



Thornlie and Districts Tee Ball Association Inc.

# By-laws

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## **1. Association Colours**

The Association colours are black, gold and white.

## **2. State Championships**

No individual club playing as part of the Thornlie and Districts Association may nominate and compete in the TBAWA State Championship and pre-state carnivals under their own club name without prior written exemption by the TDTBA Executive Committee.

## **3. Awards**

TDTBA will provide game count awards in increments of 25 starting at 50 games. The award will be in the form of a pennant.

## **4. Working with Children**

All volunteers over the age of 18 who are not a Parent/Guardian of a playing child are required to hold a valid Working with Children's Card. Parents/Guardians and children under the age of 18 are able to volunteer without holding a Working with Children's Card. A register of all volunteers will be held by TDTBA which is populated from information obtained by individual clubs and updated yearly after registrations. This information is held by TDTBA for review by the relevant Government department as required.

## **5. Media Policy**

The TDTBA media policy can be found on the TDTBA website [www.thornliedistricts.com](http://www.thornliedistricts.com). Failure to follow this policy is deemed a breach of TDTBA bylaws and will incur a fine (refer 27 Summary of Fines).

## **6. Games**

Games are to commence and finish on the siren. Friday night play for 1 hour on the umpire's time. If uneven innings at the completion of the game the scores are calculated as follows:

1. If it is the top of the innings and the second team has not batted the scores revert back to what they were at the end of the previous innings.
2. If the second side is batting when the siren sounds and they are winning the current score stands. If they are not winning the score reverts back to the score at the end of the previous innings.

## **7. Coaches**

All coaches at TDTBA are to be Level 'A' accredited as issued by TBAWA.

There are to be no gentlemen's agreements between coaches, all TBAWA rules and TDTBA bylaws must be followed.

## **8. Diamond Safety**

There is to be no ball throwing or hitting of balls (either off a tee or thrown) during game times. Balls may only be thrown on the diamond in the changeover between games. No footballs, basketballs or throwing devices are to be used at the grounds within 20m of an active diamond.

Outfielders are to wear helmets when deemed appropriate by the plate umpire if games are backing onto other diamonds. This is to apply only to the position(s) it affects.

## **9. Cabanas**

TDTBA cabanas to be used by Coaching staff and players only (coaching staff consists of Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager and Base Coaches).

## **10. Boundaries**

The boundaries of TDTBA are:

- Demountable
- Canteen
- Disabled toilet
- Change rooms
- Grassed area

The following is out of bounds for safety reasons:

- Centre of oval during 13s games

## **11. Weather**

Any game schedule to be played on a given day between 9:30am and 1:00pm, where the forecast temperature is greater than 39 degrees Celsius shall be cancelled. The forecast shall be as per the [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) at 5pm on the day prior and notification of cancellation uploaded to the T&D website and Facebook page as early as possible. The T&D Secretary shall ensure all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries are informed of such decision as early as possible. Cancelled games will be called a draw. All players registered to the teams of the games cancelled will be accredited a game count, however only one game count will be awarded to children who play multiple games.

Games shall be played in the rain, however if lightening is in the vicinity of the grounds the games will be called off by members of the Executive Committee. Three blast of the siren will sound to stop all games and diamonds are to be packed away.

## **12. Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted on the grassed areas or around the buildings at TDTBA (refer 7 Boundaries). This includes e-cigarettes and vapour devices.

## **13. Alcohol**

Alcohol is not permitted in or on the grounds of the venue (including the car park).

## **14. First Aid**

Fully stocked first aid kit and ice packs are available at the canteen, however administering first aid is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

All children registered are covered for ambulance trips from the ground to hospital by TDTBA for any official fixture games including pre-state carnival.

Access to the first aid kit and any use of an ambulance requires an incident form to be completed. These are held in the first aid kit.

## **15. Animals**

No animals are permitted on the grounds during official fixture games (refer 7. Boundaries).

## **16. Playing Out of Age Group**

As per TBAA rules, players are only permitted to play up one age grouping. If a child plays up more than one (1) age group from their legitimate age group, a fine shall apply (refer 27 Summary of Fines).

