

Victorian Summer Baseball League

Playing Condition Changes 2021/22

Condition	Original	New
Page 6 Condition 2 xi	<p>“Competition Coordinator” means the person appointed by the Association for the management of the Summer League via the interpretation and implementation of these Playing Conditions;</p>	<p>“Competition Coordinator” means the VSBL Manager and VSBL Administrator who has been appointed by the Association for the management of the Summer League via the interpretation and implementation of these Playing Conditions;</p>
Page 6 Condition 4 b	<p>The approved Summer League Fixtures shall be published on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website (www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au).</p>	<p>The approved Summer League Fixtures shall be published on https://sportsdesq.sportstg.com/portal/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=16724</p>
Page 7 Condition 4 d	<p>If the Competition Coordinator amends the fixture, Baseball Victoria shall publish the amended fixture on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website and notify the Presidents and Secretaries of the affected Clubs as soon as possible. All changes will also be posted to the Baseball Victoria Website as a list of changes and communicated by via the Baseball Victoria Memorandum, provided each Friday (or a day to be determined each week).</p>	<p>If the Competition Coordinator amends the fixture, Baseball Victoria shall update the online fixture and notify the Presidents and Secretaries of the affected Clubs and officials as soon as possible. All changes will also be posted to the Baseball Victoria Website as a list of changes and communicated via the Baseball Victoria Memorandum, provided each Friday (or a day to be determined each week)</p>
Page 7 Condition 6 c	<p>Where this restriction reduces the minimum required weekends to achieve the minimum number of games set forth in Playing Condition 35 & 51, these games shall be fixtured at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator, who shall be responsible for ensuring the fixture reflects the priorities of minimising travel for participants.</p>	<p>Where this restriction reduces the minimum required weekends to achieve the minimum number of games set forth in Playing Condition 32 & 49, these games shall be fixtured at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator, who shall be responsible for ensuring the fixture reflects the priorities of minimising travel for participants.</p>
Page 8 Condition 8 c	<p>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 3-0. Competition Coordinator shall impose a “Forfeiture” fine on the defaulting team, as per Schedule 1, and a score of 0-9.</p>	<p>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 3-0. Competition Coordinator shall impose a “Forfeiture” fine on the defaulting team, as per Schedule 1, and a score of 0-9. The cost of Umpires fees will be paid by the defaulting team.</p>

Page 9 Condition 11 a	From time to time, Baseball Victoria or the Competition Coordinator shall require changes to fixtures to avoid scheduling clashes with the Melbourne Aces or National Championships. Changes shall be advised via the Baseball Victoria Summer League website (www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au) as required.	From time to time, Baseball Victoria or the Competition Coordinator shall require changes to fixtures to avoid scheduling clashes with the Melbourne Aces or National Championships. Changes shall be advised via the Baseball Victoria website as required and directly to the affected Presidents, Secretaries and Officials.
Page 12 Condition 19 a	Clubs participating in the Summer League must seek written approval from the Competition Coordinator based on a concept design of a uniform prior to manufacture and purchase for all club playing uniforms. Approved uniforms shall be displayed on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au . The items in which a club must seek approval for include:	Clubs participating in the Summer League must seek written approval from the Competition Coordinator based on a concept design of a uniform prior to manufacture and purchase for all club playing uniforms. Approved uniforms shall be displayed on the Baseball Victoria website. The items in which a club must seek approval for include:
Page 17 Condition 24 e	The Competition Coordinator shall maintain a register of Yellow Card offences. This record shall be published on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au	The Competition Coordinator shall maintain a register of Yellow Card offences. This record shall be published on the Baseball Victoria website.
Page 21 Condition 34	The duration of Seniors Regular Season games shall be as specified in Table 37 below	The duration of Seniors Regular Season games shall be as specified in Table 34 below
Page 22 Condition 34	Division 3 Firsts – Weekend Games 9 innings with no time limit	Division 3 Firsts – Weekend Games 9 innings or 3 hours with 5 minute rule, whichever occurs first
Page 23 Condition 38 a) i	A Club must nominate their top two (2) pitchers to the Competition Coordinator. The starting pitchers will be published on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au	A Club must nominate their top two (2) pitchers to the Competition Coordinator.
Page 23 Condition 38 a) v	If the DP plays in the Reserves game in a position other than as a pitcher, the DP becomes a normal player and may not participate in the Firsts game on the same day except by the provisions of the Two Games/One Day Rule in these Playing Conditions, Clause 42.	If the DP plays in the Reserves game in a position other than as a pitcher, the DP becomes a normal player and may not participate in the Firsts game on the same day except by the provisions of the Two Games/One Day Rule under Playing Condition 39.

