

TAMWORTH BASEBALL INCORPORATED

BY-LAWS LOCAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. PREFACE

The TBI By-Laws Local Competition Regulations provides due processes to allow the successful running of the domestic senior competition in Tamworth.

- 1.1 The constitution of Tamworth Baseball Incorporated (TBI) is the governing document for Tamworth Baseball and has precedence over these By-Laws in all matters and decisions.
- 1.2 The Board of TBI has sole and final adjudication of the Constitution and these By-Laws.
- 1.3 TBI has the power to make local competition By-Laws as per the Official Baseball Rules: "It is acknowledged that some rules may be modified to suit local competitions, so Club Administrators should be aware of any local competition By-Laws."
- 1.4 All recommendations proposed by the delegates will be presented and then considered by the TBI Board.
- 1.5 The TBI Board must ratify any change to the TBI By-Laws to effect a change in these By-Laws.
- 1.6 All changes to the TBI By-Laws Local Competition Regulations must be ratified by the Board before the start of the senior competition unless warranted by legislation or direction from BNSW or there are extenuating or unusual circumstances.
- 1.7 Sole adjudication of these extenuating or unusual circumstances as per By-Law 1.6 shall remain with the Board.
- 1.8 The TBI Board has delegated authority to implement these By-Laws for the successful management of the senior competition.

2. DEFINITIONS

BNSW means Baseball New South Wales Incorporated acting as the peak body for baseball in NSW and to which TBI is affiliated.

Board means the governing Board of Tamworth Baseball Incorporated.

By-Laws means this document called TBI By-Laws Local Competition Regulations and refers solely to this document.

CLSC means the Country League Standing Committee of BNSW acting as the entity for country baseball in NSW.

Constitution means the constitution of Tamworth Baseball Incorporated.

Delegate means a member of the Committee nominated by affiliated bodies of TBI.

Executive means a member of the Senior Committee appointed by the TBI Board at its Annual General Meeting or at other times as resolved by the Board.

Grading Committee means board of TBI, having delegated responsibility to determine and manage the player grading for Tamworth Senior Baseball.

Judiciary means the Judiciary Committee appointed by the TBI Board consisting of the Disciplinary Panel, the Technical Panel, and the Appeals Committee

Registrar means the person appointed by TBI under the By-Laws Local Competition Regulations to manage the registration of players and officials, and to manage results and statistics of the competition.

Defaulters' Register means the defaulters' register maintained by the Registrar of players and officials who have defaulted in their financial obligations to TBI and their club.

Rules means the official baseball Rules of the Game as adopted by the Australian Baseball Federation

Tamworth means the city of Tamworth and the surrounding region.

TBI means the entity Tamworth Baseball Incorporated with incorporation under NSW Fair Trading.

Website means the website by which all players and officials must register their intention to be involved in baseball for the current season as approved by BNSW or Baseball Australia. Payment of all fees is necessary for the completion of registration.

OBR means Official Baseball Rules

3. SEASON

- 3.1 The season for the senior competition shall be played on Saturdays between Easter and 30 September or each year.
- 3.2 Other playing days may be scheduled by the Board under extenuating circumstances.
- 3.3 The finals series will be played over the three weeks with a rescheduled weekend for a Grand Final replay in the third week of September.
- 3.4 The Tamworth June Long Weekend invitational tournament shall be played over the June long weekend.
- 3.5 Alternative arrangements may be made for the weekend of the NSW Country Women's Championship.
- 3.6 The season shall consist, whenever possible, of equal number of competition games for each A Grade team and thence for each lower grade team followed by three weekends of finals, given that the starting weekend will be determine:
 - 3.6.1 by the dates of Easter and Anzac Day, and
 - 3.6.2 by the requirement for each team to play other teams in an equal number of games
- 3.7 The top four teams in each grade will contest the final series.

