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SENIOR & WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS
PLAYING CONDITIONS

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01 Governance

- 01.01 These Geelong Baseball Association (GBA) Playing Conditions are made as Regulations pursuant to Rule 34.1 of the Baseball Victoria Constitution Rules (“Rules”).
- a) A recommendation for amendment to these Playing Conditions must be supported by a majority rule of the votes cast at a properly constituted meeting of the Delegates of the Clubs as participating in the Geelong Baseball Association for the forthcoming winter season.
- 01.02 Changes to the playing conditions cannot be made during the season, once published.

02 Interpretations

- 02.01 In these Playing Conditions, unless contrary intention appears:
- a) “**Association**” means Geelong Baseball Association (GBA) Incorporated (ABN 22 472 121 951)
 - b) “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the GBA
 - c) “**Club**” means an Incorporated Club responsible for the administration of a baseball Club participating in the Association.
 - d) “**Defunct Club**” means a Club that has been declared ‘defunct’ by the Board
 - e) “**Defunct League**” means a League that has been declared ‘defunct’ by the Board because it has not administered a League for three consecutive seasons.
 - f) “**League**” means a competition comprising Regular Season games and Play-offs between baseball clubs that are members of the Association.
 - g) “**Recessed Club**” means a club that has been declared ‘recessed’ by the Board
 - h) “**Recessed League**” means a League organised by the Association that has been declared ‘recessed’ by the Board because it has not administered a competition for a period of two (2) consecutive seasons after the last competition administered by the Association.
- 02.02 In these Playing Conditions a reference to a “**Rules of Baseball**” shall mean a reference to the “**Official Rules of Baseball**”.
- 02.03 In these Playing Conditions a reference to a “**By-Law**” shall mean a reference to the By-Laws of Baseball Victoria.

General Playing Conditions

03 Application of General Playing Conditions

- 03.01 The General Playing Conditions noted in this document also apply to all Geelong Baseball Association Senior and Women's, Junior (As published on the GBA Web Site) and Administration without exception or alteration.

04 Competition Scheduling

- 04.01 At the first Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting the commencement date for the upcoming season will be determined.
- 04.02 Application for affiliation of teams in the Association Senior Competition must be lodged in writing with the Executive Officer by March 15 for the upcoming winter season.
- 04.03 The Pennant Committee may consider nominations received later than this time at its discretion.
- 04.04 The Pennant Committee shall determine the fixture for the Regular Season for the senior competition.
- 04.05 The Junior and Women's Committees shall determine the fixture for the Regular Season for the junior and women's competitions in consultation with the Board of the Geelong Baseball Association.
- 04.06 The approved Geelong Baseball Association Fixtures shall be published on the Geelong Baseball Association website.
- 04.07 The Pennant Committee may amend the senior fixture as needed at any time during the Regular Season.
- 04.08 The Junior or Women's Committees may amend the junior or women's fixture as needed at any time during the Regular Season.
- 04.09 If the Pennant Committee, Junior or Women's Committees amends the fixture, the Executive Officer shall publish the amended fixture on the Geelong Baseball Association Website. The Executive Officer shall also notify the Presidents and Secretaries of the affected Clubs as soon as possible.

05 Game Start

- 05.01 Games shall commence at times stated in the fixture or these Playing Conditions, as relevant, subject to the Umpire being satisfied that the playing field is fit for the playing of the match. To 'Call' a game due to the

fitness of playing condition, the Umpire must be in attendance at the ground at the scheduled start time.

- 05.02 The Pennant Committee may 'Call' games prior to the commencement of play due to the fitness of playing conditions or weather. Refer to Rule of Baseball 4.04 and 4.05

06 Late Start and Forfeiture

- 06.01 Where a team has less than seven players present at the scheduled start time for a game, the commencement of the game shall be deferred for a maximum of ten (10) minutes.
- 06.02 If sufficient players arrive for the team to field seven players within ten minutes from the scheduled start time, play will commence immediately and may continue whenever there are at least seven players. The Umpire shall record the late start and the team that caused the late start on the Match Report Card. The Pennant Committee shall impose a "Late Start" fine on the defaulting team (as per Schedule 1.)
- 06.03 If, at ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time, the defaulting team is unable to field seven (7) players, the opposing team shall be awarded a win for the game by forfeit. The Umpire shall record the win as a forfeit to the opposing team on the Match Report Card awarding a score of 9-0. Pennant Committee shall impose a "Forfeiture" fine on the defaulting team, (as per Schedule 1) If neither team is able to field seven players within ten minutes from the scheduled start time, both teams will be awarded a loss and the score of 0-9. The Umpire shall record the losses on the Match Report Card. The Pennant Committee shall impose a "Forfeiture" fine on both as per Schedule 1. The cost of the umpire fees shall be shared between the defaulting teams.
- 06.04 When a game is forfeited the names of the players in attendance from the defaulting team(s) must be recorded in the Match Report Card. The non-defaulting team must record a minimum of seven players and a maximum of nine, of the players in attendance.
- 06.05 Players recorded on the Match Report Card under this Playing Condition may not play in another game in that round, except under the Two Games/One Day Rule as stipulated in these Playing Conditions.

NOTE: If players named on the Match Report Card were not at the ground, the Pennant Committee will call in all player/s and club officials for an official inquiry. The penalty, if an offence is proved, will be decided by the Pennant Committee after

consideration of the evidence provided. Failure to supply Match Report Card will incur a fine (as per Schedule 1)

07 Notified Forfeiture/Walkover

07.01 A club giving a Forfeiture/Walkover in advance must do so beginning with the lowest grade in the club. If a higher grade team gives a Walkover on the day of the game, all teams below that will be charged with a forfeit in that round (penalties, as detailed in Rule 6.03, will apply to Walkovers).

08 Extreme Weather Refer to BV By Law 24

- 08.01 If there is an adverse weather forecast (lightning, wet weather or extreme heat) for the scheduled playing day:
- a) **In advance**, Pennant Committee may consider a full or partial cancellation (i.e. Pennant Committee may choose to cancel some or all divisions) in advance and where applicable will seek necessary guidance from the Bureau of Meteorology and/or selected medical and legal practitioners. Should this occur, all clubs will be notified via email or text message to Club Secretaries and on the competition website.
 - b) **On Game Day**, if GBA Pennant Committee has not made a decision in advance or advised for players to attend for play, decisions regarding play shall be in the hands of the home Club Secretary (or his/her nominee - as per Rule of Baseball 3.10 (a)).
 - c) **During a Game**, once the game has commenced, decisions will then be made by the umpires.

09 Washouts

- 09.01 If a whole round is abandoned by a decision of the Pennant Committee, no points will be awarded and no matches will be replayed.
- 09.02 Games abandoned on an individual basis will not be replayed.

10 Heat Affected Games Refer to BV By Law 24

It shall be the responsibility of the home Club Secretary (or his/her nominee) to monitor on a half-hourly basis, current temperatures via the Bureau of Meteorology website or telephone 1196 weather information line. Should the current temperature reach 38° Celsius for Seniors competitions (34° Celsius for Junior competitions), play shall be suspended immediately. The temperature shall be monitored during this

time every 15 minutes. Play shall not resume until the temperature falls below 38° Celsius (or 34° Celsius for junior competitions).

- 10.01 Regional areas, a check of weather conditions should be conducted via the Bureau of Meteorology website through the “Latest Weather Observations for Victoria” page (<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/observations/vicall.shtml>)
- 10.02 Notwithstanding the above, the umpire/s shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion.
- 10.03 No person is forced by Baseball Victoria or the GBA Pennant Committee to participate in any match and Clubs shall place no pressure on any participant if he/she considers withdrawing from any part of a match for health reasons.

11 Rain Affected Games refer to BV By Law 26

- 11.01 If the Umpire considers that play is unsafe due to rain, the Umpire shall stop play immediately.
- 11.02 If the game is interrupted by rain, poor light, poor ground conditions or other conditions relating to the weather, a game shall be considered to be a regulation game if it goes for five innings or lasts for 65 minutes of actual playing time.
- 11.03 A game interrupted by bad weather should not be abandoned until at least 30 minutes of non-play has elapsed, to allow for possible improvement in playing conditions.
- 11.04 If there is insufficient playing time left to complete a legal game, the game is to be called off immediately and declared a ‘Washout’.
- 11.05 Should the Umpire consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the rain will ease to the point that play is safe within sufficient time to achieve a Legal Game, the Umpire is to suspend play and periodically assess the conditions. If the Umpire determines it is safe to do so, play will resume.
- 11.06 Should the Umpire consider that there is not a reasonable expectation that the rain will ease within sufficient time to achieve a Legal Game, the Umpire is to ‘Call’ the game.
- 11.07 If a game is called under this Playing Condition, the game shall be deemed to be a Wash-Out and no points awarded.

12 Lightning Refer to Baseball Victoria By Law 27

- 12.01 Those Clubs associated with the GBA and its activities should note that

the risk of injury from lightning is real, especially for people playing outdoor sports such as baseball.

- 12.02 On game day, the Umpires have the responsibility to decide when it is safe to play baseball, giving consideration to the risk of injury from lightning.
- 12.03 Players, officials and guests must take shelter in the club rooms or their cars while play is suspended. The dugouts do not provide appropriate protection.
- 12.04 Play must not be resumed until it is safe to do in the opinion of the Umpires on game day.
- 12.05 Delays to play caused by lightning risk will be considered to be a weather delay in deciding the outcome of a game.

13 Rescheduling of Games

- 13.01 Games that are incomplete or not played due to adverse weather, forfeit or other unsuitable playing conditions shall not be rescheduled.

14 Pre-Match Warm-Up

- 14.01 Twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the Away team may use the diamond for a maximum of seven (7) minutes.
- 14.02 Twelve (12) minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the Home team may use the diamond for a maximum of seven (7) minutes.
- 14.03 Five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the diamond is to be vacated. Coaches from both teams are to meet with the Umpires at home plate to determine ground rules, playing conditions and to exchange team line-ups.

15 Extended line up – up to 12 batters

- 15.01 This rule does not apply to First Grade or Second Grade
All other Grades and the Women's Competition may apply rules 16.03 to 16.07 inclusive.
- 15.02 A team can choose to play with the standard 9 players (and DH if applicable for that competition) with substitution players on the bench and are therefore bound by the normal substitution rules of the competition for that game.
- 15.03 To invoke the extended line up rule, all batters up to the max number of 12 must be nominated on the line-up card handed to the umpire prior to the commencement of the game.

- 15.04 The normal substitution rules of baseball apply if there are players on the bench that are not listed on the extended line up handed to the umpire.
- 15.05 All batters in the extended line up must take their allotted at bat in the batting order as per the line-up card handed to the umpire prior to the commencement of the game.
- 15.06 If a player on the extended line up does not take their allotted at bat, they will be deemed to have been substituted out of the game, is removed from the batting line up and can no longer participate in the game.
- 15.07 If a team has invoked the extended line up rule, players nominated on the extended line up can change fielding positions at any time during the game. There are no requirements for a player to play in the field at any time during the game.

16 Five Minute Rule

- 16.01 If, at the completion of even innings, from the call of “side”, there remains more than five minutes before the scheduled completion time, a further complete innings shall be played.
- 16.02 If, at five minutes before the scheduled time of completion, the home team is at bat and is:
 - 16.03 Ahead - the game ceases immediately.
 - 16.04 Tied or behind - the game continues until the winning run is scored or the side is retired.
- 16.05 If five minutes or less remains at the completion of even innings, the game shall end.

17 Five / Ten Minute Rule – Early Game

- 17.01 The 5 /10 Minute Rule shall apply for all for Early Games
- 17.02 If at completion of an even innings, from the call of “side”, there remains more than five minutes before the scheduled completion time, further time of up to 10 minutes past the scheduled finish time shall be allowed to complete the innings.
- 17.03 Should this innings not be completed then the result reverts back to normal rules (either even innings or the score at the end of play).
- 17.04 If five minutes or less remains at the completion of even innings, the game shall end.

18 Visits to the Pitcher by a Coach or Manager

18.01 Rule of Baseball 5.10 (L) shall apply in full to all Junior, Women's and Senior, regular season and play-off games.

a) (Exception – clause b does not apply)

Note: A senior player may return to the mound in a subsequent innings

Insert A second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause this pitcher's automatic removal as the pitcher and this player may move to another position on the field

19 Time Wasting

19.01 Umpires are to take necessary actions to prevent wasting of time and any acts of deliberate time wasting, as defined in Rule of Baseball 4.15. The umpire may choose to "Call" a game in extreme cases and "Forfeit" the offending team. All incidents shall be recorded on the Match Report Card for consideration of action by the Pennant Committee.

20 Allocation of Play-off Venues

20.01 The Pennant Committee shall schedule Play-off games. The scheduling of Play-offs published by the Geelong Baseball Association Pennant Committee are final. The Executive Officer will notify all clubs involved in the Play-offs.

21 Dugout Protection

21.01 All benches/dugouts constructed within a permanent baseball field require protection or screening to protect players from the field of play and weather.

21.02 Failure to provide dugout protection to this standard may result in forfeiture of any game played at the venue and referral to the Pennant Committee.

22 Uniforms

22.01 Clubs participating in the Geelong Baseball Association must seek written approval from the Pennant Committee and the Board based on a concept design of a uniform prior to manufacture and purchase for all club playing uniforms. The items in which a club must seek approval for include:

- a) Playing jersey & undershirt/sleeves; and
 - b) Playing pants, belt and socks; and
 - c) Playing cap.
- 22.02 The Pennant Committee or Board reserves the right to reject or request changes to colours or design
- 22.03 Baseball Victoria holds rights over the following areas of team uniforms for the display of competition sponsor logos:
- a) The left breast of the team playing jersey (the size of the logo representation will not exceed 60cm sq); and
 - b) The left sleeve of the team playing jersey (the size of the logo representation will not exceed 120cm sq).
- 22.04 Clubs must seek approval of all potential sponsor/s from the Board to ensure there are no potential conflicts with competition and/or all of Baseball sponsors. Baseball Victoria or the GBA Board will not approve advertising of cigarettes/tobacco, liquor or any company conflicting with any Baseball Victoria or GBA sponsor.
- 22.05 Clubs may place your approved sponsor logos on the following areas of its team uniform and equipment:
- 22.06 The right sleeve of the team playing jersey (the size of the logo representation must not exceed 120cm sq); and
- 22.07 An area on the top of the playing jersey, at the top of the Jersey and above the number (the size of the logo representation will not exceed 120cm sq).
- 22.08 The following areas of the uniform must be void of all sponsor logos, with exception to the usual manufacturer's marks:
- 22.09 The front of the playing jersey (with exception to the Club's name or logo and a number at least half the size as the one on the back); and
- a) The playing pants; and
 - b) The playing cap; and
 - c) Batting, Catcher's and Coaches' helmets; and
 - d) Catcher's chest plate; and
 - e) Any other item used during a match.
- 22.10 Players and Coaches that participate in games out of uniform may be fined as per schedule 1.

23 Baseballs

- 23.01 For games, Home Clubs must provide match balls, in good condition, meeting the following requirements:

- a) meet the specifications defined in Rule of Baseball 3.01, and
 - b) are white in colour
 - c) have a premium leather covering
 - d) be of the same brand and model
- 23.02 First Grade three (3) new balls shall be provided.
- 23.03 All other senior and women's grades two (2) new balls shall be provided.
- 23.04 Adequate replacement balls must be available to replace lost match balls during a game.
- 23.05 The Main Umpire shall adjudge whether the baseballs supplied are of suitable quality and meet the requirements stated in this Playing Condition.

Note:

"While the GBA does not endorse any brand of baseball Clubs are expected to provide baseballs that are suitable for the winter competition and conditions of the day and comply with Rule of Baseball 3.01"

24 Blood Rule

- 24.01 An Umpire shall immediately direct a player to leave the playing field if the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of the uniform or body. The player's name and the time that the player is directed to leave the playing field shall be marked in the scorebook.
- 24.02 If, ten minutes after the player was directed to leave the field, the player has been unable to stop the bleeding and/or remove or cover the affected uniform area, the player must be replaced in the normal substitution manner.

25 Player eligibility - two teams from same club in the same grade

- 25.01 At the conclusion of five (5) rounds Clubs are required to nominate a core group of seven (7) players for each of the two teams and nominate which of the two teams the core group will play. The core group of seven players and the team in which they play will be classed as "Team A" or Team B". The players in the core group for each team will not be allowed to alternate between the two teams during the Regular Season and Play-offs (i.e. they can only play for the one team within that grade). These core groups of players must play the majority of games for the respective sides (At least half the fixtured games.)
- 25.02 The remaining players that are not in the core group can alternate between the two teams for the duration of the Regular Season.

26 Play-off eligibility rule for the two teams are as follows:

- 26.01 If only Team A makes the Play-offs, all players can play in Team A except the players in the Team B core group, and as long as they have played enough games to qualify for Play-offs.
- 26.02 If both Team A & Team B make the Play-offs, then all players outside the core groups must choose which team they will play in and remain in that team for the remainder of the Play-offs series, as long as they have played enough games to qualify for Play-offs. The core group players may only play for the team they have been nominated in the Play-offs and must have played enough games to qualify for Play-offs.
- 26.03 If only Team B makes Play-offs, all players can play in Team B, except the players in the Team A core group, and as long as they have played enough games to qualify for Play-offs.

27 Disputes and Protests

- 27.01 In the event of any dispute or protest, other than judgement decisions and in guidance with Rule of Baseball 4.19, which cannot be disputed, clubs may appeal to the Pennant Committee in writing.
- 27.02 The Manager must lodge a notice of the protest with the Umpire at the time of objection. The Umpire shall be given the opportunity to consider the point of protest raised by the Manager.
- 27.03 Should the Manager decide to continue the protest, the Umpire must be advised and the scorers shall endorse both scorebooks with the precise game situation at the time.
- 27.04 The Manager of the protesting team shall, at the conclusion of the game, advise the Umpire whether the protest is to be proceeded with and the details of the protest shall be recorded on the Match Report.
- 27.05 Details of the protest must be lodged in writing and be in the hands of the Executive Officer within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the game, accompanied by a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fee. The protest shall state the reason that the protest is being entered and include, where relevant, reference to the Rules of the Association, Rules of Baseball, By-Laws or Playing Conditions.
- 27.06 The Pennant Committee shall hear the protest as soon as practicable after receipt of a properly made appeal.
- 27.07 If the Pennant Committee considers that the protest is not frivolous, the Pennant Committee shall instruct the GBA's Treasurer to return the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fee to the protesting club.

27.08 The Pennant Committee ruling on the protest, including any arrangements for a re-completion of a game, shall be final with no right of appeal so as far not to further interrupt the remainder of the competition.

28 Yellow Card Rule

28.01 This rule may be invoked for offences committed of a minor nature including, but not limited to:

- a) Dangerous play;
- b) Dissent;
- c) Equipment abuse;
- d) Minor obscenities; and
- e) Misconduct.

28.02 If, in the opinion of the Umpire, an offence has occurred as provided for in this Playing Condition, the Umpire must show a Yellow Card to the offender and both the offender and the team manager must be informed of the nature of the offence.

28.03 A person who receives two Yellow Cards in the same game shall be ejected from the game after the second offence but will not be required to attend a Tribunal hearing.

28.04 At the conclusion of the game, the Umpire is to record the details of the offence that led to the issue of the Yellow Card on the Yellow Card or Match Report and to be sent in with the Match Card.

28.05 GBA Registrar shall maintain a register of Yellow Card offences.

28.06 The first and second Yellow Card offences during a competition season shall incur no penalty.

28.07 Any player that incurs a third Yellow Card, and any subsequent Yellow Card, during a season, shall be suspended from participating in the next scheduled game of the competition in which the last Yellow Card was received, as well as all games in other grades and divisions prior to the next scheduled game.

- a) 3 yellow cards = 1 weeks
- b) 4 yellow cards = 2 weeks
- c) 5 yellow cards = 4 weeks

28.08 A person suspended under this Playing Condition will be notified by the GBA Executive Officer via their club.

28.09 When a person incurs a Yellow Card suspension in the last game of the Regular Season or a Play-off game, the matter will be referred to the Tribunal. The Tribunal shall determine the timing of the suspension.

- 28.10 A person may appeal to the Tribunal Chairman against the issue of a Yellow Card. Such appeals are to be lodged in writing, stating the reasons for the appeal and be in the hands of the GBA-EO within forty-eight hours of the game in which the Yellow Card was issued and shall be accompanied by a fifty (\$50.00) dollar fee.
- 28.11 If the Tribunal Chairman deems that the appeal is not frivolous, the Tribunal Chairman shall instruct the GBA EO to refund the fee. Mere denial of the offence does not constitute grounds for an appeal and will result in the loss of the fee.
- 28.12 Upon receiving a properly made appeal, the Tribunal Chairman shall decide if the matter should be referred to the Tribunal for resolution, such decision being final.
- 28.13 The Tribunal shall hear an appeal referred under this Playing Condition by convening a hearing with the offender and the Umpire. The Tribunal may determine to:
- a) Uphold the appeal, cancel the Yellow Card and advise the Umpire; or
 - b) Dismiss the appeal and confirm the Yellow Card; or
 - c) Consider the offence warranted an ejection and impose a penalty; and
 - d) Decide to retain or return the deposit.
- 28.14 Decisions of the Tribunal are final and not subject to further appeal.

29 Ejected Persons

- 29.01 Any umpire in control of any game played under the auspices of the GBA is empowered to report any person who, in the umpire's opinion, engages in conduct detrimental to the best interests of the game of baseball. This includes any practice game to which an official has been appointed. This includes: Players, Spectators & Officials
- 29.02 The ejected persons must leave the playing field immediately and cannot re-enter the playing field or surrounds while the Umpire is still on the ground. Rule of Baseball 6.04 shall be enforced insofar as they are practicable in the circumstances of that particular game.
- 29.03 Ejected persons must not approach the Umpire after being ejected.
- 29.04 The reporting umpire and ejected persons shall adhere to the GBA Framework on Prohibited Conduct
- 29.05 Under all circumstances, GBA will not tolerate the clearing of players and coaches from a bench to engage in a melee. The Pennant Committee will determine if a melee occurred after reviewing the information provided

by the match officials. If proven the pennant Committee will direct the GBA's Executive Officer to apply an automatic one (1) game suspension on any player, coach or other person that leaves their bench or designated area to engage in a melee. The Tribunal may then meet, to adjudicate on further actions and penalties, if required based on the umpires' report or other information provided by relevant parties in the absence of a professional umpire.

30 Prohibited Substances

- 30.01 A person shall be ejected from a game for smoking, consuming an alcoholic beverage or chewing/dipping of tobacco and shall be fined. For the purpose of this Playing Condition, a game is deemed to commence when the umpire enters the playing field in compliance with Rule of Baseball 4.01. Any player, coach or umpire who, at or from that time, indulges in any of the activities mentioned in this Playing Condition may be reported for breach of this Playing Condition. (Also refer to the GBA's Liquor and Smoke Free Policies as published on the Website)
- 30.02 An ejected person under this Playing Condition shall comply with the rule of baseball for an ejected person) Refer to the GBA's Liquor and Smoke Free Policies as published on the Website for further penalties.

31 Results - Match Report Card and Lodging of Scores

- 31.01 Match Report Cards are the official record for each game played. The card records information including the scores, names of the umpires and players and details of importance.
- 31.02 It is the responsibility of the umpire to ensure all details are accurate and complete. Assistance is to be provided by the scorers and the team coaches or managers.
- 31.03 Match reports of every game shall be completed by both teams with all due care but it will be the responsibility of the HOME team to deliver/email the report to the official collection point within the time set by the Association.
- 31.04 These times and other alternative arrangements such as phone contacts will be provided by the GBA at the commencement of the season to ensure press and registration arrangements are processed as soon as possible.
- 31.05 Penalties will apply for non arrival of report, late arrival of report and incorrectly filled in sheets (see Schedule 1)

31.06 Reports for finals are to be filled in and delivered by the WINNING team.

32 Umpires and Scorers

32.01 The GBA will be responsible, where possible, for providing umpires for all grades scheduled by the Association.

32.02 (Umpires and scorers must be covered by insurance, both personal and public liability. Delete) All umpires and scorers must be registered on the SportsTG system

32.03 All First and Second Grade games are to be umpired from behind home plate.

32.04 All other grades and women's may be umpired from the centre.

32.05 Games will not start without an umpire. If the official umpire does not arrive the home team is responsible for appointing an umpire.

32.06 If the GBA is unable to provide sufficient umpires to cover all games, club umpires will be allocated to certain games. The club nominated must supply umpires with sufficient experience to umpire at the appointed level. Club umpires will be expected to apply all penalties as necessary. Any reportable offence must be reported to the Association

32.07 Umpires and Scorers are the appointed officials for the game. It is their responsibility to ensure the game is conducted in a fair manner that complies with all rules and regulations.

32.08 Both teams must supply a scorer, whom must be seated together. Should a team not provide a scorer or the scorer is late, the offending club shall be fined as per Schedule 1

33 Umpire fees.

33.01 Games will not start until all fees have been paid to the Umpires. Clubs are requested to provide the payment in an envelope (no coins). If after fifteen minutes the fee is not paid, the non-offending team will receive a walkover.

33.02 See Attachment 1 for Umpire fees

33.03 Where two umpires are appointed but only one arrives, the appointment of another umpire shall be left in the appointed umpire's hand. If he is unable to secure another umpire, the home team will be obligated to supply one.

Seniors and Women's Playing Conditions

34 Game Start Times

- 34.01 Start times for all Regular Season games and Play-offs shall be as published in the fixture. The fixture will be published on the Geelong Baseball Association Website.

35 Game Durations

- 35.01 Game durations

Early Games

All Grades 12.00 – 2.00pm (2hr with 5 /10 min rule)

Late Games

First Grade Only 2.25 – 4.45pm (2hr 20min with 5 min rule @ 4.40pm)

All Other Grades 2.25 - 4.25pm (2hr with 5/10 min rule @ 4.20pm)

Single Games

First Grade only 1.00 – 3.20pm (2hr 20min with 5 min rule @ 3.15pm)

All other Grades 1.00 – 3.00pm (2hr with 5/10 min rule @ 2.55pm)

Women's Game Durations

Division 1

12.00pm-2.00pm (2hr with 5/10 min rule)

Division 2

Where all two round robin games are played on the same day/venue

1st Game 9.30am-11.30am (2hr with 5/10 min rule)

2nd Game 12.00pm-2.00pm (2hr with 5/10 min rule)

- 35.02 A "Legal Game" is when a game has been played for a minimum of five (5) innings or sixty-five (65) minutes of play
- 35.03 Additional innings may be played if the scores are tied once the above maximum innings have been played, only as long as time and light permits.

36 Mercy Rule

- 36.01 In all grades (10 after 7)
- If a team is leading by ten (10) runs or more after seven (7) completed innings, the game shall be 'Called'.
 - If the home team is or becomes ten (10) or more runs ahead, the bottom half of the seventh (7th) innings and subsequent innings shall not be played or completed.
 - If a game is ended under this Playing Condition the game ending provisions of Rules of Baseball 5.08 and 7.01 apply.
- 36.02 In all grades (15 after 5)
- The game shall be 'Called' when one team is leading by fifteen (15) runs or more

after five (5) completed innings, the bottom half of the fifth (5th) or subsequent innings shall not be played, or

- b) Completed if the home team is or becomes fifteen (15) or more runs ahead.
- c) If the Mercy Rule is not invoked after the fifth (5th) innings, then the provisions of this Playing Conditions will apply from the seventh (7th) inning.

