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ROLEYSTONE TEE-BALL AND BASEBALL CLUB INC. BY-LAWS

1. Purpose

The purpose of these by-laws is to document some local rules that Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. has implemented. The by-laws also regulate important elements of the club's operations and place an emphasis on player safety. These by-laws will be changed from time to time to reflect any change in the club's structure, focus or direction. Any changes must be approved by Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. Committee who is current at the time the changes need to be made. The Committee is responsible for the maintenance of these By-Laws.

2. General Club

All members, volunteers and players are to abide by Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, Code of Conduct Policies and guidelines. In particular, members, volunteers and players must abide by the Healthy Club Policy; Sport Safe, Sun Smart, Smoke Free, Drug Free, Healthy Food and Drink Policy and Drink Safe to ensure we are all kept safe from injury and harm. Copies of these documents will be included in the Starter Packs provided to all new members or they can be downloaded on the Club's website at www.rtbc.org.au.

2.1. Player Safety

2.1.1. The use of protective equipment such as body padding, helmets, and player's gloves is essential for all teams. All male players are recommended to wear protective cups. The Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. does recommend wearing a mouth guard for Baseball players. Furthermore, where the rules of the sport being played state the need to wear protective equipment, then this must be done.

2.1.2. All batters, base runners and catchers must wear helmets at both games and at training sessions.

2.1.3. Coaches are to actively encourage all players to wear long pants to training sessions.

2.1.4. Players are not allowed to train or go onto the diamond if they are not wearing closed in shoes. Screw-in studs, hard plastic or metal cleats are not permitted on the diamond.

2.1.5. Coaches are to ensure that players arrive punctually at games and training sessions to ensure that warm up, stretching and cool down activities occur.

2.1.6. Training is an essential component of our sport and it is expected that players will attend training sessions. The Coach should not allow the player to participate in games if the player is continually absent from training.

2.1.7. Exposed jewellery such as wrist watches, bracelets, earrings, neck chains etc. must not be worn during a game. Medic Alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewellery and may be worn taped to the body without covering the information they contain.

2.1.8. If glasses (including prescription) are worn it is recommended that they be approved sports glasses (ASTM F803-2003).

2.2. Injury Management

2.2.1. Ensure that any injuries during the games or training sessions are recorded on a Sports Medicine Australia Injury Record Form which is then handed to the player's Team Coach and then forwarded onto the Club Secretary who will take any necessary action. This form is available as a download on the Club's website.

2.2.2. Any player who has had an illness or serious injury is to seek a Medical Clearance before returning to training or competition. The Medical Clearance is to be sighted by the player's Team Coach and then forwarded onto the Club Secretary.

2.2.3. Each team should have at least one qualified first aider at training sessions and games. If a team does not have one, they should approach the Committee to see if the Club will fund part of the cost to send a volunteer for first aid training. In most cases, it would be the Team Coach who would be expected to have or seek first aid qualifications.

2.3. Volunteers

2.3.1. All teams are responsible for providing their own volunteers and officials (i.e. Coach, Assistant Coach, Scorer, Umpire (Base and Plate for Baseball), Team Manager, Base Coaches and Canteen Manager. It is not the responsibility of the Club's Committee to find people to fill these positions.

2.3.2. If a team is unable to provide an Umpire for a game when required to do so, then they must make arrangements to find an Umpire from outside the Team before the game.

2.3.3. Each team will be responsible for canteen duties as rostered by the Canteen Manager and/or Team Manager.

2.3.4. Parents and/or players are to help set up for the games by putting out the bases, any relevant portable back nets, erecting the shades etc. The parents and/or players for the last team on the diamond should pack everything away after their game. It is not the responsibility of the Committee, the Team's Coach or the Team Manager to do this.

2.3.5. Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. has a policy of no tolerance towards harassment of our Umpires. Umpires are within their rights to remove anyone from a game who treats or addresses an Umpire in an aggressive (physical, verbal or implied) manner.

2.3.6. All volunteers and officials to the Roleystone Tee-Ball Club Inc. who are not financial members of the Club are recommended in submitting a valid Working with Children and/or a Police Clearance.

2.4. Officials and Players on the Diamond

2.4.1. Any person on the diamond (including Umpires) must wear closed in shoes. All Baseball Umpires are to wear the appropriate safety equipment.