4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 All equipment shall conform to the specifications as published by the Rules or as determined by Baseball Australia or Baseball NSW.
- 4.2 The TBI Board subject to ratification by TBI may impose any equipment specifications that it deems appropriate for the proper conduct of the game in Tamworth.
- 4.3 Any player in the senior competition must use wooden or composite bats with the exception of:
 - 4.3.1 female players who may choose to use an aluminum bat with a specification of USA approved (BBCOR -5).
 - 4.3.2 Under 16 players who may use aluminum bats with a specification of USA approved or BBCOR -5.
- 4.4 All teams shall be required to use double-eared batting helmets, and all players shall wear them whilst batting and base running.
- 4.5 All players warming up the pitcher in a crouch position must wear a protective face mask, whether the pitcher is on the mound or in a warm-up area.
- 4.6 The umpires officiating at the game shall be responsible for the implementation of this By-Law.

5. A BASEBALL GAME

5.1 Duration of a Game

- 5.1.1 Duration of games in the season games shall be:
- a maximum of 2.5 hours or 9 innings for A Grade
 - a maximum of 2 hours or 7 innings for B Grade
 - a maximum of 1.5 hours or 7 innings for C Grade
- 5.1.2 Duration of games in the finals – see section 7 (Finals)

5.2 Minimum Length of Game

- 5.2.1 The minimum length of a game will be one hour from the official starting time or four (4) innings for a result to be recorded.
- 5.2.2 Games that are called before this minimum length will be recorded as a Washout with a point awarded to each team.

5.3 Starting Time of a Game

- 5.3.1 Start times for round games during the season will be:
- C Grade – 9:45 am
 - B Grade – 11:45 am
 - A Grade – 2:15 pm
- 5.3.2 The TBI Board may change the starting time of the finals as ratified by TBI before the start of the final's series.

5.4 Scheduled Finishing Time of a Game

- 5.4.1 A game shall finish at the scheduled finishing time being:
- C Grade – 90 minutes from the scheduled starting time
 - B Grade – 2 hours from the scheduled starting time
 - A Grade – 2.5 hours from the scheduled starting time
 - There will be no extension of the finishing time due to the game not starting on time for any reason.
- 5.4.2 A new innings will not commence within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled finishing time and the umpire-in-chief must call Time and Game immediately at the end of the previous innings.
- 5.4.3 A new innings will be deemed to have commenced when the third out to complete the previous innings has been made.
- 5.4.4 A new innings so started must be played out for a result even if play must proceed past the scheduled finishing time.
- 5.4.5 New innings will not be played if the home team is more than ten (10) runs behind irrespective of the number of innings played.
- 5.4.6 The umpire in chief may call "Game" due to adverse light or weather before the end of this innings. In such a case the game result will revert to the last completed innings.

5.5 Home and Away Teams

- 5.5.1 Home team is the team mentioned first in the official draw and:
- occupies the third base dugout
 - fields first
 - they are responsible for raking 3rd & 2nd base cutouts as well as the bullpens, cleaning own dugout, putting bases out, and returning to storage.
- 5.5.2 Away team is the team mentioned second in the official draw and:
- occupies the first base dugout
 - bats first
 - they are responsible for: raking home & 1st base cutouts as well as the bullpens, cleaning own dugout.
- 5.5.3 Teams occupying the wrong dugout by mistake or by agreement will not change their home or away status as determined by the official draw.

5.6 Required Player Numbers for a Team

- 5.6.1 A team must have seven (7) players available to take the field to start a game.
- 5.6.2 An A Grade team cannot make up numbers by using A graded players from other clubs.
- 5.6.3 There will be no automatic outs in lower grades if there are missing players (that is when there are only 7 or 8 players on the line-up).
- 5.6.4 For lower grade teams, the team may make up numbers with:
- any ungraded players from their club, or
 - ungraded players from other clubs, given
 - all such players must not play in the battery, an exemption can be requested for a catcher under duty of care (i.e. No other player experienced enough to safely play in the position)
 - all such players must bat at the lower end of the order.
- 5.6.5 All such players be replaced within innings by any player of that grade becoming available, with higher-grade players being replaced first.
- 5.6.6 In B and C grades, a maximum of 12 players are part of the playing roster, all players must (unless injured) bat in the team's batting order in every game. (For example, if the team has 12 players all 12 players must bat in the batting order. A team with 11 players must have all 11 players bat in the batting order).
- 5.6.7 In B and C grades, 9 players will field in their allocated positions, with unlimited interchanges being allowed at the completion of an innings from the remaining bench. Interchanges during the innings are allowed in the event of injury, ejection, pitcher, and/or catcher replacement. If a player is required to be interchanged during the innings for any other reason the player coming off the field will not be permitted to return to the field for the remainder of the game.

