



TEE-BALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2026 – 2027

Revision 2



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

**Dates: Labour Day Long Weekend, 2027
(Saturday 27th February – March 1st)**

Location: Yokine Reserve, WA

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

The State Championships are played across five age groups, with teams placed into divisions based on their level of competition from the previous season. Over the long weekend, teams generally play five one-hour games.

Unlike club-based Tee-Ball, where the focus is on equal participation and the enjoyment of the game, the State Championships are a competitive sporting environment. Playing time, fielding positions, and team selections is therefore based on performance, team balance, match situations, and coaching strategy. Equal playing time cannot be guaranteed. With the ultimate goal to win a Gold Medal at State Championships.

Pre-State Carnivals

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From December till February, in preparation for the State Championships, State teams participate in a number of Pre-State Carnivals held across the metropolitan area.

Coaches select the carnivals their teams will attend, with most teams typically participating in four or five events.

These carnivals provide valuable opportunities for players to develop their skills, strengthen teamwork and improve their overall game awareness.

TDTBA traditionally hosts the final pre-state carnival before the State Championships. Attendance at this carnival is compulsory for all TDTBA State teams.

Committee Contacts

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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 State Championship 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 fees and Kid Sport vouchers.

Committee Contacts

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TEAM SELECTION

Selection Policy

To be eligible for selection, players must be financial and a registered member in any of the TDTBA 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

TDTBA will be holding our State Championship trials:

Skills & Game Play Assessment

Date: Sunday, 25th 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 SELECTION

State Trials Conditions

Uniform: Participants must wear neutral clothing. Club colours, club uniforms, and clothing or hats from previous State Championships are not permitted.

Supplies: Players should bring plenty of water, sunscreen, snacks, and lunch. These items will remain with the players throughout the trial.

Parent/Guardian Information: Parents/guardians have a duty of care for their children throughout the trial and must remain at Sutherlans Park for the duration of the session.

Trial officials and coaches are responsible for conducting and supervising the trial activities; however, they are not responsible for supervising players outside the designated trial area, including during breaks or before and after the session.

Parents and guardians must also supervise any siblings or other children in their care and ensure they do not enter the trial area or interfere with the activities taking place. Please remain available in case your child becomes unwell, is injured, or needs to leave the trial early.

Important

Players will be assessed not only on their skills, stamina and resilience, but also on their behaviour, attitude, and sportsmanship towards fellow trial members, scorers, coaches and officials.

Inappropriate behaviour or poor sportsmanship during the trial period may place a player's position within a team at risk, and possible disqualification may occur.

The importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity, respect, and upholding the standards outlined in the TDTBA Code of Conduct will continue to be monitored after the trials, and throughout the State Championship program.

If any incidents or breaches of conduct are reported, they will be reviewed by the State Coordinator and Executive Committee. Depending on the seriousness of the matter, disciplinary action may be taken, including a warning, suspension, or removal from the team.

COST OF STATES

Cost

Registration Fee: \$160

- Insurance
- State Championship jersey
- Hat
- Team photo
- Medallion
- Windup
- Umpires for State Championship's

Additional Requirement:

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

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

TEAM SELECTION

Players

Players/Parents will be notified, by the 30th October of the outcome of the tryouts to represent the Thornlie & Districts Tee-Ball Association.

If successful, you will then be required to complete the TDTB A State State Championship 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 selected members of the Thornlie & 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 SELECTION

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.

THE STATES COMMITMENT

T & D

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 Coordinator.

THE STATES COMMITMENT

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States Training

State Championships training is held on Tuesday afternoons between 4:00pm and 7:30pm at Sutherlands Park, Reserve B. Training diamonds are allocated by the State Championships Coordinator.

State Championships training is additional to regular club training. Once club fixtures pause for the Christmas break, coaches and teams may choose to schedule extra training sessions.

To remain eligible to participate in the State Championships Carnival, players must attend at least 90% of the training sessions scheduled by their coach at the beginning of the State Championships season.

Players who are unable to attend a training session must provide their coach or team manager with a valid reason. Each team is required to maintain an accurate record of player attendance. Ongoing or unexplained absences may place a player's position within the team at risk.

Families should carefully consider whether they can meet these attendance and training commitments before registering their child for State Championships.

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THE STATES COMMITMENT

T & D

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.

THE STATES COMMITMENT

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Parent Participation

The Tee-Ball philosophy is guided by the Four Fs: Fun, Fair Play, Fundamental Skills and Family Involvement. Family involvement is particularly important to the successful operation of a State Championships team.

Parents and guardians are expected to assist with essential game-day responsibilities, including scoring, base umpiring and transporting team equipment to carnivals. Families are also encouraged to remain at State training sessions where possible and offer assistance to the coaching and management team as required.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

TDTBA

The Head Coach

The Head Coach is responsible for developing players' skills, confidence, and understanding of the game while creating a positive environment that encourages a lifelong enjoyment of diamond sports.