Page 23 Condition 38 b	Umpires shall administer the DP Playing Conditions in both games on the same day. An Umpire may direct that a DP not to participate in either game if in his or her opinion the player is in contravention of these Playing Conditions, but an Umpire is not expected to exercise authority as to knowledge of the approved pitchers.	Umpires shall administer the DP Playing Conditions in both games on the same day. An Umpire may direct that a DP not to participate in either game if the player is in contravention of these Playing Conditions.
Page 25 Condition 39	Any player who participates in any other grade can participate from any point in a game later that day, including the start, provided the player is participating in a higher grade than the initial grade played in the earlier game. (Example: A Division 1 Fourths player can start in the Division 1 Thirds on the same day, or where all four teams are at the same venue, could start the Division 1 Firsts.)	Any player who participates in any other grade can only participate in a game later that day provided the player does not enter the game prior to the end of the second inning and the player is participating in a higher grade than the initial grade played in the earlier game. In these grades, three players may enter the game at any point earlier than the second inning, including the start. (Example: No more than three Division 1 Fourths player can start in the Division 1 Thirds or Firsts on the same day)
Page 26 Condition 41 a	To be eligible to participate in a Play-off series, a player must have competed in 'a minimum of four (4) senior competition games' for the club during the Regular Season. All other Divisions must have competed in 'a minimum of three (3) senior competition games' for the club during the Regular Season	To be eligible to participate in a Play-off series, a player must have competed in a minimum number of competition games for the club during the Regular Season as per following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division 1 & 2 firsts – 6 games • All other divisions – 4 games
Page 28 Condition 43 e	The game duration for Seniors Play-off games shall be as follows: i) Division 1 Firsts and Reserves, Division 2 Firsts and Reserves, Division 3 Firsts and Reserves - Play-off games being 9 innings with no time limit. ii) All other Divisions Play-off games being 7 innings with no time limit	The game duration for Seniors Play-off games shall be as follows: i) Division 1 Firsts, Division 2 Firsts, Division 3 Firsts - Play-off games being 9 innings with no time limit. ii) All other Divisions Play-off games being 7 innings with no time limit
Page 31 Condition 48	Division 1: A maximum of six (6) teams. Division 2: A minimum of five (5) teams Division 3: A minimum of four (4) teams	Division 1: A maximum of eight (8) teams. Division 2: A minimum of six (6) teams Division 3: A minimum of four (4) teams
Page 31 Condition 49 b	For Division 2, the regular season will consist of a minimum of 18 games and a maximum of 20 games.	For Division 2, the regular season will consist of a minimum of 16 games and a maximum of 20 games.

Page 31 Condition 51	Start times for Regular Season games and Play-offs shall be as published in the fixture. The fixture shall be published on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au	Start times for Regular Season games and Play-offs shall be as published in the fixture.
Page 32 Condition 54	For Women's Midweek, Division 2 and Division 3 Regular Season games the scoring of the seventh run will end the innings: only seven runs may be counted in any innings.	For Women's Division 2 and Division 3 Regular Season games the scoring of the seventh run will end the innings: only seven runs may be counted in any innings.
Page 32 Condition 56 a	Any player, who participates in a Women's Division 2 or Division 3 game may participate from any point in a game later that day, including the start, provided the player is participating in a higher grade than the initial grade player in the earlier game.	Any player who participates in a Womens Division 2 or Division 3 game can only participate in a game later that day provided the player does not enter the game prior to the end of the second inning and the player is participating in a higher grade than the initial grade played in the earlier game. In these grades, three players may enter the game at any point earlier than the second inning, including the start. (Example: No more than three Division 2 Womens players can start in the Division 1 on the same day.)
Page 34 Condition 58 a	A junior female player is eligible to play in the Women's competition once she has reached the age of 14 years of age to participate in the Division 1 or Division 2 Competition or 13 years of age for Division 3.	A junior female player is eligible to play in the Women's competition once she has reached 14 years of age.
Page 34 Condition 57	Interchange Rule Division 1 a) Any players who are replaced at the end of the third innings may return to the game at the end of the fifth innings. The timing of the interchange of a player may not be varied. b) Division 2 and 3 Competition Procedure "Playing Conditions 16" c) Contravention of this Playing Condition shall result in forfeiture of the game. Competition Coordinator shall impose a "Forfeiture" fine on the offending club as per Schedule 1.	Interchange Rule a) Any players who are replaced before or at the end of the third innings may return to the game at the end of the fifth innings. The timing of the interchange of a player may not be varied. b) Contravention of this Playing Condition shall result in forfeiture of the game. Competition Coordinator shall impose a "Forfeiture" fine on the offending club as per Schedule 1.
Page 36 Condition 61	The Play-offs for Women's competitions will be played under the "Page System" over three weeks as follows; Week 1 Semi Finals: 1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th Week 2	All Womens Competitions will compete in the Single Elimination System Finals and shall be played as follows: Week 1 Semi Finals: 1 st vs 4 th and 2 nd vs 3 rd

