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Governance		
1a	Governance	These By-laws are made as Regulations pursuant to Rule 34.1 of the Association Constitution Rules (“Rules”)
Purpose		
2a	Purpose	These By-Laws establish minimum requirements for the operation of baseball Leagues within Victoria and provide mechanisms for players to move within and between Leagues within Victoria and away from Victoria, subject to reasonable conditions and fair process.
Interpretations		
3a	Interpretations	In these By-laws, unless contrary intention appears:
3a (i)	Interpretations	“Association” means Baseball Victoria Incorporated (ABN 78 603 120 057)
3a (ii)		“Board” Board of Directors of the Association
3a (iii)	Interpretations	“Competition Administrator” means the Incorporated Association responsible for the administration of a baseball competition in Victoria.
3a (iv)	Interpretations	“Defunct Club” means a Club that has been declared ‘defunct’ by a Competition Administrator.
3a (v)	Interpretations	“Defunct League” means a League that has been declared ‘defunct’ by the Association because it has not administered a League for three consecutive seasons.
3a(vi)	Interpretations	“League” means a competition comprising regular season games and play- offs between baseball clubs that are members of a Competition Administrator.
3a (vii)	Interpretations	“Recessed Club” means a club that has been declared ‘recessed’ by a Competition Administrator.
3a (viii)	Interpretations	“Recessed League” means a League organised by a Competition Administrator that has been declared ‘recessed’ by the Association because it has not administered a competition for a period of two (2) consecutive seasons after the last competition administered by that Competition Administrator.

Official Rules of Baseball

4a	Official Rules of Baseball	All baseball games played under a competition/League in Victoria are to be conducted pursuant to the latest edition of the Official Australian Rules of Baseball, subject to Special Applications of the Rules of Baseball which have been determined by the Association or a Competition Administrator.
4b	Official Rules of Baseball	In these By-laws a reference to a “Rule of Baseball” shall mean a reference to the most recent edition of the “Official Australian Rules of Baseball”.

Rules for Conduct of Competitions

5a	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Competition Administrators shall make rules for the conduct of their respective competitions. These rules shall be known as “Playing Conditions” and shall be published, in conjunction with the By-laws, in such form deemed appropriate by the Competition Administrator.
5b	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Playing Conditions shall include, but not be limited to:
5b (i)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Starting Times and Duration of Play
5b (ii)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Ground and Game Equipment
5b (iii)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Uniforms
5b (iv)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Appointment and Roles for Scorers and Umpires
5b (v)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Match Report Cards and public display of Results
5b (vi)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Tribunal
5b (vii)	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Special Application of Official Rules of Baseball.
5c	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	A Competition Administrator must submit their Playing Conditions to the Association for review when requested.
5d	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	The Association may notify a Competition Administrator of amendments necessary to conform to these By-Laws and Policies at any time. A Competition Administrator must make such amendments and publish the amended Playing Conditions within 28 days of notification of the necessary amendment by the Association
5e	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Disputes by Clubs associated with a League regarding whether the Playing Conditions published by a Competition Administrator conform to these By-Laws and Policies are to be dealt with by the Competition Administrator pursuant to the Competition Administrators grievance or appeals processes. Where the parties cannot resolve such grievances, either party to the dispute may refer the matter to the Association.
5f	Rules for Conduct of Competitions	Following an appeal heard by the Association, the Association will offer no further opportunity to appeal within its auspices.

Schedule of Fees and Fines

6a	Schedule of Fees and Fines	The Association shall determine all Fees associated with the operation of the Association.
6b	Schedule of Fees and Fines	The Association shall notify the nominated representative of each Member of the Association of these Fees at any time that the Association determines a change to the Fees.

Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers

7a	Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers	Every player, coach, umpire, scorer and volunteer (e.g. club office bearers) must be registered and financial prior to playing or undertaking a volunteer role with the club.
7b	Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers	The Association is to notify clubs of the registration process no later than 28 days prior to the commencement of a League, and of any changes to the registration process no less than 28 days prior to the change to the process becoming effective.
7c	Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers	The Association must receive all registrations and clearances from all Competition Administrators and keep an up to date register of all players, coaches, official umpires, official scorers and volunteers, including the Club that the person is associated with.
7d	Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers	The Association must keep an up to date register of all players, coaches, official umpires, official scorers and volunteers, including the Club that the person is associated with.
7e	Registration of Players, Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Volunteers	Any Competition Administrator that knowingly furnishes incorrect or misleading information or particulars to the Association or does not comply with the registration requirements shall be liable to penalty as the Association shall determine.

