement any local ground rules for each carnival. Such ground rules will be detailed at the Umpires and Coaches’ Meeting.
4. Any ball entering another diamond where an umpire feels a player may be entering into or about to cause danger the umpire shall call “time” and invoke rule 15(d) and 15(e).
5. There will be batting circles included on each diamond for the next batter to use to warm up; this is the only place, other than at the plate a bat may be swung.
6. TBAWA SCA-accredited base umpires MUST be used for all games.

7. All games will start and finish by the plate umpire's watch.
8. The winning team for each group will be on wins/draw/loss (2/1/0 points) and, if necessary, runs for/against percentage, or as otherwise defined in carnival rules.

6.10. Disputes

1. The Carnival Committee are the arbiters of the weather and the condition of the ground for play to start or continue.
2. The sole arbiters of any rule disputes are the TBAWA Chief Umpire or Assistant Chief Umpire. Umpires should exercise their discretion and try not to delay any game while waiting for the officials to arrive. All other disputes during the Carnivals should be directed to the Carnival Disciplinary Committee as appointed by the TBAWA Carnival Committee.
3. The sole arbiters of any coaching disputes are the TBAWA Chief Coach or Assistant Chief Coach.
4. Complaints need to be emailed to vp@tbawa.org.au on the day of the incident and include team names, age division, particulars of complaint, names of those involved or other identifying information (ie, third base coach etc) and contact details of supporting official witnesses. Complaints and disputes will only be considered if submitted in the prescribed form by an official at the game (coach, umpire, manager or scorer)

6.11. Presentations

1. All Clubs should ensure that all participants attend the presentation. All players will receive a pennant at the presentations.

5 Sanctions

5.1. Clubs/Teams failing to meet their obligations will be subject to the following penalties:

1. Nominated teams failing to attend - $500.00 fine per team.
2. Teams withdrawn after close of nominations - $500.00 fine per team.
3. Failure to provide an Official per scheduled game - $100.00 fine.
4. Failure to provide a TBAWA SCA-accredited umpire - $200.00 fine per game.
5. Failure to return umpires shirt on the day - $25.00 fine.
6. Failure to submit team list - $50.00 fine. Additional players must be registered with the TBAWA Registrar prior to participating. Playing an unregistered player is a 9-0 forfeit.

Failure to be represented at the Umpires/Coaches' information night - $50.00 fine (Country clubs are exempt from in-person meetings).

7. Failure to have the nominated team coach a TBAWA-accredited coach – 9-0 forfeit.
8. Failure to provide setup/packup crew as per Rule 4.2 - $100 fine per person

5.2. Reports and Ejections

1. Any person, whether that be player, coach or spectator, who is removed from a game by an umpire or TBAWA Official will be unable to participate in any future games for the carnival.
2. Officials warning or removing a person from a diamond shall provide a written report to the TBAWA Committee detailing the incident on the prescribed form.
3. The Carnival Committee will review the written evidence at the completion of the carnival and provide the offending club and individual the right to respond.
4. The Carnival Committee will review any response and may consider sanctions including, but not limited to:
   - cancellation of the offender's accreditation, if held,
   - club bond of 2 years good behaviour or $500 fine
   - suspension of club participation for a period of 2 years.

5.3. Breech of Carnival Bylaws

1. Smoking on the grounds (including the use of e-cigarettes) – removal from the carnival.

2. Alcohol on the grounds – removal from the carnival.
3. Indiscriminate use of sporting equipment – confiscation of equipment for remainder of the day.