

# Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Inc

## Minor League Playoff Rules:

### 1 Regulation Game

- 1.1 A regulation game shall consist of 9 innings for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (FINAL 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 web-site. Home team will take 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Dugout on A1 or 1<sup>st</sup> Base Dugout on A2, A3 and RP1.