Clearances – Players and Coaches

8a	Clearances of Players and coaches	Any player or coach registered with the Association shall have the right to request a clearance from one Club to another within Victoria or to an Interstate Club.
8b	Clearances of Players and coaches	The Competition Administrator shall establish transfer policies and procedures in the Playing Conditions which will be binding on all players and coaches who participate as players or coaches in the relevant League.
8c	Transfer of Players and coaches	The transfer policies and procedures shall provide that:
	Clearance of Players and coaches	The clearance policies and procedures shall provide that:
8c (i)	Clearance of Players and coaches	The Club whom the player or coach is a member of, and from whom the player or coach wishes to obtain a clearance from, may refuse the clearance at its discretion

8c (ii)	Clearance of Players and coaches	Clearance may be automatically refused if the correct clearance process, as determined by the Competition Administrator, has not been followed, or the player or coach owes a financial debt to the Club
8c (iii)	Clearance of Players and coaches	Interstate player and coach clearances must be endorsed by the Competition Administrator of the Association, or nominee.
8c (iv)	Clearance of Players and coaches	If a player or coach whose clearance application has been refused is aggrieved by the decision of the Club, they shall in the first instance appeal the decision to the Competition Administrator
8c (v)	Clearance of Players and coaches	Should the player or coach be unsatisfied with the process used by the Competition Administrator, or have new information, the player or coach can then apply to the Association to hear a second appeal. Such appeals will be dealt with in accordance with the Grievance Procedure set out at Clause 47 of the Rules as if the parties to the grievance were Members of the Association
8c (vi)	Clearance of Players and coaches	The clearance of a player or coach who is a member of a Club that is declared as a Recessed Club may only be refused by the Club if the player or coach owes a financial debt to the Club
8v (vii)	Clearance of Players and coaches	The clearance of a player or coach who is a member of a Club that is associated with a Competition that is declared a Recessed League may only be refused if the player or coach owes a financial debt to the Competition Administrator, and
8c (viii)	Clearance of Players and coaches	Any player who is a member of a Club that is declared a Defunct Club or is associated with a Competition that is declared a Defunct League shall be immediately eligible to register with another Club as a new player.
8d (i)	Dual Registrations	Any player wishing to participate in games in more than one winter Association or winter League in Victoria will be required to submit an online Permit Application.
8d (iii)	Dual Registrations	Dual registered players must comply with the Association or League playing conditions for both entities.
8d (iv)	Dual Registrations	Dual Registrations are available for Junior Players.
8d (v)	Dual Registrations	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.
8d (vii)	Dual Registrations	Disputes shall be ruled upon solely by the Chief Executive Officer of Baseball Victoria, or his appointed nominee.

Transfer of Clubs and Leagues

9a	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	Any Club or League registered with the Association shall have the right to transfer from one to another within Victoria or Interstate.
9b	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The transfer policies and procedures shall provide that:
9b (i)	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The Club or League that wishes to transfer shall firstly apply, in writing stating its reasons, to the Association.
9b (i) 1	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The Association shall on forward a Club's request to transfer to the Competition Administrator from which the Club is currently registered, and then Competition Administrator to which the Club is seeking to transfer to.
9b (i) 2	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The Association shall on forward a League's request to transfer to the Competition Administrator to which the League is seeking to transfer to.
9b (ii)	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The Competition Administrator from which the Club is currently registered, or the case of a League seeking transfer, the Association, may refuse the transfer at its discretion.
9b (ii) 1	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	Transfer may be automatically refused if the correct transfer process, as determined by the Association, has not been followed, or a financial debt is owed to the Competition Administrator or the Association.
9b (iii)	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	If a Club or League whose transfer application has been refused is aggrieved by the decision of the Competition Administrator or the Association, they shall in the first instance appeal the decision to the Board of the Association. There are no further opportunities to appeal following the decision presented by the Board of the Association.
9b (iv)	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	The transfer of a Club or League who is a member of a League that is declared as a Recessed League may only be refused by the Competition Administrator or the Association if the Club or League owes a financial debt to the Competition Administrator or the Association.
9b (v)	Transfer of Clubs and Leagues	Any Club or League who is a member of a League that is declared a Defunct League or is associated with a Competition that is declared a Defunct League shall be immediately eligible to register with another Club or League.

