Geelong Baseball Association Winter season structure

Back ground

Baseball Victoria requires us to have a month break between summer & winter & winter & summer seasons. Summer starts the 1st weekend in October & finishes on the long weekend in March (normally about the 10th) that means the winter season normally starts the 2nd weekend in April & finishes the 1st weekend in September.

With a weekend off for Easter & Queen’s birthday weekend give the GBA 20 weekends to play the season.

How do we fit it all in?

Finals? There are 2 options available

Page system Week 1, 1 v 2 &3 v 4 Week 2 Preliminary Week 3 Grand final

The short option Week 1, 1 v 4 & 2 v 3 Week 2 winners

What do clubs prefer?

Grading

The last few years have seen 6, 7 or 8 clubs in each grade.

This has been based on the teams/ clubs past performances.

How many games should we play? (A grade only)

The Colac club are expected to move up to A grade this year to get rid of the bye.

So this means 8 teams in A grade.

1 full round of games is 7 weekends, 2 is 14 weekends

Based on the normal season of 17 weekends, that means we play 2 ½ full rounds.

The extra ½ round has been based on splitting the A grade into 2 halves, 1,4,5 & 8 plus 2,3,6 & 7 that play each other 3 times

No double headers.

Or play 3 full rounds this would mean playing 4 double headers for each team?

Keeping clubs together.

This is extremely hard with the lower grades being different to the highest grade & playing against different oppositions

But where possible, the GBA attempt to keep clubs together when at home.