The Head Coach must hold a Level A Tee-Ball Coaching Accreditation before the commencement of the State Championships. The Association can assist the Coach in locating an appropriate half-day course to complete this accreditation.

The Head Coach is responsible for planning and coordinating training sessions, game-day preparation, and the overall coaching direction of the team. They may delegate coaching duties to other members of the coaching team but must clearly communicate each person's responsibilities, expectations, and areas of focus.

The Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Base Coaches and Team Manager should work closely together to establish a clear understanding of their respective roles.

The Base Coaches & Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

The Assistant Coach plays an important role in supporting the Head Coach and contributing to the overall development and preparation of the team. They should work closely with the Head Coach to reinforce coaching instructions, assist with training activities and help ensure players receive consistent guidance.

Base Coaches

The First Base and Third Base Coaches are an essential part of the team's game-day structure. Base running should be specifically taught during training, with players developing an understanding of the difference between positive, aggressive base running and illegal "incitement running."

Base Coaches must follow the direction of the Head Coach, who should clearly communicate the team's base-running expectations and strategies. Players should also be given regular opportunities at training to become familiar with the Base Coaches' voices, signals and instructions.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

TDTBA

The Manager

The Team Manager is responsible for acting as the primary communication link between TDTBA, the coaching team, players, parents/carers. This includes distributing important updates from the TDTBA and passing on relevant information provided by the Coach.

It is essential that parents and players are kept informed of training schedules, upcoming events and carnivals, and any volunteer duties they may be rostered to undertake. A successful Team Manager should be approachable, listen carefully to questions or concerns, source accurate information when required, and communicate clearly and promptly.

The Team Manager will work closely with the State Coordinator, who will provide information regarding the TDTBA Pre-State Carnival and State Championships. The Team Manager is also responsible for ensuring game-count information are submitted to the TDTBA Registrar as required.

On game days, the Team Manager plays an important role in supporting the players and coaching staff. Responsibilities include promoting good sportsmanship, maintaining high standards of behaviour on the bench, ensuring players understand the batting order, and helping them prepare for their positions in the next fielding innings.

Game-day responsibilities should be discussed and agreed upon with the coaching team before the season begins. This ensures each person understands their role and that the team can operate smoothly, consistently, and effectively.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

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The Scorer

All games will require a scorer.

Become familiar with this role by studying the resources on the TDTBA website and by shadowing a more experienced scorer.

The Umpire

During the Pre-State Carnivals all games will require a base and plate umpire. Your Team Manager may roster on parents to fulfill this requirement.

While Level 1 Umpiring Accreditation is not required, it is preferred

Other duties

Parents and guardians who do not hold a formal team role can still make a valuable contribution in many ways.

- Assistance at training , whether helping with warm-ups, supporting a small group, or assisting with one-on-one drills.
- Supplying of treats after the games.
- Transport and setup of benches and Gazbos. As many of the Pre-State Carnivals do not supply these.
- During the TDTBA Pre-State Carnival, additional volunteers will also be required from all State teams to assist with duties such as setting up and packing away diamonds.
- Please speak with your Team Manager to find out how you can support your team.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

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 opportunities to play across multiple fielding 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), though equal game time is not guaranteed.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

State Coach 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.
 - Learn 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.
 - To set appropriate examples and act as role models for players
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CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

State Player Code of Conduct

1. Play by the rules and respect the spirit of the game.
 2. Accept officials' decisions without argument.
 3. Control their temper and refrain from verbal or physical abuse.
 4. Treat teammates, opponents, officials, and volunteers with respect.
 5. Play fairly and avoid bullying, intimidation, or unsporting behaviour.
 6. Encourage teammates and show respect for opponents.
 7. Care for TDTBA equipment and use it responsibly.
 8. Participate for enjoyment, skill development, and team involvement.
 9. Always act safely.
 10. Always use appropriate language.
 11. When in uniform, you are representing your team and the TDTBA. Conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively to both and demonstrate respect, integrity, and good sportsmanship at all times.
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CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

1. Remember that children participate for enjoyment and development.
 2. Encourage participation without pressure.
 3. Respect officials' decisions and model appropriate behaviour.
 4. Applaud good play from all participants.
 5. Never ridicule, abuse, or yell at players, officials, or coaches.
 6. Refrain from foul language, harassment, or intimidating behaviour.
 7. Condemn violence or aggression in any form.
 8. Respect coaches, officials, and volunteers.
 9. Raise concerns through appropriate club channels, not publicly.
 10. Act in a manner that reflects positively on the club.
 11. Parents and guardians have a duty of care to their child while attending Tee-ball. Children must not be left unattended
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