



**In conjunction with the NSW Junior Baseball Associations and the Baseball NSW Junior League Standing Committee, Sydney Diamond Sports presents**

## **District Cup Rulebook 2019**

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Age Divisions defined as:

**Senior League**

**Junior League**

**Majors**

**Minors Player Pitch**

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### **District Cup Rulebook**

*The 2019 District Cup will be played using the Rules contained herein as developed by Sydney Diamond Sports. Where these rules are silent, we will refer to Baseball Australia sanctioned rules for Junior Baseball in Australia which are developed and published each year by Little League International and more specifically the Tournament Play section of those rules. Little League is the registered name and trade mark of Little League International.*

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## 1.0 DEFINITITON AND NOTES

- a) District Cup Rulebook – are the rules contained herein that apply to the playing, administration and recording of the District Cup for 2019 only.
- b) District Cup Secretary – Sydney Diamond Sports.
- c) District Cup Administration Fee – all teams entering the District Cup will be required to pay an administration fee of \$150 per team per age division entered. Where multiple teams are being entered into an age division the entry fee will be \$100 per team entered into District Cup. Teams withdrawing after registration but prior to commencement of play will be required to pay a \$50 process fee.
- d) Age Divisions – The District Cup will be played in four separate Age Division and will be defined as:
  - Senior League
  - Junior League
  - Majors
  - Minors Player Pitch
- e) Age Matrix to determine each Division is contained at Appendix 1.
- f) Playing Structure – The District Cup Secretary will attempt to create an even and equitable game structure across all age divisions.
- g) Round – A round of District Cup will consist of games scheduled on any one of the days nominated as Game Days. (see schedule at Appendix 3).
- h) Host – The Host Association and/or Club for each round of District Cup will have an obligation to provide; marked up and safely playable fields that meet the dimensions of the playing division hosted, a fully operational canteen, basic on-site first aid assistance and two (2) qualified Umpires to each hosted game.
- i) Teams – Team will consist of no less than 10 and no more than 14 age eligible registered players.
- j) Game balls – Teams will be required to supply game balls. Full size baseball for Seniors, Juniors, Majors – Reduced Injury Factor baseballs for Minors Player Pitch.
- k) Equipment - Players are to ensure that all equipment both safety and playing meet the requirements that would be set for Tournament play in Australia ie catchers gear, helmets/skull caps for base coaches and footwear (ie no metal cleats for Majors/Minors).

## **2.0 ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 Eligibility – Officials**

- a. There will be no limit to the number of Team Officials for each team, however any Team Official (ie coach/assistant coach/manager) taking the field or entering a dug-out must hold at least a current NCAS BA Level 2 coaching accreditation.
- b. Managers named as All Star Team Coaches can oversee teams involved in District Cup but cannot take the field or enter the dug-out during District Cup games.
- c. Each team is required to supply a Scorer. Scoring can be done via book or Game Changer.
- d. All Team Officials must hold a Working with Children Clearance Certificate.

### **2.2 Eligibility - Teams**

- a) Association/Club Teams will be required to complete a District Cup Entry Form, Roster Nomination form and pay the prescribed Administration Fee to be eligible to play in the District Cup.
- b) Association/Club Teams will agree to the format of District Cup as developed by Sydney Diamond Sports and contained herein.
- c) Association/Club Teams must contain only eligible players.
- d) Any Association/Club entering multiple teams in an Age Division can treat their teams in the division as an age division squad and move players between team rosters.
- e) All participating Association/Clubs will agree to host within their Association at least one (1) Round of District Cup for Playing Divisions entered.
- f) Any Association submitting one (1) team into a playing division (ie age division) of District Cup must make that team eligible for the BNSW/BA All Star Pathway to the NSW State Championships.

### **2.3 Eligibility – Players**

- a) Players must be registered within the Baseball Australia database, and playing for, an affiliated Club within the participating Association/Club for the 2019/20 season.

- b) Players must play in their age eligible division only (see Appendix 2).
- c) Players can only appear in one Association/Club Squad Team in each Round unless approval obtained from the District Cup Secretary.
- d) Players must make themselves available for selection into All Star teams for their respective Association.

