

Thornlie & Districts Tee-Ball Association

TEE-BALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



2025 – 2026

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

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Dates: Labour Day Long Weekend, 2026
(Saturday 28th February – March 2nd)

Location: Yokine Reserve, WA

The State Championships were first played in the 1974-75 season.

Teams play across five age groups, with divisions within each age group. Teams typically play five, one hour games over the long weekend, with a Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded in Division A. Teams in Division B and lower, play for Gold medals only.

Pre-State Carnivals

Across January and February, leading up to the State Championships, States teams play a number of Pre-State Carnivals across the metro area.

Coaches select which carnivals to attend. Typically between 4 and 5 pre-state carnivals are selected.

The pre-state carnivals are an invaluable opportunity for coaches and players to develop skills and advance their game play awareness.

T&D traditionally hosts the final Pre-State Carnival before the State Championship Carnival. This is a non-negotiable carnival for our States teams.

Committee Contacts

Once States teams have been finalised, parents' first point of contact will be the Team Manager. The States Coordinator is also available for any queries throughout the tee-ball season.

Roles & Responsibility

States Coordinator – Communication with team managers, regarding all pre state information and State Championship long weekend.

Coaches Coordinator – Communication with coaches, providing support and guidance.

President & Vice President – Support to States and Coaches Coordinator.

Registrar – Communication with team managers regarding game counts and scorebooks.

Chief Umpire – Communication with teams who require umpires for pre state carnivals and to support all state umpires.

Treasurer – Communication regarding any fees and kid sports.

Committee Contacts

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Selection Policy

To be eligible for selection, players must be financial and a registered member in any of the T&D affiliated clubs.

Each registered player must meet the age group criteria under which the team is nominated. Each player must play at least half of the available club regular playing dates plus one game.

Team Trials (Mixed)

Thornlie & Districts will be holding our State Championship trials:

Skills & Game Play Assessment

Date: Sunday, 26th October

Location: Sutherlands Park Reserve B

Registration: 8:15 AM

Trial Start Time: 9:00 AM

Duration: 2-4 hours (depending on the number of players)

Team Trials (All Girls)

Skills & Game Play Assessment

Date: Tuesday, 18th November

Location: Sutherlands Park Reserve B

Registration: 4:45pm PM

Trial Start Time: 5:00 PM

Duration: 1 - 2 hours (depending on the number of players)

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State Trials Conditions

Uniform: Participants must wear neutral clothing. NO club colors or previous state championship clothing/hats are permitted.

Supplies: Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, snacks, and lunch. These items will go with the players.

Parent/Guardians Information: Parents must remain in the designated sitting area near the demountable or the permitter of the reserve. Please do not approach the trial area to ensure players stay fully focused. Please do not approach the trial area to ensure players stay fully focused.

Important

It is important to emphasize that all players will be continuously assessed on their behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the trials and beyond, even after being selected for a team.

Inappropriate behavior or poor sportsmanship at any time can jeopardize a player's position on the team. This is taken very seriously, and any decisions regarding a player's conduct will be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the State Coordinator.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in upholding the values of respect, teamwork, and integrity that are fundamental to our sport. Let's work together to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Cost

Registration Fee: \$150

- Insurance
- Shirt
- Hat
- Team photo
- Medallion
- Windup
- Umpires for the long weekend

Additional Requirement:

- Black pants to be supplied by the player
- Socks \$12 (If Required)

*Please note teams are required to provide their own umpire during the pre-state carnivals, potentially incurring extra cost to parents.

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Players

Players/Parents will be notified, by the 31st October for Mixed and 23rd November for All Girls, of the outcome of the tryouts to represent Thornlie & Districts.

If successful, you will then be required to complete the Thornlie & Districts Registration form and pay your child's fee.

Head Coach

Nominations for Head Coach will be accepted at the time of player nominations. These nominations will be considered by the Thornlie and Districts Committee, with appointments made once team selection has been completed and players have been successful in the selection process. The States Coordinator and Coaches Coordinator will have the final say on any coach selection decisions that are made.

