



TAMWORTH BASEBALL INCORPORATED

2024

June Long Weekend Baseball Carnival

1. First named team on the draw is the 'HOME TEAM' and will occupy the 3rd base dugout and field first.
2. Each team will supply one new ball for each game played. Each team will be required to use balls supplied by Tamworth Baseball Association as required by the umpire.
3. All preliminary game times will be as follows A, B grades 2hrs or 9 innings (whichever occurs first). C, D, E & F division (Grades) 1hr 45mins or 7 innings (whichever occurs first). G, H & I grade 1hr 30 mins or 7 innings (whichever occurs first)
The A Grade Final will be a 9 innings game (no time limit).
The B Grade Final will be a 7 innings game (no time limit).
The C Grade Final will be 7 innings or 2 hrs (whichever occurs first)
The D Grade Final will be 7 innings or 2 hrs (whichever occurs first)
The E, F, G, H, I, J & K Grade Finals will be 2 hours in duration or 7 innings, whichever comes first:
5 run rule applies.
4. Three (3) innings or sixty (60) minutes of play will constitute a game;
5. The top of an innings will not commence within 10 minutes of the scheduled completion time. If the top of an innings is completed before completion time, then the bottom shall be played for a result to a maximum time limit of 10 minutes past the scheduled completion time. If no result is achieved after allowing the extra time, the result reverts to the last completed innings;
6. In the event of a late start, no time extension will be permitted.
7. If a team fails to take the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled game time, that team shall forfeit the game.
8. Time will be determined by the umpire-in-chief ONLY.
9. All batters, base runners, and batboys must always wear batting helmets. This should be the 2-eared flap variety.
10. The Ten Run mercy rule will only apply after 5 innings in preliminary games in A & B grades. No mercy rule will apply in C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J & K grade; instead, the 5 Run Rule will apply. Any team can only score a maximum of 5 runs per innings; the scorer will advise the umpire when the batting team has scored 5 runs, and the teams will change from offense to defence.
11. The designated batter rule will apply.
12. It will be compulsory for catchers to be replaced on bases by a runner from the bench or the last player out when there are two (2) out. (Before two outs optional);
13. A fly ball hitting the marked boundary line or a witch's hat on the full is deemed a home run.
14. All balls used in the carnival will be issued by Tamworth Baseball Assoc. (To be issued at the manager's meeting Saturday);
15. An arbitrator has been appointed for all disputes, and the decisions are FINAL.
16. Each team will supply a scorer, line-up cards & scorebook. Each team shall supply an umpire; A level 1 or above is mandatory for A & B grades, as per the umpire draw.
17. Results are to be messaged in the WhatsApp group by the HOME team within 15 minutes of a completed match. The message should state the match, field, and result. Additionally, manual scorecards are to be placed in the score box at the main canteen.

18. Points will be as follows:
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| Win, forfeit, or bye | 2 points (forfeit scored as 6/0) |
| Draw or washout | 1 point (washout scored 0/0) |
| Loss | 0 points. |
19. The rules of BNSW Inc will apply unless otherwise stated.
20. Team managers, coaches, and umpires meeting will be held at the main canteen at 7.15 a.m. Saturday morning.
21. All nomination fees will be forfeited in the event of a non-appearance of a team included in the official draw.
22. All teams must submit PLAYER Lists with contact details (for contact tracing if required) to the Tamworth Association before the commencement of the Carnival. This rule's purpose is to stop players' migration between teams. Penalty: - forfeiture of the game in which the infringement occurs, resulting in the game & competition points being awarded to the opposing team. Team lists will be checked before the commencement of the finals.
23. Pitching & Catching restrictions for U/16 & U/18 players will apply.
The Tournament is an ABF/BBNSW-sanctioned event; coaches must adhere to ABF/BBNSW pitch counts (restriction) to protect the developing junior players. All coaches must always act to ensure the safety & well-being of all junior players in their team. See restriction MATRIX in the welcome pack.
24. It is mandatory that only timber bats be used in A to D grades.
Exception: Women and U 16's as per ABF/BBNSW criteria for using Alloy bats. Bats must adhere to -5 RATIO BBCOR (length/weight ratio). Bat use as per ABF/BBNSW Rules
25. Finals: In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the following criteria will be utilised:
- Head-to-Head
 - Least runs scored against
 - Percentages for and against
 - If the final is washed out, the team finishing 1st in the preliminary round will be declared the winner.
 - All finals will be played in the required innings; if there is no result, a further two innings will be played for a result. If there is still no result joint winners will be declared.

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