2.4.2. All members, volunteers and officials will be informed of the availability of attending Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia and Baseball WA Coaching and Umpire Clinics.

2.5. Smoking

Smoking is only permitted in the car park and there is to be a minimum distance of 10 metres from all playing facilities, spectators, members and players. This applies to all Club related activities including training and game days.



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2.6. Fees

2.6.1. The Committee is responsible for setting the player's fees each season.

2.6.2. If a player decides not to play after the second game of the season, the player's fees will not be refunded except where a written letter outlining the reason for the player not being able to finish the season is forwarded to the Committee and following discussion by the Committee, the Committee agrees to provide a refund based on the information provided. The Committee has the final say on who is to receive a refund.

2.6.3. Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. Registration Fees payments can be made by Cash, Cheque or Direct Deposit. Account Name: Roleystone T-Ball Club Inc. BSB Number: 633-108. Account Number: 130610637. If you are paying by direct deposit please indicate the corresponding Family Name to the payment and once transferred could you email (registrar@rtbc.org.au), fax or post the remittance receipt to the Registrar.

2.6.4. For all players to be fully insured Tee-Ball fees must be paid by the third game and Baseball fees must be paid by the first game. If you need to pay your fees in the way of a payment plan contact the Club Registrar or Treasurer.

2.6.5. Players will not be considered for selection for the State Championships unless they are fully financial.

2.7. Fundraising

The Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. encourages you to support the Club in the way of Fundraising - it is another intricate part of any sporting and community group. If Fundraising is not for you then Sponsorship and Club Donations maybe; there are so many big or small ways that you can show your support, contact the Club's Sponsorship Co-ordinator and ask how you can have your name out there and be included on the Club website.

2.8. Uniforms

2.8.1. All club provided uniforms must be returned in good condition at the end of the season as directed by the Uniform Committee Member.

2.8.2. Allowing for fair 'wear and tear', if the Uniform Committee Member believes that a uniform has not been returned in good condition, then, the member responsible for the care of the uniform during the season will be required to pay for the cost to replace the item.

2.8.3. If the Club's uniform is damaged or lost during the season or it is not returned at the end of the season, then the member who is responsible for the care of the Club's uniform will be required to pay for the cost to replace the item.

2.8.4. Clothing pool for second-hand Tee-Ball and Baseball Equipment; Any unwanted; boots, pants, belts, balls, gloves, socks, shirts, caps, bats, kit bags, mitts can be brought along to any of our Registration Days or can be placed into the bin provided in the undercroft area up at Springdale Oval once training or game days have started. Anything of particular value please attach your full name, contact details and your recommended selling price. Anyone looking for second-hand gear can contact the Registrar at registrar@rtbc.org.au.

2.9. Game Milestones – Hat Badges

2.9.1. The Club's Registrar keeps a record of all Tee-ball and Baseball games played.

2.9.2. The Tee-ball and Baseball game tally is worked out from the names listed on the Tee-Ball Player Game Registration form/Baseball Batting Line up form which is completed by the Team Coaches. To ensure a complete and accurate record of games played by players, please record each player's full name. Once completed, registration forms are to be placed in the ballot box by the whiteboard in the undercroft area up at Springdale Oval otherwise you can scan it and email it to: registrar@rtbc.org.au. Please note that information required for milestones in the responsibility of the team coach to submit.

2.9.3. If a player moves from Tee-ball to Baseball, their game tally will be carried over.

2.9.4. The game milestone hat badge awards are as follows: 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 and 250 games.

2.9.5. Any player who leaves before the season concludes is not eligible to receive any awards except where a written letter outlining the reason for the player not being able to finish the season is forwarded to the Committee and following discussion by the Committee, the Committee agrees to make the award based on the information provided. The Committee has the final say on who is to receive an award.

3. Tee-Ball

Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. abides by the Official Tee-ball Rules as published by the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia except as detailed below in sections 3.1 and 3.2.

3.1. All Tee-ball Teams

3.1.1. Pitchers in all games must wear helmets with facemasks. This also applies to all training sessions.

3.1.2. All players are to wear long black socks and the club's cap during their games.

3.2. Under 8 Tee-ball Competition

Changes to Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia rules using the following By-Laws, Dated: 24th February 2009.

Objective: These rule changes are designed around the principal of children being introduced to diamond sports and is to encourage participation without encroaching too much on the true fundamentals of the game.