#### **2.4 Eligibility Bats -**

Eligible bats will comply with the BNSW published bat regulations for season 2019/20 as published by Baseball NSW at

[https://www.baseballnsw.com.au/uploads/1/2/1/6/121695030/14\\_baseball\\_nsw\\_batting\\_regulations\\_2019-20.pdf](https://www.baseballnsw.com.au/uploads/1/2/1/6/121695030/14_baseball_nsw_batting_regulations_2019-20.pdf)

#### **2.5 Eligibility – Diamond Configuration**

Senior League 60.1/90 ft minimum 280 Ft outfield

Junior League 54/80 ft minimum 250 ft outfield

Majors and Minors Player Pitch 46/60 ft minimum 180 ft outfield

#### **2.6 Eligibility - Roster**

- a. Minimum roster size is 10 eligible players.
- b. Maximum roster size is 14 eligible players.
- c. All players, Coaches, Managers, EO's and Scorers **MUST** be listed on the official team registration form.

### **3.0 MANDATORY PARTICIPATION**

Minimum Participation in all age divisions is one (1) plate appearance and three (3) defensive outs per player per game. Coaches are encouraged to exceed this minimum to ensure players are given a fair and equitable opportunity to develop their game skills.

### **4.0 GAMES**

- 4.1 Games will be played at Host fields as per the dates attached at Appendix 3. Clubs/Associations will be offered the opportunity to be a Host once all team nominations are submitted.
- 4.2 Each team is to provide two (2) match balls into each game (see 1J for ball type).

- 4.3 Games will be played to the maximum number of innings as per tournament play for each age division or to the following timed game limits:
- a) Senior League – seven (7) innings or 2 hours 30 mins
  - b) Junior League – seven (7) innings or 2 hours 15 mins
  - c) Majors – six (6) innings or 2 hours
  - d) Minors Player Pitch – six (6) innings or 1 hour 45 mins
- 4.4 A 10 minute rule will also apply to this division. If the top of the innings commences outside of the 10 minutes of the scheduled completion time then the game will be played on until a result is achieved to a maximum of 15 minutes after the scheduled completion time. Ie **Not a hard finish**. Please note the batter in the box at game duration may complete their turn at bat before the game is called.
- 4.5 A tie will be recorded as a result.
- 4.6 To avoid one sided games – the following innings run limit will apply
- a) Senior League – Six (6) runs
  - b) Junior League – Six (6) runs
  - c) Majors Six (6) runs
  - d) Minors Player Pitch Five (5) runs
- 4.7 Should an innings finish as a result of the above innings mercy limit then each player on the field during that innings will be credited with three (3) Defensive Outs for the innings.
- 4.8 Optional Game 10 Run Mercy Rule When a scheduled game reaches the regulation game point (ie 3.5 innings for Majors/Minors and 4.5 for Juniors and Seniors) and a team is 10 or more runs ahead, such team may be declared the winner at the request of the Coach of the losing team. This rule is not mandatory.

## **5.0 PITCHING**

- a) District Cup Pitching Threshold will be as per those contained at Appendix 2.
- b) There will be no pitch type restriction for Senior League, Junior League or Majors.
- c) Minors Player Pitch will only be permitted to throw fast ball and change up type pitches only.
- d) In each division a pitcher can only pitch in one (1) assignment per day.
- e) In each division a pitcher can only pitch in one (1) assignment per game.
- f) There is no pitch/catch or catch/pitch allowed in District Cup.

## **6.0 PITCHING RESTRICTIONS AT CLUB GAMES**

- a) The District Cup has been established to allow Association/Club based teams to experience more baseball as part of each Association/Club's Player Development Program. In order to minimise the disruption to Club baseball games played during the District Cup season, Association/Clubs are recommended to not place any player on pitching restriction for Club games unless agreed to in advance with the Club team Coach.
- b) Coaches in charge of District Cup teams are responsible for knowing players pitching assignments from Club games.
- c) Any Official of an Association/Club team participating in the District Cup breaching this rule or any pitching restriction rules will be advised to their Association Board/Committee for the appropriate disciplinary action.

## **7.0 RESULTS&PUBLISHEDINFORMATION**

- a) The home team Scorer from each game will be responsible for submitting a result sheet by 7:00 pm on the Monday after the game.
- b) The home team Scorer from each game will be responsible for texting the score of the game to the District Cup secretary on completion of the game.
- c) Results will be published on the Sydney Diamond Sports website.
- d) Game highlights, scores and photographs will be published on the Sydney Diamond Sports website and Facebook page
- e) No ladder will be maintained or published.

