

# SABSA President's Report – Season 2025/26

It's my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025/26 season on behalf of the South Australian Baseball Scorers Association (SABSA).

First and foremost, thank you to all of our scorers. Week in and week out, you turn up and do an incredibly important job for the game, often without much recognition. The consistency, accuracy, and commitment you bring is what keeps baseball running across the state, and it's genuinely appreciated.

I'd also like to recognise those who regularly attend meetings and contribute behind the scenes. Your input helps shape the direction of SABSA, and it makes a real difference. In particular, thank you to our committee members who continue to put in extra time and effort to keep everything running smoothly.

The 2025/26 season was another strong one, with eight men's divisions, three women's divisions, and ten junior divisions across the competition. As always, our scorers covered a full schedule, and it was great to see the continued use of GameChanger becoming part of the weekly routine. The way our members have adapted while maintaining high scoring standards has been a real positive.

Training was again a key focus this season. