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## 2019 Rules & Regulations

### Event Committee

**Games Director:** Al Connors

**Chief Umpire:** Steve Landsberg

**Grounds:** Al Connors

### Points

Points will be allocated for each game as follows;

WIN	3 Points
DRAW	2 Points
LOSS	1 Point
FORFEIT	0 Points (with winning team awarded the game 7-0)
WASHOUT	2 Points (shall also be scored as a 0-0 draw)

### Standings

At the conclusion of the preliminary games schedule and prior to the finals, teams will be ranked according to their points/win/loss record.

If more than one (1) team finishes the preliminary games level on Points/Win/Loss results that will affect the team's standings, the following ranking methods will be applied:

- # 1. Head to head records. If this fails to separate the teams then,
- # 2. The fewest runs allowed in all games played by those teams. If this fails to separate the teams then,
- # 3. Coin Toss supervised by the Games Director.

Teams will then compete in Finals/Medal Playoffs Series as follows:

Semi-finals: 1 v 2 and 3 v 4

Consolation Final: Loser (3 v 4) v 5

Preliminary Final: Loser (1 v 2) v Winner (3 v 4) (Loser receives 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Final: Winner (1 v 2) v Winner Prelim. Final (To decide 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Places)

### Tournament Playing Conditions

The Australian Baseball Official Rules apply, except as amended and detailed below as ordered by certain conditions under the instructions of the Event Committee. **PLEASE NOTE:** It shall be CLEARLY understood that these playing conditions have been enacted in the interests of time, safety and the spirit of the event.

Unruly or unsportsmanlike behaviour by players, officials or supporters participating in the games will not be tolerated. If the need arises the Games Director will convene a Judiciary Panel to hear any disputes, breaches or abnormal conduct matters. Resultant actions may be taken against the person(s) involved and/or the associated team(s). The decision of the Judiciary Panel will be final, with no appeal allowed.

### Eligibility and Participation

All players must be fully accredited with the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games. Any team playing with an unaccredited player will lose the competition points and the game will be ruled a forfeit. All teams must take the field with a minimum of nine (9) GBRMG accredited and eligible players. Once registered with a team players will not be allowed to transfer to another team permanently or temporarily unless the Event Committee sanctions the transfer. The exception is where a team with only (8) players can "borrow" a player from the opposing team. Again, prior approval from the Event Committee is required.

Minimum age for competition is 35 years. Age is determined as at 23 May 2019.

Two players in a team may be aged 30-35 years but must not be a pitcher or a catcher. You may only have one of these players in any one game at a time.

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Designated hitters will only be allowed for Pitchers.

To qualify to play in the Finals each player must participate in at least 2 innings in 2 of the preliminary games. Exceptions to this rule must be pre-approved by the Event Committee.

### Equipment and Uniforms

All teams must supply their own equipment.

All players while on the field must wear their team uniform. Uniforms will be of a baseball nature and caps must be worn. No restrictions shall apply to gloves or footwear other than those that apply in normal baseball rules. All batters and runners must wear two (2) eared helmets and coaches must wear helmets while in the coach's box.

### Bats

The GBRMG event is a **wood bat competition**. Wood and wood composite bats must be used. Bats may be of any length or weight, within the allowable current official rules of baseball.

### Regulation Game

Games are to be 110 minutes (1 hour 50 minutes) duration or a maximum of 7 innings whichever comes first. No new inning is to commence if the game has been in progress for 110 minutes. (Note wet weather restrictions and conditions). Any new innings commenced before 110 minutes from the start of the game shall be completed except where the team batting second is leading or takes the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

Game times will be under the strict control of the Games Director and game times are to be adhered to. Some games may be delayed if the prior game is not completed within the required time frame.

The umpires will be directed to keep the game moving. If time wasting tactics are observed by any umpire or the Games Director, the offending player(s) and manager are to be placed on report and a judiciary panel convened. Appropriate action may be taken against the person(s) involved and/or the associated team.

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that they are at the correct diamond ready to commence play at the scheduled time. If a team fails to appear or are not ready to start the game within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled commencement time, a forfeit can be claimed.

### Pre-game Warmup

On Diamond 1: Home Team has use of Batting Cage 1 hr before Game Start Time. (15 mins)  
Away Team has use of Batting Cage 45 mins before Game Start Time. (15 mins)

On Diamond 2: Home Team has use of Batting Cage 45 mins before Game Start Time. (15 mins)  
Away Team has use of Batting Cage 30 mins before game Start Time. 15 mins)

Before the start of each game both teams may exercise a maximum of five (5) minutes as a warm-up period on the diamond. This warm-up period will follow the sequence of Home Team followed by the Away Team.