Dispensation forms to play in a lower grade need to be completed and given to the Registrar for acceptance by the TDTBA Executive Committee. New forms need to be submitted each season for review.

## **17. U7's & U8's Rules**

1. Up to five (5) strikes are permitted in this grade; after the 4<sup>th</sup> strike a coach can assist a player to guide the ball off the tee into the diamond without showing noticeable power.
2. One (1) coach in the outfield is permitted but must position themselves behind the outfield.
3. When an umpire calls time for a dead ball, runners will not advance a base even if they legally occupy the base prior to the ball going dead.

## **18. U12s and U13s Umpire Rule**

All U12s and U13s games must be plate umpired by a minimum of level 1 TBAWA accredited umpire. Details must be written on the scorecard of fixtured season games (printed name, signature and umpire number). Failure to do this will result in a fine being issued to the club who provided the umpire (refer 27 Summary of Fines).

## **19. Registration Cards**

To be completed in full and provided to the registrar prior to the season commencing. If players commence after the season starts the card is to be given to the Registrar prior to the child playing (either in person or via the Registrar tray). Unregistered players who take to the diamond will incur a fine (refer 27 Summary of Fines).

## **20. Game Counts**

Players will accrue one game count for every game they play:

- Fixtured season games
- Filling in during fixtured season games
- Warren Lake Carnival for TDTBA club
- Pre-State Carnivals for TDTBA
- State Championships for TDTBA
- TBAWA Supersquad
- Other games as decided by TDTBA Executive Committee

Game counts will be accepted from outside of TDTBA if written confirmation of games is received by the Registrar from the previous club Registrar/Executive or if significant proof can be provided.

## **21. Score cards**

Completed score cards are to be placed in the Registrar's drawer on the day of play. Score cards are the responsibility of the home team and need to be completed fully including full names for all officials (coach, assistant coach and scorers) and additional players. A sample of how to fill these in correctly is available on the website.

## **22. Forfeit**

If a team forfeits for any reason, the opposing team will receive a 9 Nil win and all players from the team will accrue one game count. The team forfeiting will gain no game counts.

## **23. Club duties**

All clubs will be allocated duties prior to season start. These will be distributed as per the TDTBA Executive Committee to club Presidents and Secretaries. These duties can be found on the website along with a description of what is required for each duty. Failure to complete a duty will attract a fine (refer 27 Summary of Fines)

Closed in shoes (defined as covering the whole foot – no slip ons which only cover the toes including the slip on sneakers that have an open/lower back) are required by all volunteers involved in the following duties:

- Coaching (team or base)
- Umpiring (plate or base)
- Team managing
- Scoring

- Canteen
- Game Day Official
- Carer for a child on the field while fielding or base running

## 24. Disputes

Any verbal or written directive given by an official (official meaning TDTBA Executive Committee Member, Chief Umpire, game umpire) must be followed or a fine as decided by the TDTBA Executive Committee will be given to the Club that person represents (refer 27 Summary of Fines).

All disputes must be placed in writing to the TDTBA Secretary for presentation to the TDTBA Executive Committee for consideration.

## 25. Code of Behaviour Breaches

- TDTBA Code of Behaviour policies can be found on the Association website for:
- Administrators
- Coaches
- Players
- Officials
- Parents
- Spectators
- Breaches of the TDTBA Code of Conduct by any person will result in a TDTBA bylaw fine (refer Section 23 Fines).

## 26. Injured or Sick Children

Injuries obtained during fixtured TDTBA games need to be recorded on the official score card. Any player who is injured during games will require a medical clearance prior to taking to the diamond else risk insurance not covering a “pre-existing” condition. Any injuries obtained outside of fixtured tee-ball games will be classified as pre-existing and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and players’ club. Serious injuries or illness (for example breaks, fractures, chicken pox) will require a medical clearance be obtained and given to the players’ registered club and a copy sent to the TDTBA Registrar.