Umpire Accreditation

10a	Umpire Accreditation	The Association shall determine the umpiring standards for baseball games.
10b	Umpire Accreditation	Where an umpiring qualification is required, the Association and the Competition Administrator shall reference a qualification from the current Baseball Australia umpire accreditation program.
10c	Umpire Accreditation	The Association shall maintain a register of Baseball Australia accredited umpires and shall liaise with Baseball Australia to promote and facilitate training courses to provide a sufficient pool of qualified umpires to officiate at baseball games across Victoria.

Scorer Accreditation

11a	Scorer Accreditation	The Association shall determine the scoring standards for baseball games in the Leagues that Competition Administrators manage.
11b	Scorer Accreditation	Where a scoring qualification is required, the Association and the Competition Administrator shall reference a qualification from the current Association scoring accreditation program.
11c	Scorer Accreditation	The Association shall maintain a register of accredited scorers and shall liaise with the Victorian Scorers Association to promote and facilitate training courses to provide a sufficient pool of qualified scorers to officiate at baseball games across Victoria.

Facility and Equipment Standards

12a	Facility and Equipment Standards	The recommended Baseball playing field dimensions are as specified in Table 1 below. Field dimensions may only vary from these recommendations with the approval of the Association.
12b	Facility and Equipment Standards	Competition Administrators shall establish minimum standards for equipment and facilities and baseball fields, however the following minimum requirements for baseball field equipment apply to all games:
12b (i)	Facility and Equipment Standards	The host club of games is to provide grounds and ground equipment that meets the following minimum requirements:
12b (i) 1	Facility and Equipment Standards	The requirements as stated in the Rules of Baseball unless exceptions are made by the Competition Administrator.

	Club Baseball	U12 Metro	U12 State	U14 State & Metro	U16, U18 & Seniors
	Pitching	42ft (12.80m)	46ft (14.02m)	54ft (16.46m)	60ft 6in (18.44m)
	Base Paths	60ft (18.3m)	60ft (18.3m)	80ft (24.38m)	90ft (27.43m)
	Diamond	84ft 10in (25.86m)	84ft 10in (25.86m)	113ft 3in (34.52m)	127ft 3 3/8 in (38.79m)
	Maximum Passed Ball Line	25ft (7.62m)	25ft (7.62m)	45ft (13.72m)	60ft (18.3m)
	Home Plate, Pitcher’s plate and Bases	Senior/Full Size First, Second & Third to be not anchored	Senior/Full Size First, Second & Third to be not anchored	Senior/Full Size First, Second & Third to be not anchored	Senior/Full Size
	Home Run Fence Distance	LF: 150ft (46m) CF: 170ft (52m) RF: 150ft (46m)	LF: 200ft (61.0m) CF: 200ft (61.0m) RF: 200ft (61.0m)	LF: 230ft (70.1m) CF: 250ft (76.2m) RF: 230ft (70.1m)	LF:320ft (97.54m) CF:400ft (121.92m) RF:320ft(97.54m)
	Batting Box	6ft x 3 ft. (1.83m x 0.92m)	6ft x 4 ft. (1.83m x 1.22m)	6ft x 4 ft. (1.83m x 0.92m)	6ft x 4 ft. (1.83mx 0.92m)
12c	Facility and Equipment Standards	The minimum standard for field lighting for the conduct of all games under the auspicious of the Association must be as per Australian Standard for Sports Lighting AS2560.2 2021. Approval of field lighting from the Association is required prior to playing any games at night on lit venues.			
12c (i)	Facility and Equipment Standards	Higher levels of competition (e.g. National Leagues or Championships) may require higher LUX levels. Venue managers should consider these requirements before installing lights for the possible chance to host these games.			
Baseballs					
13a	Baseballs	Only baseballs that conform with Rules of Baseball 3.01 may be used, except where approved by the Association for special events.			
Baseball Bats					
14a	Baseball Bats	The Association shall establish rules stipulating the types of bats that are allowed. Bats must conform to the standard bat specifications as set out in Rules of Baseball 3.02.			
Footwear					
15a	Footwear	Metal cleats are not permitted to be worn in any competition U16 and below.			
Protective Helmets					
16a	Protective Helmets	All batters, base runners and bat people are required to wear two eared protective helmets, as set out in Rule of Baseball 3.08 (except (c)).			