The Head Coach is required to hold a Level A Tee-Ball Coaching accreditation or commit to gaining an accreditation prior to the commencement of the State Championship long weekend.

Team Managers, Assistant Coach & Base Coaches

Each team is eligible to select one Team Manager, an Assistant Coach (if required) and two Base Coaches (your Assistant Coach can also be your Base Coach).

Selection of the coaching team is the responsibility of the Head Coach; however, the States Coordinator or Coaches Coordinator can make the final selection if required by the team.

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Being selected for a representative team to compete at the State Championships is an honour and does require a commitment beyond what is expected of regular Saturday Tee-Ball.

Selected Players are expected to foster team goals and demonstrate commitment.

Players will be continuously assessed on their behaviour and sportsmanship thought-out all training, Pre-State Carnivals and the State Championship Long Weekend.

Inappropriate behaviour or poor sportsmanship at any time can jeopardize a player's position on the team. This is taken very seriously and any decisions regarding a player's conduct will be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the States & Coaches Coordinator.

States Training

States training occurs on a Tuesday afternoon, between 4.00pm – 7.30pm at Sutherlands Reserve B. Diamonds are allocated by the States/Coach Coordinator. States training should be in addition to club training. Once club games break for the Christmas period, Coaches and teams may decide to add additional training sessions in.

Players must attend 90% of the scheduled training sessions set out by the Coach at the beginning of the States season.

Players who are going to be absent must give a valid reason to their Coach/Team Manager; all teams must keep a record of all players attendance at training. Players continually missing training may jeopardize their spot in the team.

If you cannot commit to this, do not sign your child up for this commitment.

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Player Participation

While the Tee-Ball rules remain exactly the same, the philosophy around player positions is different to normal Saturday club games.

At club level, players are rotated between all positions to gain experience, and the batting order often shuffled each game.

During the State season, players are given opportunities to experience a range of positions as coaches assess team dynamics and individual strengths. As the season progresses, coaches begin to refine their teams, and players are typically assigned one or two positions to focus on. The goal is to develop deeper skills and a stronger understanding of those roles. Similarly, the coach works towards establishing a consistent and effective batting order that plays to each player's strengths.

There is an expectation that every player will play every game of a carnival or the State Championships and will not be left out of the team unless injured or ill. As per Tee-Ball rules, no player will sit on the bench for consecutive fielding innings, however at States level coaching selection decisions are made that may mean some players receive more on-field time than others.

Parent Participation

The Tee-Ball philosophy is framed by the Four Fs (**F**un, **F**air Play, **F**undamental Skills and **F**amily Involvement). The family involvement aspect is crucial to a successful States team. Game-day roles such as scoring, base umpiring or bringing team equipment to carnivals are essential, as are the offers to stick around at States training and offer your assistance in any way.

The Head & Assistant Coach

The Head Coach will work to develop players' skills and game knowledge in a way that promotes a positive and life-long love of diamond sports.

The Head Coach must hold a Level A Tee-Ball Coaching Accreditation by the time the State Championships begin. The Association can assist with finding a half-day course to attend if necessary to gain this accreditation.

The Head Coach is responsible for coordinating training sessions and games. They are the person responsible for delegating any coaching responsibilities to other members of the coaching team, and communicating clearly with them needs and expectations.

The Head Coach, Assistant Coach and the Manager should work closely together to ensure they have a clear understanding of the roles each has within the team.

The Base Coaches

Base Coaches are an important part of any States team. Base running should be explicitly taught, with States players developing the difference between aggressive running and illegal "Incitement Running".

The 1st Base and 3rd Base Coaches take their lead from the Head Coach, who should be clear with the running expectations. Players should have the opportunity to get used to the base coaches' voices and signals at training.

The Manager

The Team Manager is responsible for being the communication link between all members of the team, and also between the team and the States and Coaches Coordinator.

Ensuring parents and players are aware of training schedules, upcoming events or carnivals and the rostering of volunteer roles that parents will need to fill at these is essential. Being an active listener to parent queries, being able to source answers from the Association or other States Managers and communicate clearly and in a timely manner are the qualities that make the operation of a States team smooth and enjoyable.