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Additional Rules:

3.2.1. Scores – Scores are not to be kept or advised at the end of the game.

It is still a requirement that the game is scored to ensure the correct batting line up and as practice for parents and helpers in the future. No score tally is to be placed in the bottom of the score books or discussed / indicated at the end of the game.

3.2.2. Five strikes for the first five games – Players batting will be allowed to attempt to hit the ball off the tee for up to 5 times during the first 5 weeks of the season. After the fifth week, all games will revert to the 3 strikes rule.

3.2.3. Plays to First Base – a player (batter) shall only be given out going to first base by a throw made to first base and the base touched in a legal manner. OR the player on first base making a legal tag on the batter. Rule 3 is designed to prevent the 'run down plays' usually by the pitcher or catcher and is designed to improve the 'throw out' fundamental which will be required for later years.

These rules have been ratified and approved by the 2008-09 RTBC Committee, John McDonnell RTBC – Chief Umpire.

3.3. Other Tee-Ball Teams

3.3.1. Tee-ball teams who are not in the Under 8 Tee-ball Competition will abide by the official Tee-ball rules as published by the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia.

3.3.2. The game should last for a minimum period of one (1) hour however games must finish on an even innings. Do not commence further innings within 5 minutes of the scheduled finish time if the innings are even.

3.3.3. No coaches are to stand in the outfield while the team is fielding except in the situation where a child is disabled and requires assistance or if the Plate Umpire and the opposing Team's Coach both agree to allow it. In this situation, only one (1) Coach may stand in the outfield while the team is fielding, but they must not interfere with the play.

3.3.4. There is to be a maximum of 12 players in a team.

3.3.5. The cancellation of Tee-Ball games due to inclement weather can only be decided by the President before the commencement of a game. If the decision is made to cancel then all appropriate coaches will be informed.

4. Baseball

4.1. Baseball Rules

4.1.1. Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. abides by the Baseball WA Regulations for all its Baseball games. All players, parents and volunteers associated with Baseball should make themselves familiar with these regulations and policy documents, they are readily available to download under Policies and Rules on our Club website at www.rtbc.org.au.

4.1.2. In accordance with Baseball WA Regulations, all bats used by Little League players must be stamped as being an approved Little League bat. A Little League player is not to use any bat that does not have this approval stamp on it.

4.1.3. All baseball players are to abide by the Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. Code of Conduct, a copy of which is to be provided to the players before the first game of the season in the way of a club newsletter and is also made available through our club website.

4.1.4. Coaches, Base Coaches taking infield / outfield warm up must be in uniform.

4.1.5. Any person warming up a pitcher must wear a face mask and a helmet regardless of where they are doing the warming up.

4.1.6. The Team Manager or the Team Scorer is responsible for getting the game results to Baseball WA in accordance with Baseball WA's requirements.

4.2. Baseball Competition

4.2.1. All male baseball players are to wear protective cups.

4.2.2. As baseball games are played against other clubs, Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club Inc. baseball players are to wear a Club undershirt which is to be worn under the baseball playing shirt, with white pants, navy belt and navy socks.

4.2.3. All players must wear the Club's cap during games.

4.2.4. Baseball players are not allowed to train or go onto the diamond if they are not wearing closed in shoes. Screw-in studs, hard plastic or metal cleats are not permitted on the diamond.

4.2.5. The Coach will tell players what time they need to arrive at games and players (and their parents) must ensure they abide by this instruction. The consequence of a player continually arriving late is to be set by the Team's Coach at the beginning of the season and communicated to all concerned.

4.2.6. Baseball players and their parents are responsible for setting up the diamond and packing everything away afterwards. It is not the responsibility of the Committee, Coach or the Team Manager to do this.

4.3. Parents Complaint Procedure

All of our Coaches, Umpires and Committee Members are volunteers and should be shown some respect and maybe given some praise from time to time. If you do have a complaint please leave it until after the game and away from the diamond. Any issues should be raised with the Club President, Vice President or Secretary. As all these people are very busy on game day it would probably be better to speak to one of them at the end of the days play or even later on in the week. All Committee contacts can be found in our Club newsletters or on the Club website.

Check out our website at <http://www.rtbc.org.au/policies-and-rules/game-rules>, these are the Tee-Ball Association of Western Australia rules direct from their website. Can I suggest that they remain and then we can introduce the once amended above rules as new Club Rules and/or By-Laws.