5.7 Minimum age playing for Senior Baseball

- 5.7.1 The minimum age for any player to play in the Tamworth Baseball Senior Baseball competition shall be 14 years old.
- 5.7.2 A club can apply for dispensation for a younger player to play in the Senior competition by making a written request to The Board of TBI. Upon receiving such a request, the Board will convene an independent coach to do a skills assessment of the player. Once assessed, if approved, the Board will make an endorsement for a dispensation to be approved.

5.8 Forfeits

- 5.8.1 A forfeit shall be declared if a team cannot take the field with the required number of players within 20 minutes of the official starting time.
- 5.8.2 The forfeiting team shall:
- not be awarded any competition points
 - not have their players deemed to have played the game for the purposes of eligibility.
- 5.8.3 The non-forfeiting team shall:
- be awarded two (2) competition points with a recorded score of 7-0
 - have their players, subject to being listed on the line-up sheet and present at the ground at the official starting time, deemed to have played the game for eligibility.
- 5.8.4 If both teams have insufficient numbers to take the field, then the game shall be declared as a Non-Result and:
- no points shall be awarded to either team
 - no player will be deemed to have played the game for the purposes of eligibility.
- 5.8.5 A club may notify the TBI Board prior to the game if a team is to forfeit a game as per this By-Law.

5.9 Competition Points

- 5.9.1 The following competition points shall be awarded according to the duly signed line up sheets:
- Win 2 points
 - Forfeit 2 points with recorded score of 7-0
 - Draw 1 point
 - Washout 1 point with recorded score of 0-0
 - No Result 0 point
 - Lost 0 point

5.10 Line-Up Sheets

5.10.1 Line-Up sheets will be provided by TBI to clubs.

5.10.2 The Line-Up Sheet is to be completed legibly and shall include:

- the teams playing
- date, time, and ground of the game
- the starting players listed by SURNAME and Christian name
- the fielding position of each starting player
- reserves do not need to be listed if they are registered players of the club
- reserve players that have played in that game are to be recorded on the line-up sheet in correct batting order and fielding position
- team sheets should be handed to scorers 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time

5.10.3 Copies of the Line-Up Sheet

- the original given to the umpire along with a copy for the opposing team
- one copy is to be given to the scorers

5.11 Umpire Allocation

5.11.1 Two umpires will be allocated by the Umpires Committee to each game played in the senior competition. Where possible, at least one accredited umpire will be allocated to each game.

5.11.2 There will be a designated umpire in chief who should officiate from behind the plate, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as but not limited to missing gear or injury.

5.11.3 A third umpire may, where available, be appointed to all finals and for regular season games. For regular season games, clubs shall only be charged the equivalent of two accredited umpires.

5.11.4 In the circumstance of only one umpire being available then:

- the umpire shall normally officiate behind the plate
- the Home team will be required to provide a person to officiate if requested by the umpire

5.11.5 If no umpire is available then:

- the Home team shall provide a person to be the umpire in chief, and
- the Home team provides a second person if available to officiate in the field, or
- if the Home team cannot provide that second person, then the Away team will be requested to supply that person

5.11.6 When no suitable person can be found to officiate, then the coach or manager of the Home team shall be required to officiate.