## **8.0 DISPUTES, BREACHES**

- a. All breaches or disputes other than those previously advised that relate to pitching, will be dealt with by the District Cup Secretary.
- b. Managers/Coaches/Staff found to have breached the rules for the District Cup may be suspended for a game.
- c. Offensive or abusive language directed at an Umpire or Official by a Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator will warrant an immediate ejection from the District Cup Round.
- d. Indirect offensive language by a Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator will be assessed by the Umpire in Charge of the game and may result in an ejection from the District Cup Round.
- e. Any Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator who is ejected from a District Cup Round will take no further part in the District Cup and will be referred to their Association body for penalty.



## **9.0 WEATHER**

Should a Host believe that games cannot be played due to Weather, the Host will contact Sydney Diamond Sports who will publish any wet weather notices on their website and Facebook as soon as notified. Every effort will be made to get games on as per or as close to the schedule as possible with all teams, Association/Clubs working in co-operation with Sydney Diamond Sports. Any games that are declared washed out will not be replayed.

## **10.0 CONTACTS**

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Appendix 1

District Cup Age Divisions

Senior League - 1 Sept 2003 to 31 August 2006

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Age
<b>2006</b>	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	<b>13</b>
<b>2005</b>	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	<b>14</b>
<b>2004</b>	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	<b>15</b>
<b>2003</b>	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	<b>16</b>

Junior League – 1 Sept 2005 to 31 August 2008

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Age
<b>2007</b>	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	<b>12</b>
<b>2006</b>	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	<b>13</b>
<b>2005</b>	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	<b>14</b>

Majors – 1 Sept 2007 to 31 August 2010

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Age
<b>2009</b>	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	<b>10</b>
<b>2008</b>	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	<b>11</b>
<b>2007</b>	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	<b>12</b>

Minors Player Pitch Player Pitch – 1 Sept 2008 to 31 August 2011

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Age
<b>2010</b>	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	<b>9</b>
<b>2009</b>	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	<b>10</b>
<b>2008</b>	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	<b>11</b>

## Appendix 2 - District Cup Pitching Thresholds

As Extracted from the Pitch Smart Pitching Guidelines as published by MLB.com. The following pitch and Rest Restrictions will be applied to any player participating in the 2019 District Cup. Pitchers may finish the batter at each threshold.

Players may not pitch and catch or catch and pitch for District Cup games.

Senior League – Maximum Daily Limit for District Cup is 60 pitches

Threshold	Limits	Restriction
Threshold 1	1-30 Pitches	No calendar days rest
Threshold 2	31-45 Pitches	1 calendar days rest
Threshold 3	46-60 Pitches	2 calendar days rest

Junior League – Maximum Daily Limit for District Cup is 50 pitches

Threshold	Limits	Restriction
Threshold 1	1-20 Pitches	No calendar days rest
Threshold 2	21-35 Pitches	1 calendar days rest
Threshold 3	36-50 Pitches	2 calendar days rest

Majors – Maximum Daily Limit for District Cup is 50 pitches

Threshold	Limits	Restriction
Threshold 1	1-20 Pitches	No calendar days rest
Threshold 2	21-35 Pitches	1 calendar days rest
Threshold 3	36-50 Pitches	2 calendar days rest

Minors Player Pitch – Maximum Daily Limit for District Cup is 50 pitches

Threshold	Limits	Restriction
Threshold 1	1-20 Pitches	No calendar days rest
Threshold 2	21-35 Pitches	1 calendar days rest
Threshold 3	36-50 Pitches	2 calendar days rest

Once removed as a pitcher a player can take any non battery playing position.

No pitcher in any division is permitted to have pitching assignments on three (3) consecutive days.

## APPENDIX 3

### Nominated Game Days

#### **Senior League**

Sunday, 20 October 2019  
Sunday, 27 October 2019  
Sunday, 10 November 2019  
Sunday, 17 November 2019  
Sunday, 1 December 2019  
Sunday, 15 December 2019

#### **Junior League**

Sunday, 20 October 2019  
Sunday, 3 November 2019  
Sunday, 10 November 2019  
Sunday, 17 November 2019  
Sunday, 1 December 2019  
Sunday, 15 December 2019

#### **Little League Majors & Minors Player Pitch**

Sunday, 20 October 2019  
Sunday, 3 November 2019  
Sunday, 10 November 2019  
Sunday, 17 November 2019  
Sunday, 1 December 2019  
Sunday, 15 December 2019

Games can be scheduled at any time during the day for any division to a maximum of 3 timeslots at any Host diamond. Multiple Diamonds can be used at each Host if available.