



## 2018-19 NSW WOMENS BASEBALL LEAGUE RULE UPDATES.

The NSW Womens League shall abide by the Policy Procedures & Rules Supplement Documents issued for the 2017-18 Season with the following Rule Updates listed below which will override any previous Rules.

Any rulings on items not specifically listed in these documents will be left to the discretion of the Competition Manager

### Policy Procedures

#### **Rule 3.17** IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

- Designation of a player as an import is based on the following Visa eligibility (In all cases, Visa must have been issued, not just applied for):
  - Holiday Visa – Import.
  - Work Visa issued after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – Import.
  - Spousal Visa issued after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 – Import.
  - Student Visa issued after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 – Import.
- A maximum of 2 imports per club is allowed.
- Import players may only play 1<sup>st</sup> Grade unless exceptional circumstances apply. This shall be at the sole discretion of the Competition Manager.
- Copy of the visa must be lodged with the CM.

#### **Rule 12.7** SCORERS

- All games shall be scored in the official scorebook as supplied by NSW Scorers Association.

#### **Rule 14.7** NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- Both teams shall submit scanned copies of both pages of the scoresheets to the Statistician [nswwblresults@gmail.com](mailto:nswwblresults@gmail.com) by 6pm on the Monday following the game.

#### **Rule 16.11** FINAL SERIES

- The duration of all Finals Series games shall be determined by innings only.
  - First Grade shall be 7 innings without time limit and must be played to a result.
  - Second Grade shall be 5 innings without time limit and must be played to a result.
  - Note that the seven (7) run limitation per innings applied for Round Games in all grades other than divisions of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade shall NOT apply to any Finals Series game.

## Rules Supplement

### **Section 13**      **A REGULATION GAME (Add to (b).)**

- The top half of an inning will NOT commence ten (10) minutes or less before the Scheduled Finishing Time as indicated above, however where an inning is NOT completed at the Scheduled Finishing Time, play shall continue until the bottom half of the inning is completed or the team batting in the bottom half of the inning has scored the winning run. **The team batting in the bottom half of the innings has a maximum of 15 minutes after the scheduled finishing time to score the winning run, with the batter in the box completing the game. If, at that time, the winning or tying run has not been scored, the game result will revert to the last completed innings.**

### **Section 16**      **NOT ENOUGH PLAYERS**

**A game shall be forfeited to the opposing team when a team is unable or refuses to place 8 players on the field for all grades.**

Should a team commence a game with a batting position occupied and subsequently fail to fill that batting position an automatic out will apply

### **Clarification of the Intentional Walk Rule.**

The Intentional Walk may be indicated at any time during a batters plate appearance. Only the actual pitches thrown are included in the pitch count.

## APPENDIX 2 – PITCHING RULES FOR 2018-19 SEASON

### PITCHING RESTRICTIONS. (MLB PitchSmart Guidelines.)

- 16.1
- (a) This policy does not differentiate between genders and ability.
  - (b) The word Assignment means any game or trial situation in which a player delivers a pitch, or the aggregate of all pitches thrown in a single game.
  - (c) If any pitcher delivers one pitch, they shall be charged for the relative Assignment.
  - (d) A pitcher reaching the maximum number of pitches for a **MAXIMUM** Assignment is to be removed from the game once finishing the batter in the box. However, if the pitcher retires that batter as the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of an inning, that pitcher is entitled to remain as a batter only.
  - (e) A Balk Pitch delivered to the plate whether it is hit safely or not shall be valid for the purpose of recording the “number of pitches”.
  - (f) A “no pitch” i.e. Batter steps out of the batter’s box and the pitcher delivers the pitch, shall not be included in the pitch count.
  - (g) In the event any Umpire calls an “Illegal Pitch”, the pitched ball will count toward the pitchers count.
  - (h) The Umpire has the authority to police the Pitching Rule; however, coaches are responsible for complying with these rules.

16.2 **Pitchers Game or Trial Situation.**

The primary risk management components of this policy concern:

- (a) The number of pitches thrown (classified as Assignments).
- (b) The desirable rest periods following an assignment.
- (c) The relationship between pitching and catching.

**The Assignment Table is based on a player’s current age when playing.**

<b>ASSIGNMENT – Pitches – May finish the batter</b>						
Current Age	Daily Limit	Short	Moderate	Substantial	Major	Maximum
Days Rest		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
15-16 yrs	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
17-18 yrs	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
19-22 yrs	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
23+	125				76-100	101+

16.3 **Pitching Assignments and Rest Periods**

- (a) Rest periods relate to Pitching involvement, except where otherwise specifically provided.
- (b) No rest is required after a **SHORT** assignment.
- (c) A days rest is considered as ONE FULL CALENDAR DAY, and not calculated as a 24-hour period.

- (d) Any player pitching a **MAJOR** assignment will be required to complete one days rest before any PLAYING participation (except as a designated hitter, pinch hitter or pinch runner) and two- or three-days' rest (as per following table) before assuming any battery position.
- (e) **Having thrown a SHORT Assignment, a pitcher may only throw another SHORT Assignment on the same day or on the following day.**
- (f) **Senior players may go from Pitcher to any other position (except catcher) after pitching a Major Assignment. (100 pitches) – May finish batter.  
Under 23 players may go from pitcher to any other position (except catcher) after pitching a Major Assignment. (75 pitches) – May finish batter.  
Under 18 Players may only go to another position (except catcher) after a Substantial Assignment. (60 pitches) – May finish batter.**
- (h) **If a player pitches a MAJOR in a game, they can only participate in a second game of the same weekend as a designated hitter, pinch hitter, or runner. (60-75-100 pitches)**
- (i) **No player may pitch and then catch in the same game.**

#### 16.4 Junior Players

- (a) Any player under 18 years of age (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December in the current playing season) shall be classified as a junior.
- (b) Should a junior pitcher be selected in a team above their age group, pitching will be applicable to the pitchers age, not to the League or Tournament in which they are playing.
- (c) A Junior Player:
  - (1) Can come to the mound from any position provided they have properly warmed up.
  - (2) May only undertake ONE Pitching Assignment in any one game.
  - (3) Having pitched; cannot catch in the same day.
  - (4) Having caught; may pitch on the same day, but only for a MINOR Assignment.

#### 16.5 Penalties for any breaches of Rule 16.

- (a) 9-0 forfeit to the non-offending team.
- (b) \$300 fine for first breach in any season.
- (c) Any subsequent breach by the club in the same season; \$300 fine and suspension of the team coach.
- (d) These rules are designed to protect pitchers from overuse and also to encourage clubs to develop more pitchers.