5.12 Obligations of clubs to TBI

- 5.12.1 Per the Australian governments approved Safeguarding Children & Young People policy, each club is required to have a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) and abide by the obligations set out in the policy.
- 5.12.2 Club coaches for each club are required to hold Level C accreditation. All team coaches are required to hold Level B accreditation.
- 5.12.3 All base coaches are required to hold a level A coaching accreditation and a current working with children check (WWCC) and be registered on TBI secretary database.

6. GAME RESULTS

- 6.1 At the completion of the game, umpires are required complete the “Game Summary Form” which is the official record of the game. The form shall:
 - have the final score recorded with a clear indication of the winning team
 - have any protest, injury, incident, warnings or ejections noted
 - have the MVP points allocated confidentially by the Umpire(s)
 - signed by the umpires and scorers
 - line-up sheets from both teams are also required to be submitted
- 6.2 The scorers are required to take a picture of the scorebook (both pages) and upload to WhatsApp scorers chat within 15 minutes of game completion. If scoring live through Game Changer, please export and upload to the WhatsApp Scorers Chat within minutes of the game completion.
- 6.3 If required by the TBI Board, all statistic sheets are to be in the hands of the nominated scorers contact within seven (7) days from the conclusion of the game.

7. FINALS

- 7.1 The TBI Board has jurisdiction over all final series matters, including ground allocations, starting times and if innings run rule will apply.
- 7.2 Finals will be played at the Tamworth baseball complex unless extenuating circumstances exist, such as but not limited to, flooding of the fields in Tamworth.
- 7.3 Team positions for the finals will be determined on:
 - 7.3.1 Competition Points, if tied then on Run Percentage of 'Total Runs For' over 'Total Runs Against', if tied then on
 - 7.3.2 Head to head between the teams, if tied then on
 - 7.3.3 highest 'Total Runs For', if tied then on
 - 7.3.4 lowest 'Total Runs Against', if tied then on
 - 7.3.5 a single "coin toss" conducted by a member of the TBI Board, preferably the TBI President, and a delegate from each of the clubs impacted shall determine the positions.
- 7.4 If the game is 'washed out' – see section 8 (Finals Washouts and Tied Games).
- 7.5 All finals shall be on a single-game basis.
- 7.6 In the event of tied scores in a Grand Final extra innings shall be played in an attempt to achieve a result – a ghost runner will start at 2nd base per OBR. In the event of tied scores at the completion of these extra innings then the Grand Final will be rescheduled.
- 7.7 TBI will provide game balls for each finals game.
- 7.8 The home team for finals shall be:
 - 7.8.1 Semi Finals - the team finishing higher on the competition table
 - 7.8.2 Finals - the team losing the Major Semi-Final
 - 7.8.3 Grand Finals - the team winning the Major Semi-Final.
- 7.9 Player grading for final series is set in the TBI By-Laws Grading Committee

8. FINALS WASHOUTS AND TIED GAMES

- 8.1 In the event of an **A Grade final**:
 - 8.1.1 A Grade semi-final or preliminary final is a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the team higher on the table shall progress through to the next final.
 - 8.1.2 A Grade semi-final or preliminary final being tied after 9 innings, extra innings shall be played until a result is achieved unless time is called due to light or other reasons, then the team higher on the table shall progress through to the next final.
 - 8.1.3 A Grade Grand Final being tied after 9 innings, extra innings shall be played until a result is achieved unless time is called due to light or other reasons, then the Grand Final will be replayed on the rescheduled date.

- 8.1.4 A Grade Grand Final being a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the Grand Final will be replayed on the rescheduled date.
- 8.1.5 A Grade rescheduled grand final being a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the team having the highest position in the competition will be declared Premiers.
- 8.1.6 A Grade rescheduled grand final is tied at the conclusion of that game, then Joint premiers will be declared.