The Manager will also work closely with the States Coordinator, who will be able to provide specific information about pre-state carnival details and State Championship details. Scoresheets and game counts are submitted to the T&D Registrar.

On game day, the Manager is responsible for a specific role, such as ensuring the players demonstrate sportsmanship, set high expectations for themselves on the bench, understand their batting order and know the positions they will be playing in their next fielding innings.

These game day responsibilities should be discussed with the coaching team to ensure that everyone knows their role and can support one another.

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The Scorer

All parents who do not have a specific coaching, managing or umpiring role are expected to undertake scoring duties.

Any parent who is unsure of scoring is welcome to let their manager know, and T&D can arrange a session to step through the process. Alternatively, offering to score at Saturday club games in “less stressful” scenarios, or shadowing someone at a Saturday club game as they score are other ways you can familiarize yourself with the process.

Other duties

There are always other duties that those parents who do not have formal roles can do to be a valuable part of the team.

As mentioned in the *Parent Participation* section, offering to assist at training is always appreciated, whether it is being an extra person for warm-ups, or taking a one-on-one drill.

At the Thornlie Pre-State Carnival, we will need additional volunteers from all States teams for roles such as set-up/pack-up of diamonds.

Please speak with your Team Manager to see how you can help your team.

General Code of Ethics

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest when dealing with others.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality services.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years.
- Refrain from any form of abuse towards others.
- Refrain from any form of harassment or discrimination of others.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.

States Coaches Integrity Framework – Parent Summary

- **Player Development** – The focus is on building skills, confidence, and enjoyment of the game. Coaches encourage resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship alongside performance.
- **Pre-State Carnivals** – Early in the season, all players receive equal opportunities to play across positions. As the carnivals progress, coaches begin refining teams for performance while still prioritizing respect, inclusion, and player growth.
- **State Championship Carnival** – Coaches may place players in their strongest positions and adjust line-ups to give the team the best chance to succeed. All players will play at least two different positions (not including bench) and have meaningful involvement in games, though equal game time is not guaranteed.

Coaching Teams Code of Conduct

- Remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Know the Rules of Teeball and ensure your players always play within those rules.
- Discipline should be fair and consistent, ensure your players know what is expected of them at training and during games.
- Do not tolerate players abusing equipment or misbehaving to the detriment of other players at any time.
- Develop team respect for opponents and officials. Do not ridicule players or officials and do not allow your players to do so.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of all players.
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Adult players, coaches and club members are expected to set appropriate examples and act as role models for junior club members.

Player Code of Behaviour

- Learn the rules of Teeball and always play by them.
- Be a good sport, applaud all good plays whether they be by your team or the opposition.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit.
- Players must wear correct uniform including a hat and correct footwear during all games. Training attire may be decided by the head coach; however, a hat and correct footwear must be worn.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Control your temper, verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Never argue with an Umpire, other players, coaches or officials. If you have a problem, discuss it with your Coach and allow them to take the necessary action.
- Verbal abuse and or deliberate physical interference with opponent will not be tolerated by your coach or umpires and will result in immediate removal from the game.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents, without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Always think of safety to avoid injuries to yourself and others.
- Players must still maintain their obligations to their club team at both training and games.

Parents & Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Children play Teeball for fun, accept any mistakes as part of their learning process. Remember they are playing for their enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to try out for states do not force them.
- Do not leave your child at training or a game, please speak to your Coach or Team Manager if there is any reason you won't be at training or a game.
- Applaud good play from all teams.
- Encourage your child to always play within the Rules of Teeball and accept the umpire's decision.
- Never ridicule, abuse or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Offensive behavior from parents or spectators is not acceptable and you will be asked to leave the game.
- Recognize the value and importance of the volunteers in your team, they give up their time and knowledge to provide organised teeball for your child and deserve your respect and support.
- If you disagree with an official or Coach, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the person in public.
- Foul language of any sort will not be tolerated.
- Support and encourage all the team, not only your child, and remember the Coach is there for the whole team not individuals.
- Commitment to training is essential, the coach/Team Manager must be advised if a player cannot attend a training session.