37 Runs per Inning Limit Seniors and Women's

- 37.01 In Thirds ,Fourths and Fifths there is a 10 run per inning limit.
In the Women's competition there is a 7 run per inning limit.

Any batting statistics (hits, rbi's etc) shall be credited as if the inning continued where applicable.

- 37.02 This rule only applies to regular home and away games scheduled in the season and not in the final series.

38 Designated Hitters (DH)

- 38.01 A designated hitter is available for all Senior and Women's competitions Rule of Baseball 5.11, with the following local amendment:
- 38.02 Delete Rule of Baseball 6.10b (from the third last paragraph the sentence in brackets delete,)
"The game pitcher may only pinch hit for the designated hitter."
and replace with,
"The game pitcher may be substituted to bat or run for any player but the designated hitter rule shall then terminate."

39 Two Games/One Day Rule

- 39.01 The following Playing Conditions only apply to (A Reserves & B Reserves. delete) all early games
- 39.02 A player who has participated in an early game may also participate in the late game on the same day provided that the player does not enter the game before the end of the second (2nd) innings and the following game must be in a higher grade.
- 39.03 In the women's competition re-entry will be allowed if there are 2 divisions in this competition and the player played in the earlier lower division game.
- 39.04 A pitcher in the early game cannot then pitch in the late game.
- 39.05 Participation in each game shall count as a full game played for the early game and the "Re-entry" game shall count as one half of a game.
- 39.06 Contravention of this Playing Condition shall result in forfeiture of the

second game. The Pennant Committee shall impose a “Forfeiture” fine on the offending club as per Schedule 1

39.07 A player, playing under the provisions of Rule 39.01, is recorded on both match reports and is credited with two games by the GBA Registrar. At the conclusion of the season grade qualification is based directly upon appearances in each grade. Each “Re-entry” game shall count as a half game in the higher grade

39.08 If a player has an even number of games in each grade, they will qualify to play for the higher grade only. They must play more in a lower grade to qualify for that grade.

40 Eligibility of Players

40.01 No player under the age of 14 will be allowed to play in the senior baseball competition.

- a) A junior female player is eligible to play in the Women’s competition once she has reached the age of 13 years of age.
- b) Penalty: The player shall be deemed ineligible. Refer to rules 64.1. a), b), c) and d).

40.02 No player shall be permitted to drop by more than one grade during the course of the season (including finals) without the special permission of the Pennant Committee. Written Applications to drop by more than one grade must be lodged by 8pm on the Wednesday preceding the first day of the game with the Executive Officer

40.03 After playing ten (10) games in higher grades during the season, a player must gain permission from the Pennant Committee to be allowed to play in a lower grade; ie. A player who has played three games in First Grade and seven games in Second Grade cannot play in any lower grade without written permission.

40.04 (This rule does not apply where a player has played 10 or more games in First Grade & intends to play Second Grade in the home and away games. The same applies in Third and Fourth Grades in the home and away games. Delete)

40.05 Where a club has a team which has a bye on any particular round, the club must obtain permission from the Pennant Committee, for any player that played in the team having the bye the previous week, to play in a lower grade.

41 Juniors Pitching & Catching restrictions (BV By-Law 18)

41.01 A junior pitcher's game contribution will be classified as specified in the Table and Pitch Smart USA guidelines

Actual Age	13w	14	15	16	17
Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	95	95	95	95	105
0 Days Rest	1-20	1-20	1-30	1-30	1-30
1 Days Rest	21-35	21-35	31-45	31-45	31-45
2 Days Rest	36-50	36-50	46-60	46-60	46-60
3 Days Rest	51-65	51-65	61-75	61-75	61-80
4 Days Rest	66+	66+	76+	76+	81+
5 Days Rest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

41.02 The following minimum restrictions apply to all junior games played in Victoria under the auspices of the Association:

41.03 A pitcher reaching the maximum number of pitches is to be removed as a pitcher once he has completed the batter.

41.04 Any player pitching in a game cannot pitch again in same day

41.05 The rest period referred to in these clauses commences at 11:59pm on the day that the pitching assignment was completed.

41.06 If any pitcher delivers one pitch in an inning, he shall be charged for one assignment.

41.07 A Balk Pitch delivered to the plate, whether it be hit safe or not shall be considered to be valid for the purpose of recording the number of pitches.

41.08 A "no pitch", e.g. batter steps out of the batter's box and the pitcher delivers the pitch, shall not be included in the pitch count.

41.09 Each game in which a player pitches is considered one assignment

41.10 A junior player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game.

41.11 Pitchers aged 13 and under may only throw fast balls or straight change ups. Knuckle balls, split fingers, fork balls and curve balls are not permitted.

41.12 If any pitch other than a fast ball or straight change up is thrown, the plate umpire will call “Illegal Pitch”. The illegal pitch call may also be made by a field umpire. If the ball is not batted then the pitch shall be called a “Ball”. If the pitch is hit by a batter, then normal rules of Baseball will apply. Where the ball is batted and an out is made, or the batter strikes out, then the batter runner is not out and the illegal pitch rule and penalty will apply.

41.13 The pitched ball will count towards the pitcher’s pitch count.

41.14 A player cannot pitch and catch at any time on the same day.

41.15 Baseball Victoria and the GBA may impose further restrictions on pitching in games and tournaments as considered appropriate from time to time. The permission of the Baseball Victoria is required for changes or conflicts to these By-laws.

41.16 Contravention of this Playing Condition shall result in “Forfeiture” of the game.

41.17 Penalty for exceeding pitch counts: \$50. Second and subsequent offences in this regard will be dealt with by the Pennant Committee.

41.18 Pennant Committee will have the discretion of applying further penalties such as suspensions or any other penalty deemed appropriate.

41a Women’s Pitching Distance

The standard pitching distance for Women’s Division 1 is 60’ 6”.

Division 2 Pitching –Where it is deemed in the best interest of the game, the manager may request that a new/developing pitcher be able to pitch from a reduced distance.

- Provided both team Managers agree, and continue to be in agreement, the pitching distance may be reduced to a minimum of 54’ to assist any new/developing pitchers.

As part of this rule, a new/developing pitcher will be required to start and finish each Women’s batter from the standard or reduced distance without change during that batter’s time at bat. They may however change the pitching distance during the same inning/outing as they see fit.

No current Australian or Victorian Representative player can pitch or hit in Division 2 Women’s under this format.

42 Play-offs Eligibility

- 42.01 To be eligible to participate in a Play-off series, a player must have competed in a minimum of six (6) Senior competition rounds for the club during the Regular Season in a particular grade.
 Playoff eligibility for the women’s competition will be five (5) rounds for the club during the Regular season.
- 42.02 Games played in the Women’s and Junior competitions are deemed separate competitions for eligibility purposes and are therefore unable to be counted towards finals eligibility in any other competition.
- 42.03 The lowest grade that a player can participate in a Play-off series is that grade in which the player has played more than half of their weekend Regular Season games. (i.e. 3 games in the Seconds, 2 in the Thirds and 3 in the Fourths - this player would be eligible for the Thirds - half or more (5 of 8) games have been played in the Thirds or below).
- 42.04 A player can play in any grade in the finals, but cannot
 a) play in a grade lower than he/she is qualified for as per Rules 43.01 and 43.02,
 b) play, or be listed as a player, in more than one final game in a round except where the exact conditions of Rule 39 apply
- 42.05 Where a club has multiple teams playing on a weekend during finals, players may play 1 grade below where they qualified, provided that player has played at least 5 games in the lower grade.

43 Determining Ladder and Play-off Positions

- 43.01 All Senior and Women’s competitions’ ladder and Play-off positions shall be determined by WIN percentage, as follows:
 a) The win percentage of each team is calculated using the equation specified at Equation 1 below. Teams are ranked on the ladder in descending order.

$$\text{Win Percentage} = \frac{\text{Total Wins} + \text{Draws (half)}}{\text{Total Games Played}}$$

Equation 1 Win Percentage

- 43.02 Where two or more teams score the same WIN percentage, the “Head to Head” method will be used to separate them. If this fails to separate the teams, the following method will be used:

- a) The fewest runs allowed in the game(s) contested by these teams will gain the highest ranking, then the remaining teams will revert to “Head to Head”.
 - b) If remaining teams are tied then the tiebreaker reverts to the fewest runs allowed in the games contested by those teams method and the back “Head to Head” and so forth.
 - c) If teams are still tied, go to the runs allowed by each of the tied teams against the highest ranked team in the competition, then the next highest team and so on.
 - d) The team with the least runs allowed will be the higher ranking team, then the remaining teams will revert to “Head to Head”.
 - e) If remaining teams are still tied, then the tiebreaker reverts to the fewest runs allowed in the games contested by those teams method, then back to “Head to Head” and so forth.
- 43.03 The ranking of the final two teams in the above situation will be determined by the “Head to Head” process.

44 Play-off Series

- 44.01 The Play-off series for all other Seniors Divisions will compete in the “Page System” played over three weeks as follows:

Week 1

Semi Finals: 1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th

Women’s First

week 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd

Week 2

Preliminary Final Loser 1st vs 2nd plays Winner 3rd vs 4th

Women’s Grand

Final Winner 1st vs 4th plays Winner 2nd vs 3rd

Week 3

Grand Final Winner 1st vs 2nd plays Preliminary Final Winner

- 44.02 First Grade finals are to be played out for nine (9) innings, or as per the Mercy rules.
- 44.03 All other Senior Grades and Women’s will play 2 hour game with a five (5) minute rule.
- 44.04 Should scores be tied at the end of the ninth inning/time limits, normal Rules of Baseball apply.
- 44.05 Should scores remain tied and play is suspended by rain, bad light, ground conditions or other contingencies, such game or games shall be

- replayed at a time fixed by the Pennant Committee.
- 44.06 Host Clubs are to supply bases, place outfield markers, foul lines and flags, etc.
- 44.07 For each final's game, the GBA will supply four match balls.
- 44.08 The higher finishing team at the end of the regular games will be the home team. In the event of a lower team beating a higher ranked team during the finals, and they are subsequent opponents in the same finals series, the winning team assumes the home status.
- 44.09 In circumstances where inclement weather may potentially halt the commencement of a game, the procedures for determining play will be based on the Rules of Baseball.
- a) For a game to be considered a 'completed game' 7 innings have to be played in First Grade. (6 and a half if the home side is ahead)
- b) In all other senior grades and women's 65 minutes or 5 innings of play shall be deemed a complete game.
- c) In the event that these conditions are not met, the game/s will be rescheduled by the GBA Pennant Committee and wholly re-played from a 0-0 score line.

45 Grounds and Ground Equipment

- 45.01 The host club of all games is to provide grounds and ground equipment that meets the following minimum requirements:
- 45.02 Women's and Seniors - all grades must meet all requirements stated in the Rules of Baseball – 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04 and 2.05.
- 45.03 All other Senior Divisions, the following exceptions can be made to Rule of Baseball 1.04: (delete this section)
- 45.04 The playing area shall be enclosed, if possible. On all grounds that are not enclosed, a net at least 30 feet wide by 9 feet high shall be located directly behind the plate at the distance specified in BV By-law 12 (Passed Ball Line). Each dugout/bench shall also be fronted by protective netting, covered with a roof where possible and have seating. Lines shall be marked parallel with the respective base lines at the Passed Ball Line distance specified in By-law 12. Other distances must be approved by the GBA.
- 45.05 Conditions to be established by the Managers with the Umpire before the game.
- 45.06 A secured mat covering the front of the pitching mound may be used.
- 45.07 If a home run fence is not provided, home run limits shall be defined by locating witches hats; no discs or metal plates permitted. The minimum

home run limits are noted within By-law 12. Other distances must be approved by Baseball Victoria.

46 Uniforms

46.01 Further to the Uniforms Playing Condition 23 in Part 1;

a) All players in Seniors First Grade must wear the registered club uniform in all games.

b) In all other Senior and women's competitions, at least seven players must wear the registered club uniform and remaining members shall wear attire as near as possible to the registered club uniform.

c) Each player not in uniform will still be noted on the match report.

d) All deficiencies shall be reported by the Umpires on the Match Report Card.

46.02 A pitcher may bat wearing a jacket and once reaching base may remove or put on their jacket provided it is readily available with the base coach. No other player may wear a jacket whilst playing.

46.03 Players and coaches in all grades must wear their official club caps.

46.04 The Pennant Committee shall impose a fine or penalty for a breach of these uniform conditions (as per Schedule 1)

47 Baseball Bats

47.01 All baseball bats must conform with the Rule of Baseball 3.02.

47.02 For all Grades, wood, wood composite and wood laminate baseball bats may only be used.

47.03 Women and Juniors playing in fourths and lower grades may use wood, wood composite, wood laminate or aluminium baseball bats.

47.04 In the Women's competition all players may use wood, wood composite, wood laminate or aluminium baseball bats.

48 Protective Helmets (BV - By-Law 18)

48.01 All batters, base runners and bat boys are required to wear two eared protective helmets, as set out in Rule of Baseball 1.16 (except (c)).

48.02 All base coaches are required to wear protective helmets as follows:

a) Base coaches who are under 18 years of age must wear two eared helmets.

b) Base coaches who are 18 years of age and over may wear skull cap style helmets.

49 Designated Pitcher Rule

- 49.01 This rule applies to Senior First Grade clubs only.
- 49.02 Clubs who wish to avail themselves of this Rule must submit to and be approved by the Pennant Committee, the names of up to two (2) players who may be used as Designated Pitchers. Application to change the nominated players may be made at any time to the Pennant Committee but changes will only be operative after approval. The Pennant Committee may call upon a Club to review its nominated players and may at anytime withdraw the use of this Rule by a Club.
- 49.03 A Club may use one of the nominated players, to be a starting pitcher, and only pitch, in the Second grade game of the same round.
- 49.04 This player shall be known as the Designated Pitcher.
- 49.05 To be a Designated Pitcher, the player shall be under thirty (30) years of age at the 1st of January of the particular season.
- 49.06 In the Second Grade game, a Designated Hitter must be used for a Designated Pitcher. The use of a Designated Pitcher shall be declared to the umpire before the Second Grade game commences. The Designated Pitcher can only pitch in the Second Grade game, he cannot enter the game as a fielder or batter. If he does, he becomes a normal Second Grade player.
- 49.07 The normal Designated Hitter Rule shall apply in all Second Grade games in which a Designated Pitcher is used.
- 49.08 On the Batting Order list and Match Report Card any Designated Pitcher used in the Second Grade game shall be marked "DP" and all pitchers in the First Nine game shall be marked "P". Managers and Chief Umpires shall ensure correct recording.
- 49.09 The Executive Officer / Registrar shall check eligibility of Designated Pitchers and shall report any breaches of the Rule to the Pennant Committee.
- 49.10 The Umpire(s) shall administer this Rule as to participation in both the Second and First Grade games of the same round. An Umpire has the right to direct that a Designated Pitcher may not, in contravention of this Rule, participate in either game. An Umpire is not expected to exercise authority as to knowledge of the two (2) current nominated players or age eligibility for any club.
- 49.11 Penalty for contravention of this Rule shall be forfeiture of the game in which such breach took place.
- 49.12 The games played in the Second grade shall count as a half game and a full game in the First grade played for final eligibility.
- 49.13 This Rule is not available for Non-National, temporary resident players.

This Rule is not available for finals.

Administrative Rules

50 Registration of Players (BV By-Law 29)

- 50.01 Players not registered in accordance with this Playing Condition are deemed to be not registered or insured and cannot take part in any Baseball Victoria or GBA competitions.
- 50.02 Clubs that play an unregistered player in any Baseball Victoria or GBA sanctioned competitions risk loss of competition points and a fine.
- 50.03 Clubs must register players as follows:
- 50.04 Players are to complete and process the Baseball Victoria registration form, as published on the Baseball Victoria website
- 50.05 Clubs are to safely and securely store the update register of all members including volunteers GBA Board/Pennant Committee or Executive Officer.
- 50.06 The Club Registrar must enter each player's details into the SportsTg player registration system and maintain that register for their club.
- 50.07 Clubs are to regularly review their active player list to ensure that it is accurate.
- 50.08 Players are required to register for each competition separately.

51 Clearance within the GBA

- 51.01 The "Transfer of Players and Coaches" By-law 8 applies.
- 51.02 Clearances from clubs within the Geelong Baseball Association
 - a) A clearance is not required for a player who has not played with, nor has been a coach of, a club at any time during the four (4) preceding years. However the player must be registered as per Rule 50.06
 - b) A clearance is not required for a player who has previously played with a club which has since been declared defunct and is no longer a member of the Association. However the player must be registered as per Rule 50.06
- 51.03 A player must obtain a clearance from his/her previous club to his/her desired club prior to the Executive Officer granting permission for the player to play with his/her desired club except as in a) and b) above
- 51.04 Clearances are for women's, senior, junior players are not to be submitted to the Executive Officer before 1st February or after 15th July of the relevant season.
- 51.05 Players desiring to obtain a clearance from a club must fill in the necessary form that should be forwarded to the Executive Officer of the

GBA who will register it and date it and then forward it to the club to which it is addressed.

51.06 The application must be dealt with by the club to which it is addressed within 21 days of the date noted by the Executive Officer. If the club to which it is addressed does not deal with it, the Pennant Committee may as it sees fit, after receiving advice of the breach and the circumstances thereof from the Executive Officer, grant a clearance to the player.

51.07 No clearance or permit which is contested by a player's club will be considered or granted by the Pennant Committee, if the player:

a) owes any money or materials to the club

b) is under suspension for good reason prior to receipt of the application.

51.08 On appeal from the player, the Pennant Committee shall have power to call on the office bearers of a club to attend a meeting of the Pennant Committee and show cause why a clearance has been refused and in the event of such office bearers not attending after receiving 7 days notice in writing thereof the Pennant Committee shall have the power to deal with the case.

52 Clearance from Association to Association

52.01 All clearances to or from another Association or League are to be governed by the rules of Baseball Victoria.

52.02 Such clearances shall not be deemed valid until it has been endorsed by the Secretary of such other Associations when a player is transferring to the Association.

52.03 All suspensions and penalties will be carried over from the previous Associations if applicable

52.04 Appeals against Clearance Refusal.

- a) Between club within the Geelong Baseball Association, a player has the right of appeal to the Pennant Committee which will rule on the matter and if deemed necessary refer it to the Board of the GBA.
 - b) A player may lodge only one appeal in any one season. Such appeal must be lodged with the Executive Officer of the Association within 14 days of the refusal of his/her clearance application.
 - c) The appeal must be dealt with within 14 days of the date the appeal is lodged with the Executive Officer.
 - d) All parties to the dispute must receive a copy of such appeal by, at least 48 hours prior to the appeal hearing. No member of any participating club shall be a sitting member at the appeal hearing.
 - e) The decision of the hearing is not subject to review.
- 52.05 Between clubs within different Associations, a player must submit an appeal in accordance with the rules of Baseball Victoria.

53 Illegal Player

- 53.01 A player participating in contravention to this Playing Condition 53 or 56 shall be deemed an "Illegal Player" and penalised by the Pennant Committee with a fine and loss of the games which the player participated when breaking this condition.

54 Dual Registrations refer to BV By Law 8

- 54.01 Any player wishing to participate in games in more than one winter Association in Victoria, will be required to be completed in full the Dual Registration Form ,the form is available from the GBA Website Prior to participating in any competition that involves Dual Registration, fully completed copies of this form must be submitted to the two Associations/Leagues.
- 54.02 The player's club in the original Association or League is to register and pay the player's individual 'Registration and Insurance' fee to Baseball Victoria. The club in the secondary Association or League is to register the players as 'paid at another club'.
- 54.03 Players must play at least six (6) games in the original Association or League during the home and away season. Failure to do so will result in all games played under Dual Registration to be declared as having been played as an ineligible player. There is no restriction for games to be played in the second Association/League.

- 54.04 Dual Registration shall only last for one (1) season and a new form shall be required filled out for each season for each player.
- 54.05 Dual Registrations are available for Junior Players.
- 54.06 This By-law is not available when one of the Associations or Leagues is outside Victoria, is the Baseball Victoria Summer League, or, not affiliated with Baseball Victoria.
- 54.07 Dual Registrations will not be granted between the 30th June and 1st December.
- 54.08 The penalty for infringement (rule: playing an ineligible player) shall be default of the game/s that the player has played under Dual Registration, and the player may be disqualified from competing further in the competition, and such fine or other penalty as may be imposed by Baseball Victoria.
- 54.09 Disputes shall be ruled upon solely by the Chief Executive Officer of Baseball Victoria, or an appointed nominee.