	<p>Preliminary Final Loser 1st vs 2nd plays Winner 3rd vs 4th</p> <p>Week 3</p> <p>Grand Final Winner 1st vs 2nd plays Preliminary Final Winner</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Grand Final: Winner 1st vs 4th plays Winner 2nd vs 3rd</p>
<p>Page 37</p> <p>Condition 65</p>	<p>Start times for Masters Regular Season games shall be as specified in the fixture. The fixture shall be published on the Victorian Summer Baseball League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au.</p>	<p>Start times for Masters Regular Season games shall be as specified in the fixture.</p>
<p>Page 38</p> <p>Condition 70 a) i</p>	<p>Shall be required to allocate a blank (or blanks) in the line-up where a player is unable to take his place in the line-up, with each blank constituting an out each time a player is unable to take that place in the line-up.</p>	<p>Shall be required to allocate a blank (or blanks) in the line-up to fill nine lineup positions, with each blank constituting an out each time a player is unable to take that place in the line-up.</p>
<p>Page 39</p> <p>Condition 73 c</p>	<p>The DH will not be eligible for Most Valuable Player votes.</p>	<p>[Removed]</p>
<p>Page 40</p> <p>Condition 76</p>	<p>The Competition Coordinator shall schedule Play-off games in accordance with Playing Condition 20.</p>	<p>The Competition Coordinator shall schedule Play-off games in accordance with Playing Condition 17.</p>
<p>Page 42</p> <p>Condition 81 a</p>	<p>Start times for all Regular Season and Play-off games shall be as published in the fixture. The fixture will be published on the Baseball Victoria Summer League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au.</p>	<p>Start times for all Regular Season and Play-off games shall be as published in the fixture.</p>
<p>Page 43</p> <p>Condition 85 c</p>	<p>A maximum of two players per team will be allowed to play in a higher age group than allowed under this Playing Condition. No written permission is needed for these players, however these players are required to meet the minimum age requirement as set out in Table 87.</p>	<p>A maximum of two players per team will be allowed to play in a higher age group than allowed under this Playing Condition. No written permission is needed for these players, however these players are required to meet the minimum age requirement as set out in Table 85.</p>
<p>Page 50</p> <p>Condition 98 o</p>	<p>Pitching Restrictions for Division 3 Senior Non-Nationals may only pitch in every second game scheduled during the Regular Season and Play-offs</p>	<p>[Removed]</p>
<p>Page 56</p> <p>Condition 106 c</p>	<p>Newly trained officials in baseball will be provided a fluorescent green official's shirt. Baseball Umpires Association Victoria will provide mentoring and support to the new officials and promote awareness of the program and its aims to members.</p>	<p>Newly trained officials in baseball will be provided a green official's shirt. Baseball Umpires Association Victoria will provide mentoring and support to the new officials and promote awareness of the program and its aims to members.</p>