8.2 In the event of a **Lower Grade final**:

- 8.2.1 Lower grade semi-final or final being a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the team having the highest position shall progress through to the next final.
- 8.2.2 Lower grade semi-final or final being tied after 7 innings or at the scheduled finishing time, then the team having the highest position shall progress through to the next final.
- 8.2.3 Lower grade grand final being a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the Grand Final will be replayed on the rescheduled date.
- 8.2.4 Lower grade rescheduled grand final being a washout or is unable to be played for any reason, then the team having the highest position in the competition will be declared Premiers.
- 8.2.5 Lower grade grand final being tied at the completion of 7 innings or at the scheduled finishing time, extra innings shall be played until a result is achieved.

9. MERCY RULE

- 9.1 The mercy rule shall be applied in a game when:
 - 9.1.1 in A Grade a team leading by more than ten (10) runs after 7 complete innings shall be declared the winner
 - 9.1.2 in other Grades a team leading by more than ten (10) runs after 4 complete innings shall be declared the winner
 - 9.1.3 in any Grade a team leading by more than twenty (20) runs at the end of any completed innings shall be declared the winner
- 9.2 The completion of an innings run rule will apply to all B and C grade games during the regular season but not the finals series.
 - 9.2.1 an innings is completed when either three (3) outs have been made or nine (9) batters has completed their turn at bat, whichever occurs first.
 - 9.2.2 when the ninth batter for the innings comes to bat, the scorer shall notify the plate umpire, who shall inform both sides by loudly calling and signalling "Last Batter".
 - 9.2.3 if the team scorer fails to notify the plate umpire that the ninth batter is at bat, the umpire shall declare any subsequent plays after the ninth batter completes their at bat cancelled, the ball dead and no runs shall score.
 - 9.2.4 when the ninth batter hits a fair ball, the batting side may be put out by:
 - 9.2.4.1 getting the required number of outs.
 - 9.2.4.2 the ball is under control by a defensive player within the infield as adjudged by the umpire in chief and.
 - 9.2.4.3 time will be called when the leading runner touches the base he is running to

Note: if the batter is running to home after touching third base when the ball comes under control in the infield, then the play is allowed to continue.

10. BLOOD BIN

- 10.1 Players who are injured and who require treatment to stem the flow of any body fluids or to cover an open wound may leave the game for treatment without penalty:
 - 10.1.1 if on base, a courtesy runner may be used
 - 10.1.2 if in the field a courtesy fielder may be used
 - 10.1.3 if at bat, the player may obtain treatment, and
 - 10.1.4 if unable to be treated within a reasonable period, a courtesy batter may be used with the count continuing from the injured batter
- 10.2 A courtesy player shall be:
 - 10.2.1 a fresh reserve, or
 - 10.2.2 if no reserves are available, a person who has been replaced in the game
- 10.3 No ejected player may be used as a courtesy player.
- 10.4 An injured player should return to the game at his earliest convenience in the spirit of the game in the same batting position in the line-up.
- 10.5 When the injured player returns to the game according to this By-Law then the courtesy player shall keep their status as either a fresh reserve or a replaced player.
- 10.6 Players who after treatment are unable to return into the game within the completion of three (3) innings (with the innings in which the injury occurs being the first innings) shall be replaced.
- 10.7 Soiled clothing must be replaced or washed clean of blood or any other body fluid before the player can return to the game.
- 10.8 Umpire in chief shall note the incident including the game situation when the player has left the game for treatment and their return or substitution. Details of the injury should also be noted on "Game Summary Form".

11. CONCUSSION

- 11.1 Players who have been struck in the head or helmet shall be carefully observed for any signs of concussion or impaired function.
- 11.2 A player who has blurred vision, blurred speech or is unsteady in his movements will be substituted out of the game.
- 11.3 A concussed player shall be replaced by a courtesy player as per By-Laws 10.2 and 10.3.
- 11.4 If a concussed player cannot be substituted by a reserve, then there will be no automatic out for that player.
- 11.5 Umpire in chief will be the sole judge of the fitness of a player.