55 Permits

- 55.01 No player may play with this Association or any club at the same time with any other club or Association with which this Association may have reciprocal permit arrangements unless approved by the GBA Pennant Committee.
- 55.02 No player may play with more than one club in the Association in competition unless with the permission of the Pennant Committee
- 55.03 The Pennant Committee may approve a permit for a player to play with a new club where:-
- 55.04 A player has his/her clearance application refused by a club, has been unsuccessful at an appeal and has stood out of baseball for the upcoming or current season after the appeal hearing.
- 55.05 There is evidence that a clearance has been approved by his/her previous club but the approved clearance form has not reached the Executive Officer of the Association
- 55.06 A player is eligible to play junior and senior age level baseball. If his/her club does not have a junior team he/she may register with another club as a junior player but is bound to his/her current club as a senior player. Also if a female player wants to participate in the women's competition and her senior does not have a women's team she may register with another club but is bound to her current club as a senior player.
- 55.07 The Penalty for clubs playing a player without a clearance or permit shall be declared illegal as per Rule 54.

55.08 A player participating in contravention to this Playing Condition shall be deemed an “Illegal Player” and that club penalised by the Pennant Committee by a fine and loss of the games which the player participated when breaking this condition.

55.09 The permit for is located on the GBA website

56 Appeals against Clearance Refusal.

56.01 Between club within the Geelong Baseball Association, a player has the right of appeal to the Pennant Committee which will rule on the matter and if deemed necessary refer it to the Board of the GBA.

a) A player may lodge only one appeal in any one season. Such appeal must be lodged with the Executive Officer of the Association within 14 days of the refusal of his/her clearance application.

b) The appeal must be dealt with within 14 days of the date the appeal is lodged with the Executive Officer.

c) All parties to the dispute must receive a copy of such appeal by, at least 48 hours prior to the appeal hearing. No member of any participating club shall be a sitting member at the appeal hearing.

d) The decision of the hearing is not subject to review.

e) Between clubs within different Associations, a player must submit an appeal in accordance with the rules of Baseball Victoria.

57 Coaching Permits

57.01 From time to time, a person registered with a club may desire to coach a team at another club. In these cases, the person shall comply with the Permits Procedures Playing Condition 55.

58 Seniors and Women’s Team Nomination

58.01 Clubs are to nominate where they wish their teams to play in the following season by March 15.

58.02 Nominations will be sorted by the Pennant Committee, who will in turn set the grades and teams for the following season

58.03 A club may appeal the Pennant Committee decision to the Board and ask the Board to review that decision.

59 Reported Person Procedures

- 59.01 Immediately following any Report or Ejection, the provisions of Rule of Baseball 4.07 shall be enforced insofar as they are practicable in the circumstances of that particular game.
- a) Immediately after the game:
- 59.02 The ejecting Umpire will state in writing, preferably on a “Reported Person Notice”, the name and club of the Reported Person and sufficient details of the offence for which the person was ejected. In the absence of the “Reported Persons Notice” the report is to be marked on the Match Report.
- 59.03 The notice /Match Report will be given to the Team Manager to sign. Once signed, a copy (or the bottom part of the “Reported Person Notice”) is then given to the Team Manager and the original (or top part of the “Reported Person Notice”) is retained by the Umpire.
- 59.04 The ejecting Umpire is to inform the Executive Officer of an ejected person no later than 4.00pm the next working day following the game. The Umpire must provide the name and club of the Reported Person and the sufficient details of the offence for which the person was ejected.
- 59.05 The ejecting Umpire then completes an “Ejection Report Form” and returns it to the Executive Officer by Close of Business the next working day
- 60.06 Next business day after the game:
The ejecting Umpire must provide the completed “Ejection Report Form” to:
- a) The Executive Officer
- 59.06 The EO provides the Tribunal Chair with copies of the “Ejection Report Form”.
- 59.07 The Tribunal Chair confers with the ejected player and umpire before notifying the EO of their decision and offer to the reported player. Refer to GBA Framework on Prohibited Conduct

60 Tribunal Procedure

- 60.01 See separate document. As per the GBA Framework on Prohibited Conduct

61 Incident Investigation

- 61.01 The GBA Board/Executive Officer have the right to ask for an investigation into any incident under the auspice of the GBA, from which a player/club or spectator may be reported. Any such report shall be dealt with by the Investigations Officer as per Rule 12 of the GBA Constitution.

62 Social Media

- 62.01 The GBA has a Social Media Policy as displayed on its Website

63 Meetings and Events

- 63.01 GBA will from time to time require compulsory attendance to meeting and events, including the following but not exclusively:
- a) Delegates Meeting (usually monthly);
 - b) Annual Awards Night (once annually, usually in Sept);
 - c) Annual General Meeting for the Association (once annually, usually the first week in December);
 - d) Other meetings as prescribed by the Association.
- 63.02 Clubs that do not attend the prescribed meetings and events will be fined as per Schedule 1
- 63.03 For the Annual Awards Night, clubs will be allocated a number of tickets.
- a) Two (2) tickets per Senior and Women's Team non-attendance will attract a fine as per Schedule 1

Schedule 1 – Fines

Infringement	Fine
Late Start to a game	\$50 per defaulting team
Forfeiture of a game (Not Notified)	\$100 per defaulting team and umpiring fees
Illegal Player	\$50 per player and loss of game see appendix 1
Prohibited Substances	\$200 per person and ejection
Player out of uniform	\$20 per player
Coach/manager out of uniform	\$20 per coach/manager
Defaulting field equipment and markings	\$20 per item
Incorrect Match Report	\$30
Non-Lodgement of Match Report Card within 72 hours	\$50

Club's failure to supply an umpire	\$20 plus umpire fee
Club's failure to supply a scorer	\$20
Non-attendance to a delegates Meeting	\$50
Non-attendance at the AGM	\$100
Non-attendance at the Awards Night	Cost of the ticket

64 Appendix 1

64.01 Illegal Player

- a) Where the offending team is the winning team, forfeiture of points, and a 9-0 score and loss recorded against it.
- b) Where the offending team is the losing team and a 9-0 loss recorded against it. (unless the loss is greater)
- c) Where the innocent team wins by a margin and the for/against percentage is greater than that provided for on a 9-0 result, it will be credited with such margin. If not, it will be credited with a 9-0 win.
- d) Where both teams offend, each will have a loss and nine runs added in their against column.

65 ATTACHMENT 1

65.01 Umpire fees

First Grade	\$70 per team	(split \$90 plate/ \$50 base)
Second Grade	\$65 per team	(split \$80 plate / \$50 base)
Third Grade	\$55 per team	(split \$70 plate / \$40 base)
Fourth Grade	\$40 per team	(split \$50 plate / \$30 base)
Fifth Grade	\$40 per team	(split \$50 plate / \$30 base)

One umpire officiates the game both fees are payable to the officiating umpire