### Wet Weather Procedure

In the event of poor/wet weather, the following conditions will apply:

1. Games may only be rescheduled at the sole discretion of the Games Director in the event of games being declared a wash out.
2. The Games Director in consultation with the Chief Umpire (if appropriate) will allow for a 30 minute delay in proceedings before declaring the game a wash out. This will be allowed once only during a game.
3. If a game is delayed past the scheduled commencement time, the 30 minute time delay allowance will be invoked
4. In Preliminary round games, 3 innings (or 2½ if the home team is ahead) or 60 minutes will constitute a regulation game and points will be allocated accordingly.
5. In the Finals Series, games will be considered to be completed where play has been underway for a minimum of 4 innings (or 3½ if the home team is ahead) or 75 minutes.

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### **Mercy Rule**

Six runs maximum can be scored in each of the first three innings. If a batter causes the team to score more than 6 runs from a single hit, then the extra runs will count. This rule does not apply in any Finals Series games

A ten (10) run mercy rule will come into effect after five (5) completed innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first.

### **Courtesy Runners**

A substitute runner may be used for the catcher or pitcher at any time. A substitute **MUST** replace the catcher at two (2) out.

Additionally, one other courtesy runner may be a substitute for an injured or disabled player participating in the game. The substituted player must be identified and made known to both the Umpires and the Opposition Team Manager at the commencement of the game. The substitution can only occur for one player in the team who has been injured during the tournament.

### **Home and Away Games**

The team named first in the Games schedule will be the Home Team. They will field first and will occupy the third base dugout.

### **Scorers**

It is a requirement of the Event that each team supply a competent scorer (with scorebook) for their games. Line-up sheets will be available from the Games Director.

### **Umpires**

The Home team in each game is expected to supply a base umpire for that game. In the event of an official plate umpire not being available, the home team will supply the plate umpire and the away team will supply the base umpire.

Accredited Plate umpires will be appointed when available. The Event Committee anticipates all games will be played in the spirit of healthy competition. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **Banned Substances**

**There is NO SMOKING within the confines of the Sporting Complex.**

Consumption of alcohol and the use of chewing tobacco or drugs (unless prescribed by a physician) will not be permitted within the playing area during a game. Use of these substances will result in an automatic ejection.

### **Blood Rule**

Upon direction of an umpire, a player shall immediately leave the playing area where the umpire is of the opinion that the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of their person or uniform. Upon being directed to leave the playing area, a player shall not return or take any further part in any baseball game until and unless:

1. The cause of the bleeding has abated and the bleeding has stopped.
2. The injury is securely covered to the extent that no blood shall emanate there from.
3. Any blood stained article of uniform has removed and replaced, and
4. Any blood on any part of a player's person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.

Any player leaving the playing area under the Blood Rule may be replaced by a substitute player (in the field and batting line up) until such time as they are able to return to the field of play. The substitute player must be a player on the bench that is not already in the offensive line-up. The substitute can be a player that has been removed from the game (temporarily re-enter) providing there are no others on the team sheet that have not participated offensively. On returning to the game the player **MUST** occupy the same position in the batting line-up. The substitute player can enter the game at any time and in any spot in the batting order once the injured player has returned.

### **Finals – Medal Round**

Games in the Finals will be 120 minutes (2 hours), or 7 innings duration, with up to an extra two (2) innings played in the event of a draw at the end of the scheduled game. Any new innings commenced within the 120 minute (2 hour) time limit shall be completed, except where the home team is leading or takes the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

In the event of the game still being tied after two (2) extra innings, one additional tie breaker inning is permitted. In this inning, the last batter or a substitute player (not previously removed from the game) shall commence the inning at second base with no outs against the batting team. If there is no clear result at this time, then the result will be determined by the Games Director based on final preliminary round standing (ie the highest ranked team will be awarded the Gold medal and so on).

In the event that the Medal round is washed out, then the final standing will be declared by the Games Director based on the teams standings at the end of the Preliminary Rounds.

## **Risk Management**

Cairns Baseball League has a fully documented Risk Management Plan. All the relative compliance policies/remedies are in place to deal with identified risks and incidents associated with sporting clubs and events. This document is available from the Games Director for further information, if required. However for early awareness and reference the following is provided for all visitors to the Club during the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

### **Evacuation Procedure – Emergency Response Plan**

In the event of a fire, explosion or bomb threat, all members and visitors are to follow the directions of the Games Director. All patrons are to leave the vicinity of the club via the nearest exit and proceed to the elevated area near the Soccer Fields or the car park at Centrals Football Club and await further advice from the Games Director.

### **Liquor Licensing Requirements**

CBL is a licensed venue for this event and we ask that you strictly adhere to the licensing regulations for the duration of the GBRMG. Alcohol may only be consumed in the designated area and **no alcohol, coolers/eskys and in particular no glass containers** are to be brought into the grounds.