



BASEBALL WA PRO-LEAGUE

Along with the National Youth Championship and Little League International tournament pathways, the BWA Pro-League completes the trio of critical Talent ID team-based programs.

With any 16 yo being eligible to be drafted having been selected for their Senior League charter team or failing that the Tiger Academy team that competes at SLSC, all players can put their name forward to be identified, scouted and selected by one of four of the highest profile and qualified scouting teams assembled in Australia.

This is a program all 16 year olds should make a priority.

The program also serves as the tournament pathway for U19 players to replace Big League.

TIMING	<p>TERM 2 - 8 weeks (minimum) - a combination of high level coaching, strength & conditioning and game play. Teams may extend the number of training weeks at their own discretion.</p> <p>Top two teams play in a 3-game championship series.</p>
TRAINING	<p>Strength & conditioning sessions with Sixteen 23.</p> <p>Pre-competition trainings including specialist sessions. Simulating MLB spring training.</p>
SQUADS	<p>4 x franchises - each with a high level coaching staff.</p> <p>25 players per franchise aged 16 to 18 yo.</p>
TEAM STAFF	<p>Head coach with assistant coaches</p> <p>Sixteen 23 strength and conditioning staff and roving coaches</p>
PLAYER ELIGIBILITY	<p>Only players who have participated in Senior League State Championship are eligible to be selected.</p>
PLAYER ROOKIE DRAFT	<p>Each franchise shall draft a minimum of 8 players per season. The draft shall be held following the SLSC grand final. Only players aged 16 yo who are part of that season's SLSC can be drafted.</p> <p>Drafted rookies are free to commence participating in the Pro-League once their SL tournament (charter) commitments have ended.</p> <p>Players remain with their franchise for three seasons.</p>

FREE AGENT DRAFT	<p>Following the completion of the Rookie Draft, teams may participate in the Free Agent draft that immediately follows.</p> <p>A Free Agent is any 17 or 18 yo who is not a current member of a franchise.</p>
"Special" PLAYER ROOKIE DRAFT	<p>A special draft will take place prior to Christmas for all players who participated in the 2016 or 2017 SLSC as 16 yo's including players who were 15 yo in 2017 now 17 yo due to age cutoff change - all players will be drafted.</p>
SCOUTING	<p>The scouting and drafting team of each franchise is a key element of the program.</p> <p>Each franchise will have a specialist scouting team made up of current and former MLB-pro scouts, former professional players and current and former national team members.</p>



TOURNAMENT PATHWAY

BWA Pro-League has signed up as an affiliate of Pony League at the U19 level (known as Palomino) and will send a team each year to the Palomino World Series (in California each August) - team selection and qualification process to be determined.



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