



## Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Inc

### Masters Competition Rules:

**The rules of Masters will follow the normal rules of baseball and the rules of Manly Warringah – Minor League. However, the following specific competition rules will apply for Masters Competition.**

1. Players must be the age of 35 years by the end of the season. Special exemptions may be made with the approval of the committee.
2. Games are 90 minutes. A new innings not to commence once the game completes eighty (80) mins.
3. It shall be a regulation game if the plate umpire certifies that play has proceeded for at least fifty (50) minutes or 3 completed innings of playing time.
4. No 10 minute rule. Game must end right on time. The score to revert back to the last completed innings. Lights out at 10.00pm sharp and any game still playing will concluded regardless of time played.
5. Maximum of 5 runs across the plate in any one innings. Once the 5<sup>th</sup> run crosses the plate the inning is immediately concluded.
6. Maximum of 3 innings per pitcher.
7. Catchers and pitchers must be given a courtesy runner when he/she reaches a safe base to speed up the game. There will be a 90 second time limit to the changeover of innings to ensure the speed of the game is maintained. If batter not ready, a strike will be called every 15 seconds. If pitcher not ready, a ball will be called every 15 seconds.
8. Balls to the back fence of Aquatic 1 past the catcher will be called dead ball. All runners will advance one base (note: if a ball does not reach the back fence it is still live).
9. Can put up to 12 people on the line-up. This is optional but if you are batting through your intention to do so must be declared at the plate meeting. Please note that with the batting through rule the batting line up does not change. If a benched player who is batting at 12th spot replaces a player from the field who is batting at 3rd spot, the 12th spot batter still bats at the 12th spot and the 3rd spot batter continues to bat at 3rd spot. You can change the fielders but not the batting line up.
10. No DH can be used.
11. Multi-team Clubs: Multi-team clubs must register with and be approved by the Committee as a club before they may utilize the provisions of Rule 11. Clubs with teams in both Summer/Winter League and Masters may utilise registered players from their Summer/Winter League teams (or other Masters teams) when their Masters team requires substitute players (i.e. unable to field 9 registered Masters players from their own team). The substitute players must meet the eligibility requirements for Masters (namely Rule 1 – age restrictions). Substitute players may not pitch.
12. Catchers: If there is no recognised or experienced catcher available, a team may borrow a catcher from another team as a Non-Team Player (NTP). NTP must be used with discretion and in the spirit of the game/league, i.e.: not as a means of gaining a competitive advantage.