16b	Protective Helmets	All base coaches are required to wear protective helmets as follow:
16b (i)	Protective Helmets	Base coaches who are under 18 years of age must wear two eared helmets.
16b (ii)	Protective Helmets	Base coaches who are 18 years of age and over may wear skull cap style helmets.

Facemasks

17a	Facemasks	All catchers must wear a mask and a catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-up and games (this includes helmets with built in facemask).
17b	Facemasks	All junior catchers are required to wear a throat guard/protector on their masks.
17c	Facemasks	Any player or coach warming up a pitcher must wear a face mask and a helmet no matter whether in the bull pen or on the playing field.

Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions

18a	Table Junior Pitchers' Game Contribution Classification	A junior pitcher's game contribution will be classified as specified in the Table below and Pitch Smart USA Guidelines						
	Age	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	0 Days Rest	1 Days Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest	4 Days Rest	5 Days Rest
	7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
	9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
	11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
	13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
	15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
	17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
18b	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	The following minimum restrictions apply to all junior games played in Victoria under the auspices of the Association:						

18b (i)	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	A pitcher reaching the maximum number of pitches is to be removed as a pitcher once he has completed the batter.
18b (ii)	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	Any player pitching in a game cannot pitch again in same day
18c	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	The rest period referred to in clauses (c), (d) and (e) above commences at 11:59pm on the day that the pitching assignment was completed.
18d	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	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.
18e	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	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.
18f	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game.
18g	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	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.
18h (i)	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	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.
18h (ii)	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	The pitched ball will count towards the pitcher’s pitch count.
18i	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	A player cannot pitch and catch at any time on the same day.
18j	Junior Pitching and Catching Restrictions	The Association and Competition Administrators may impose further restrictions on pitching in games played in leagues and tournaments as considered appropriate from time to time. The permission of the Association is required for changes or conflicts to these By-laws.

Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Spectators

19a	Conduct of Players, Coaches,	Competition Administrators must establish and publish Codes of Conduct for players, coaches, club officials, parents, umpires and spectators that address the following points:
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	Club Official and Spectators	
19a (i)	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	Good relationships should be fostered between clubs and their teams before, during and aftergames.
19a (ii)	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	The authority and decisions of umpires must be respected. Abusive and intimidating language or tactics will not be tolerated and should not be directed to any person.
19a (iii)	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	The coach of each team must insist that their players behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times while at the field. Any person acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner and/or using offensive and abusive language may be reported for their actions.
19a (iv)	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	Coaches and players are required to draw attention to their own members and spectators to behave in a suitable manner. They should show support towards their team and not berate or belittle the opposition.
19a (v)	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	No person in their capacity as an member of a club or, in the course of carrying out their duties or functions as or incidental to being an member of a club (being a person entitled to enter the arena during the course of or prior to or during any break in play in any game) shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified) on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
19b	Conduct of Players, Coaches, Club Official and Spectators	Players, coaches, club officials, umpires and scorers are required to comply with the Policies of the Association as published on the Association website (www.baseballvictoria.com.au) from time to time.
20a	Representative Games	All players chosen in teams representing the Association shall be deemed to be available for the representative team unless written evidence to the contrary is submitted and found to be acceptable to the Association.

