



Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Inc

Minor League Playoff Rules:

1 Regulation Game

- 1.1 A regulation game shall consist of 9 innings for 1st Grade and 7 innings for remaining grades.
- 1.2 Exception: In a SEMI FINAL (Week 1) game, play will continue until the inning being played at 1 hour fifty (50) is complete or in case of a tied score will play for one (1) additional innings to obtain a result.
- 1.3 In a FINAL (Week 2) or GRAND FINAL (Week 3) game, play shall continue for additional innings to obtain a result.
- 1.4 If the game is called by the Plate Umpire due to bad weather/light or state of ground, it is a regulation game when game has proceeded for 3 innings / 60 Minutes (SEMI-FINALS), or 5 innings / 90 Minutes (FINALs or GRAND FINAL).
- 1.5 A regulation game that is tied when called, or if a game is called before it has become a regulation game and there is no option for a rescheduled game, the HOME team shall be the winner.

2 Scorer and Pitch Counting

- 2.1 All teams to provide a dedicated person to score and pitch count for all finals games.
- 2.2 If only one team provides a scorer and or pitch counter then that person will represent both teams and their word is final.
- 2.3 If both teams from any finals game do not provide a pitch count then refer to clause 3 for pitching restrictions





3 Pitching

- 3.1 All pitching restriction i.e. number of pitches and/or innings apply as outlined in MWDBA Competition Rules.
- 3.2 If neither team has provided a pitch counter then the pitcher for all grades can only pitch **the least of** the following;
 - 3.2.1 For a maximum of 5 innings or 15 designated outs; or
 - 3.2.2 As prescribed in MWDBA competition rules (clause 16.1*); or
 - 3.2.3 Any specific pitcher on innings restriction of any nature shall pitch a maximum of 3 innings.

* for the avoidance of doubt, for 3rd and 4th grade winter baseball, the 4 innings pitching restriction still applies.

4 5-Run Rule

- 4.1 The 5-Run Rule will not apply for finals

5 Mercy Rule

- 5.1 For a 9 inning game, it is a regulation game if a team is leading by 10 runs or more once at least seven (7) completed innings are played by the trailing team.
- 5.2 For a 7 inning game, it is a regulation game if a team is leading by 10 runs or more once at least five (5) completed innings are played by the trailing team

6 Safety

- 6.1 Normal duty of care rules apply as outlined in the MWDBA Competition Rules e.g. the no contact rule.

7 Balls

- 7.1 Balls will be supplied by MWDBA for all Final & Grand final games.





8 Plate Meeting

- 8.1 Umpires and Managers will meet at the Home Plate 5 minutes before the scheduled start time unless the previous game has delayed the start of the following game.
- 8.2 Team lists must include all players eligible to play. Players must be "qualified" to play by MWDBA Competition Rules.

9 Home Team

- 9.1 For all playoff games Home team will be awarded to the team with the highest 'playoff ranking'. ie: playoff ranking is the team ranked higher on the competition ladder after final round and after penalties. Exception: Winner of 1 v 2 Playoff (Week 1) becomes Home Team for Grand Final. These are published on the website. Home team will take 3rd Base Dugout on A1 or 1st Base Dugout on A2, A3 and RP1.