## 27. Summary of Fines

Description	Value
Playing out of age group	\$50
Playing unregistered player	\$50
Failure to complete a club duty	\$50
U12s and U13s umpire information not complete	\$20
Code of Conduct breach	From \$100
Breach of bylaws	To be determined by TDTBA executive committee

## 28. U13's Competition Rules

All general rules as per Thornlie and Districts Bylaws and Code of Conduct, unless listed below:

- No player can play for more than one U13's team during the U13's premiership competition for any club (this includes fill in players from U12's competition).
- Any team that requires players to fill in can draw from any U12's team in its own club as long as the player is eligible to play up one age group.
- Clubs with no U12's team will be able to draw from other clubs U12s teams.
- Players must play at least half plus 1 season general games for one team to qualify to play in the finals series without a TDTBA Executive Committee exemption.

- Plate umpire will be a neutral umpire from another club (where possible) as per U13's umpire roster listed on the fixtures.
- If a plate umpire does not arrive, both coaches must agree on an appropriately accredited (where possible) replacement umpire and note the non-attendance of the allocated umpire on the scorecard.
- Both teams must supply a level 1 accredited (or higher) base umpire. The umpires will cover bases as follows - away team will cover first base and home team will cover second base. The plate umpire will cover third base and home plate.
- Games will start on (a) Friday nights via Umpire's time and (b) Saturday morning via the siren.
- Umpire will call batter up and commence play without fielders or batter if they feel that players are taking too long after a warning to the team.
- Uneven innings, the score will revert back to even innings unless the home team (2nd to bat) scores enough runs to lead the game without the innings being over.

## 29. Finals

The Nerryl Cross finals will consist of top teams after the home and away fixtures as set by the TDTBA committee at the start of the season. Teams in the Competition:

- Up to and including 10 teams. Top 4 finals.
- 11 teams and over: Top 6 finals.

Finals for top 4	Finals for top 6
Week 1 - 1 v 2, 3 v 4	Week 1 - 1 v 2, 3 v 6, 4 v 5
Winner of 1 v 2 straight into GF (bye for week 2)	Loser of 3 v 6 and 4 v 5 eliminated
Loser of 3 v 4 eliminated	Week 2 – Winner from 1 v 2 vs lowest ranked winner from 3 v 6 and 4 v 5, Loser from 1 v 2 vs highest ranked winner from 3 v 6 and 4 v 5
Week 2 - Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner of 3 v 4	Loser of both games eliminated
Week 3 – Winner of Week 1 vs Winner of Week 2	Week 3 – Winners of week 2 play off in grand final

Teams not eligible for the Nerryl Cross finals will compete in the President's Shield finals using the same play off fixtures as listed.

Teams eliminated during the final series will play in a fixtured competition.

All Nerryl Cross final games are to consist of 7 innings.

Only the grand final of the President's Shield will consist of 7 innings, all other finals will be one hour in duration.

The plate and base umpires for the finals series will be neutral umpires (where possible) selected by the Thornlie and Districts Association Chief Umpire. Teams eliminated from the finals of each competition will play a fixtured game with the home team to supply a suitably qualified plate umpire and one base umpire (at 2<sup>nd</sup> base) and away team supply one base umpire (at 1<sup>st</sup> base).

## 30. Draws in the Finals

If a draw occurs after the 7 full innings, a tie breaker rule will come into play.

- The first batter will start at 2nd base at the start of the innings as a base runner. The innings will still

consist of 9 batters, including the runner that started on second base.

**The tie breaker rule has been written to suit our sport, due to Tee-ball having a limit of nine batters, this allows for even batting for all players.**

No scores are to be asked for or given by the scorer to anyone other than the TDTBA Executive Committee as long as the Executive member is not affiliated with the playing teams.

Any game that is scheduled will be moved to another diamond by the TDTBA Chief Umpire or TDTBA Executive Committee.

## **31. Grand Final**

- All rulings from 28 and 29 apply
- Score will be announced at presentations.
- The MVP of the grand final will be chosen by the TDTBA President or elected delegates.