12. PITCHING AND CATCHING RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1 Pitching restrictions shall apply to all TBI games.
- 12.2 In Senior Games it is advised that a pitcher does not catch after pitching in that game, this responsibility is a duty of care of the coaching staff.
- 12.3 Senior Players
- 12.3.1 There are no restrictions on senior players regarding catching
- 12.3.2 Senior players shall be limited to 120 pitches per day
- 12.3.3 Senior players shall be limited to 200 pitches per weekend
- 12.3.4 If at the time the pitcher reaches their maximum allowable and the batter being faced has not completed a legal time at bat, then they may finish the batter before being removed from the game.
- 12.4 Junior Players

Junior players will be subjected to the following pitch count limits, totalled for the weekend (inclusive of junior and senior games).

	Little League (U12)	Junior League (U14)	Senior League (U16)	U 18's
Minor	1-24	1-24	1-29	1-39
Substantial	25-44	25-54	30-64	40-74
Major	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-80
Innings Limit	3	3	3	

These regulations are to be applied based on the **age of the player as at 31 December of the current year.**

- (a) A player's Assignment is calculated from which category the pitcher start's the final batter.
- (b) While not advised, a pitcher may extend past the maximum "**Major**" pitch limit for the sole purpose of completing the batter,
- i. The player must leave the game immediately at the completion of the batter
- ii. The Club will be required to provide evidence that the pitcher was removed from the game after exceeding the pitch limit to complete the batter, where requested
- (c) The Team's Game Day Manager is solely responsible for managing the player pitch count and verifying against the official scorebook.
- (d) Junior players may not pitch and catch, in any order, in the same weekend, inclusive of the Senior Graded competition.
- (e) Junior players pitching in the senior competition are not subject to innings limits but must abide by the pitch limits and rest periods.
- (f) In finals competition, Junior players will be subject to Pitch Counts limitations only. Innings Limits will not be applicable.

Completion of Pitching Assignment

Upon the completion of the pitching assignment, the following restrictions shall be placed upon the player, subject to the pitch category their final pitch count falls in.

Minor

(a) No restrictions, other than By-Law

Substantial

(a) The player must only play the following identified positions for the remainder of the game, in order of preference:

- i. 1st Base,
- ii. 2nd Base,
- iii. Left Field

Major

The player must leave the game at the completion of the assignment and shall not play again for the weekend.

- 12.5 The scorers of the game shall record the number of pitches by each player.
- 12.6 The umpire in chief shall be notified when the pitch count reaches 10 pitches below the player's Major limit, who shall inform the team coach accordingly.
- 12.7 A pitcher entering a game to replace a pitcher, who has been injured or ejected, shall be permitted a maximum of eight (8) warm-up pitches.
- 12.8 Breaches of the pitching limits and restrictions may be referred to the Judiciary and may incur loss of game and suspension of team officials.

13. DESIGNATED PLAYERS

- 13.1 A designated hitter for a pitcher is permitted in A grade only.
- 13.2 A catcher must participate offensively until there are two (2) outs
 - 13.2.1 if on base, he must be replaced by a designated runner immediately the second out is achieved.
 - 13.2.2 if at bat, he must be replaced once the play by which he gets on base is complete.
 - 13.2.3 failure to replace the catcher once this situation is brought to the offensive team's notice by an umpire will result in the player being called "out.
 - 13.2.4 the designated runner should be a reserve player on the bench or failing to have any reserves, an existing player who will not bat for the next 4 batting positions.
- 13.3 The umpire in chief has the responsibility to ensure that each innings commences and then proceeds without undue delay.

14. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 14.1 Protest on a Point of Law
 - 14.1.1 in the event of an umpire seemingly giving an erroneous decision on a Rule of Baseball then the team so disadvantaged shall have the right to protest
 - 14.1.2 the intention to protest must be indicated to the umpire in chief at the time of the disputed decision and before the next pitch
 - 14.1.3 the umpire in chief shall cause an annotation in the scorebooks of the time and game situation at which an intention to protest is given
 - 14.1.4 confirmation of the protest shall be made to the umpire in chief within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game and will be annotated and signed on the line-up cards by the umpire in chief
 - 14.1.5 a Notice of Protest form must be submitted, with the TBI prescribed protest fee, explaining the circumstances of the protest including the relevant Rules to a Board member by the protesting team no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the game
 - 14.1.6 failure to do so will result in no further action on the protest
 - 14.1.7 the Board will refer the protest on a point of law to the Judiciary whose Technical Panel shall consider the protest per the current TBI By-Laws Judiciary.