<p>Page 50 & 51</p> <p>Condition 99</p> <p>c</p> <p>d</p> <p>e</p> <p>i</p> <p>l</p>	<p>c) Clubs are not permitted to approach Players regarding a clearance between 20 January and the completion of the Play-offs</p> <p>d) The Summer League will not accept clearance forms between 20 January and the end of the Play-offs, unless the form has commenced its process prior to 20 January.</p> <p>e) Prior to any clearance application, a Club intending to interview a player about a clearance from the Club where they currently play, or that has been approached by a player from another Club who states intention to be cleared, must send a Letter of Intent to the player’s Club, with a copy being sent to the Competition Coordinator. Such letters must be provided prior to 20 January.</p> <p>i) Should the player’s current club refuse the clearance, the current club must</p> <p> i) invite the player to the next properly constituted committee meeting if the date of refusal on the Summer League Clearance Form is prior to 1st August, or</p> <p> ii) A properly constituted committee meeting within fourteen days of the date of refusal on the Summer League Clearance Form if the date is after 1st August</p> <p>l) Opening Sentence Only A player whose clearance application has been refused may appeal to the Summer League Committee against refusal.</p>	<p>c) Clubs are not permitted to approach Players regarding a clearance between 1 December and the completion of the Play-offs</p> <p>d) The Summer League will not accept clearance forms between 1 December and the end of the Play-offs, unless the form has commenced its process prior to 1 December.</p> <p>e) Prior to any clearance application, a Club intending to interview a player about a clearance from the Club where they currently play, or that has been approached by a player from another Club who states intention to be cleared, must send a Letter of Intent to the player’s Club, with a copy being sent to the Competition Coordinator. Such letters must be provided prior to 1 December.</p> <p>i) [Remove]</p> <p>l) Opening Sentence ONLY A player whose clearance application has been refused or not responded to within the time frame may appeal to the Summer League Committee against refusal.</p>
<p>Page 56</p> <p>Condition 104</p> <p>a</p>	<p>Official Club Scorers must photocopy and complete player/pitcher statistics for Division 1 and Division 2 (first nine only) and Division 1 Women’s and forward these to the Competition Coordinator by 10:00am the following day.</p>	<p>Official Club Scorers must complete player/pitcher statistics for Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 (first nine only) and Division 1 Women’s and forward these to the Competition Coordinator.</p>
<p>Page 56</p> <p>Condition 104</p> <p>b</p>	<p>The Victorian Summer Baseball League Statistics Form is available on the League website www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au and must be signed by both scorers prior to submission</p>	<p>The Victorian Summer Baseball League Statistics Form is available on the Baseball Victoria website https://baseballvictoria.com.au/forms/ and must be signed by both scorers prior to submission.</p>

Page 51 Condition 100d	Women's and Masters players can play for separate clubs in the Seniors, and Masters competitions without the need of Permits or Clearances, however the player must be registered at each club, as per Playing Condition 99. (For example, a player plays in a senior's competition with Club A, and is registered to also play Masters for Club B).	Women's and Masters players can play for separate clubs in the Seniors, and Masters competitions without the need of Permits or Clearances if their primary club is not entering a team, however the player must be registered at each club, as per Playing Condition 99. (For example, a player plays in a senior's competition with Club A, and is registered to also play Masters for Club B).
Page 55 & 56 Schedule 1 (Fines)	101(b) Illegal Player 22 (g) Player out of uniform 33(b) Appointed umpire's non or late attendance 33b) Club's failure to supply an umpire 33(c) Club's failure to supply a scorer 29(d) Non-phoning of scores within 1 Hour	85 & 98 Illegal Player 19 Player out of uniform 30 (b) 30 (b) 30 (c) Non-submission of scores within 1 hour
Page 19 Condition 29d	The home club must phone the scores from completed games hosted to Competition Coordinator within 1 hour from the end of the game. The home club will be fined, as per Schedule 1, should the scores not be received or are received late	The home club must submit the scores from completed games hosted to Competition Coordinator within 1 hour from the end of the game. The home club will be fined, as per Schedule 1, should the scores not be received or are received late
Page 51 99k	Once the clearance is granted and processed, the Competition Coordinator on receiving the approved Summer League Clearance Form shall register the player on the IMG database and the Approved Clearance List displayed on the Summer League Website. At this time only is the player permitted to participate in the Summer League with the destination club.	Once the clearance is granted and processed, the Competition Coordinator on receiving the approved Summer League Clearance Form shall clear the player on the approved registration database and the Approved Clearance List displayed on the Baseball Victoria Website. At this time only is the player permitted to participate in the Summer League with the destination club.