

11 October 2024

VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries  
Via email

**Re: VSBL Season Update**

Dear VSBL Club Presidents & Secretaries,

**Fixtures – Seniors and Juniors**

We have continued to see movement with the fixtures in both the Seniors and Juniors, with teams withdrawing and a few filling byes. Please make sure you check the updated fixtures [HERE](#).

**Game Changes**

Clubs are reminded that any changes to game times or venues must be registered with the Competitions Coordinator by Thursday before competition. Forfeits must also be registered with the Competition Coordinator by Thursday to avoid a forfeiture

**Cope 7 / Top Pitcher / Non – Nationals**

For clubs who have two teams in one division, the core seven must be nominated. These players will not be able to play for the other team in the same division. A core seven is only required for 1 team. You can submit your core seven [here](#).

For Senior Premier League 1 Firsts, Senior Premier League 2 Firsts and Women's Premier League Firsts a club must nominate their top two pitchers to the Competition Coordinator, these players cannot be utilised as a Designated Pitcher throughout the season. You can submit your Top 2 Pitchers [here](#).

Any club who has a Non-National registered with them must notify the Competition Coordinator by providing a copy of their visa and passport via email.

All of these nominations must be registered by **November 1**.

**Playing Conditions**

The Pennant Committee have completed the Playing Conditions for the 2024/25 VSBL season after the draft was reviewed and discussed at the October PS&C meeting. This is now available on our Website and can viewed [here](#).

The BV Junior Committee in consultation have created a cheat sheet for all the playing conditions that related to the junior competitions. You can view [here](#).

Additionally, here are some clarifications on a couple of the playing conditions:

- The Ohtani rule applies to all divisions of the VSBL. It is not included in the playing conditions because it is part of the 2022 Official MLB rule set, which serves as the foundation for all VSBL competitions.
- DP will remain at the P1 and 2 level. Not available for the State level as can use the Re-entry player's rule.
- Junior pitching restrictions apply only to players up to the age of 18. Once a junior player turns 18, they are no longer subject to the junior pitching restrictions specified in By Law 18 and the VSBL Playing Conditions.



- Senior League 70/80/90. We have clarified the conditions on what bats are required for these competitions – Playing Conditions 113c (page 47).

### **Umpire Allocations**

Attached to this email is this weekend's umpire allocations. We will endeavour to have a process that will allow clubs to look them up themselves, however, in the meantime will continue to provide them to clubs with the weekly memo.

### **Clearances**

Reminder clearances officially closed as of 30 September. Any clearances received after 1 October will be sent to the Pennant Committee to be reviewed for special consideration to approve the clearance. Reminder to clubs, when applying for clearances to please be specific in the reason on why the player is requesting the clearance and to note that there will be a \$25 administrative fee for all clearances.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to the office. Good Luck to all with the season and to the juniors starting this weekend!

Kind Regards,

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