14.2 Protest on Local Competition Regulations

- 14.2.1 in the event of an umpire making a decision seemingly contrary to TBI By-Laws Local Competition Regulations then the team so disadvantaged shall have the right to protest
- 14.2.2 the intention to protest must be indicated to the umpire in chief at the time of the disputed decision and before the next ball is pitched
- 14.2.3 the umpire in chief shall cause an annotation in the scorebooks of the time and game situation at which an intention to protest is given
- 14.2.4 Confirmation of the protest shall be made to the umpire in chief within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game and will be annotated and signed on the line-up cards by the umpire in chief
- 14.2.5 a Notice of Protest form must be submitted, with the TBI prescribed protest fee, explaining the circumstances of the protest including the relevant Local Competition regulation to a Board member by the protesting team no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the game
- 14.2.6 failure to do so will result in no further action on the protest
- 14.2.7 the Board will refer the protest on a point of law to the Judiciary whose Technical Panel shall consider the protest per the current TBI By-Laws Judiciary.

15. GROUNDS UNPLAYABLE

- 15.1 Circumstances that may make a field unplayable, such as rain, flood, vandalism, or any other event, will be assessed no later than 9 am on the day of the game by either the relevant Council, TBI Board or authorised owner of a field.
- 15.2 If a field is declared unplayable the game may be transferred to other fields.
- 15.3 The decision to transfer any games to another field must be made and communicated to all clubs and affiliates by 9:00 am on game day, or By-Law 15.4 will apply.
- 15.4 If a field is declared unplayable and is not transferred to another field, then:
 - 15.4.1 all games on that field will be recorded as a washout, and
 - 15.4.2 teams will be awarded one competition point, and
 - 15.4.3 games will not count as a competition game for the purposes of player eligibility.
- 15.5 The umpire in chief will be the sole adjudicator of the playing condition of an available field from 5 minutes before the official starting time to its scheduled finishing time.
- 15.6 If a field becomes unplayable as adjudicated by the umpire in chief during the course of a game, then game duration criteria will apply to determine the status of the game.
- 15.7 Any subsequent game scheduled after a prior game has been declared unplayable shall be assessed by the game's rostered umpires and the coaches from both clubs by 10:00 am for B Grade and 12:00 noon for A Grade on game day.

16. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATION

- 16.1 All clubs, teams, players, officials, coaches, scorers and volunteers participating in competitions conducted by Tamworth Baseball Incorporated (TBI) must be affiliated with TBI and comply with Baseball NSW and Baseball Australia registration requirements.
- 16.2 All participants must be correctly registered through the approved Baseball NSW registration system prior to participation.

17. TEAM ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

- 17.1 Clubs must nominate teams by the date determined by the TBI Board.
- 17.2 The Board retains authority to accept, reject or re-grade teams in the interests of competition integrity.
- 17.3 Withdrawal of a team after the release of the competition draw may result in sanctions as determined by the Board.

18. FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 18.1 To be eligible for finals, a player must be properly registered and have met minimum participation requirements as determined by the Board according to the current TBI By-Laws Player Grading.
- 18.2 Any exemption requests must be submitted prior to the commencement of the finals series and approved by the Board.

19. JUDICIARY AND APPEALS

- 19.1 The TBI Board has sole authority over disciplinary matters and may refer matters to Judiciary or Appeals Panels according to the current TBI By-Laws Judiciary.
- 19.2 The decision of an Appeals Panel shall be final and binding.

20. RESIDUAL AUTHORITY

In matters not expressly provided for in these By-Laws, the TBI Board shall have authority to make determinations in the best interests of the competition.