Representative Games

20b	Representative Games	Any selected player who is unavailable for reasons not acceptable to the Association shall not be permitted to participate in any other baseball games that may be played concurrently with that of a representative team. Should there be no concurrently played game, the Association may suspend the player from a number of games which would have been played by the representative team.
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20c	Representative Games	No League, Club, Player, Coach, Umpire or Scorer shall take part in any competition or practice games during the duration of any Australian Championships or other nominated representative games or events under the auspices of the Association unless directed or allowed by the Association.
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Permission to Play in Games outside the Association's Control

21a	Permission to Play in Games outside the Association's Control	No League or Club affiliated with the Association, nor any team or player, shall arrange or take part in any game with any team within the State of Victoria or outside the State of Victoria without first obtaining the consent of the Association.
21b	Permission to Play in Games outside the Association's Control	<p>Where any game is proposed or intended to be played outside the State of Victoria consent shall not be granted by the Association unless the controlling body of Baseball in the State in which the game is intended to be played has given its sanction to same. The permission of Baseball Australia is required for games intended to be played interstate or internationally.</p> <p>Where any game or competition other than the regular competition is proposed or intended to be played within the State of Victoria, the event must be sanctioned by Baseball Victoria.</p>

Suspension and Penalty

22a	Suspension and Penalty	The Association may endorse any suspension, penalty or disqualification imposed by any controlling body of Baseball, either in or outside Victoria, provided that notification of such suspension, penalty or disqualification is received in writing.
22b	Suspension and Penalty	The Association may fine, suspend or otherwise deal with a player, coach, umpire, scorer, member of a Club, a Club or League for any act or misdemeanour not provided for in these By-laws or the Rules.
22c	Suspension and Penalty	Any person suspended or disqualified by the Association may appeal pursuant to Clause 47 of the Rules.

Appeals

23a	Appeals	A person or Club wishing to appeal a decision made by a Tribunal, a Competition Administrator or a refused clearance or transfer, shall do so only through the policies established from time to time by the Association. These policies will be published on the Association website or available from the Association directly.
23b	Appeals	A Club may appeal other matters relevant to these By-Laws to the Association provided that the Club has first taken their grievance to the Competition Administrator in accordance with the grievance procedures established by the Competition Administrator.

23c	Appeals	Such appeals will be dealt with in accordance with the Grievance Procedure set out at Clause 47 of the Rules as if the parties to the grievance were Members of the Association.
23d	Appeals	Following an appeal heard by the Association, the Association will offer no further opportunities to appeal within its auspices.

Extreme Weather

24a	Extreme Weather	If there is an adverse weather forecast (lightning, wet weather or extreme heat) for the scheduled playing day:
24a (i)	Extreme Weather	In advance, Competition Coordinator may consider a full or partial cancellation (i.e. Competition Coordinator may choose to cancel some or all divisions) in advance and where applicable will seek necessary guidance from the Victorian Director of Umpiring, 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.
24a (ii)	Extreme Weather	On Game Day, if Competition Coordinator 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)).
24a (iii)	Extreme Weather	During a Game, once the game has commenced, decisions will then be made by the umpires.

Heat Affected Games

25a	Heat Affected Games	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 weather information line. Should the current temperature reach 38° Celsius for seniors, Women and Masters 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).
25a (i)	Heat Affected Games	Junior players participating in any senior competition shall be subject to the conditions of that competition.
25b	Heat Affected Games	By viewing the Bureau of Meteorology website (http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml), the following areas are stated. Games played at the home of a listed club are to adhere to temperature the nominated area:

25b (i)	Heat Affected Games	Melbourne: Fitzroy, Malvern, Melbourne, Melbourne University, Northcote, North Balwyn, Ormond Glenhuntly, Pivot City, Port Melbourne, St Kilda, Westgarth, Glen Iris
25b (ii)	Heat Affected Games	Geelong (Geelong)
25b (iii)	Heat Affected Games	Yarra Glen: Croydon & Ringwood
25b (iv)	Heat Affected Games	Frankston: Frankston, Bonbeach, Boneo, Chelsea, Dandenong, Mordialloc, Mornington
25b (v)	Heat Affected Games	Essendon Airport (Essendon, NW Titans, North Coburg Rebels)
25b (vi)	Heat Affected Games	Moorabbin Airport: Cheltenham, Dingley, Moorabbin, Sandringham, Springvale, Monash University
25b (vii)	Heat Affected Games	Ferny Creek: Upwey Ferntree Gully & Knox
25b (viii)	Heat Affected Games	Cranbourne (Berwick, Pakenham)
25b (ix)	Heat Affected Games	Laverton: Altona, Sunshine, Newport, Footscray, Williamstown & Werribee
25b (x)	Heat Affected Games	Scoresby: Blackburn, Forest Hill, Heathmont, Mulgrave, South East Warriors & Waverley
25b (xi)	Heat Affected Games	Viewbank: Doncaster, Research Lower Plenty, La Trobe University, Greensborough, Greenhills Montmorency, Bundoora, Watsonia, Diamond Creek & Preston
25c	Heat Affected Games	For 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)
25d	Heat Affected Games	Notwithstanding the above, the umpire/s shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion.
25e	Heat Affected Games	No person is forced by Baseball Victoria 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.

Rain Affected Games

26a	Rain Affected Games	If the Umpire considers that play is unsafe due to rain, the Umpire shall stop play immediately.
26b	Rain Affected Games	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.
26c	Rain Affected Games	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.
26d	Rain Affected Games	If a game is called under this Playing Condition, the game shall be deemed to be a no game

Lightning

27a	Lightning	Those associated with Baseball Victoria and its activities should note that the risk of injury from lightning is real, especially for people playing outdoor sports such as baseball.
27b	Lightning	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.
27c	Lightning	During practice, the Club Coach is responsible for deciding when it is safe to be practicing. In the absence of the Club Coach, the highest ranking present member of the Club Committee is responsible.
27d	Lightning	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.
27e	Lightning	Play must not be resumed until it is safe to do in the opinion of the Umpires (on game day) or the Club Coach (during practice).
27f	Lightning	Delays to play caused by lightning risk will be considered to be a weather delay in deciding the outcome of a game.

Rescheduling of Games

28a	Rescheduling of Games	Games incomplete or not played due to adverse weather, forfeit or other unsuitable playing conditions may be rescheduled as per the relevant Association/League Playing Conditions
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Registration Fees

29a	Registration Fees	Players participating in representative teams must be registered and financial on the Baseball Victoria Online Registration system. This can be via a club registration, or an individual event registration. Note: This would apply to Seniors, Masters and Women's Carnivals as well.
28b	Registration Fees	All players to be registered in the correct manner using the online registration system. e.g. registered with player registration paid online by credit card or other approved payment method.
28c	Registration Fees	Clubs playing unregistered members will be fined as per their Associations or League Playing Conditions

Junior Playing Seniors

30a	Juniors Playing Seniors	The minimum age for a player to play Senior Men's baseball is 14 years of age.
30b	Juniors Playing Seniors	The minimum age for a player to play Senior Women's baseball is 13 years of age.

Covid19

31a	COVID-19	Federal and state governments have implemented a series of restrictions as part of the COVID-19 global pandemic.
31b	COVID-19	Baseball Victoria including its members, clubs and associations are required to follow these restrictions as they apply to baseball.
31c	COVID-19	Baseball Victoria may impose additional restrictions as a part of a Return to Activity or Return to Play.
31d	COVID-19	All restrictions and any alternations to restrictions will be communicated via the Baseball Victoria website.
31e	COVID-19	Breaches of these restrictions by any member, club or association will be dealt with by Baseball Victoria under the Baseball Victoria Member Protection Policy and Baseball Victoria Codes of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action including suspension of membership, disaffiliation or monetary fines.

Application for Victorian Summer League Baseball League Membership

32a	Application for VSBL Membership	Any club desiring to become a member of the Victorian Summer Baseball League shall apply in writing on the prescribed form to the CEO detailing their proposed name, uniform, ground availability, names and addresses of its officials and any other required particulars.
32b	Application for VSBL Membership	As soon as is practicable after receipt of an application the CEO shall refer the application to the Board.

32c	Application for VSBL Membership	Upon application being approved or not approved by the Board, the CEO shall, with as little delay as possible notify the applicant in writing of the Board's decision.
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Facilities

33a	Scorer Facilities	Home clubs are to provide adequate seating and table for scorers
33b	Scorer Facilities	Home clubs are to provide adequate shelter from adverse conditions
33c	Umpire Facilities	Home clubs are to provide adequate and secure changeroom facilities for umpires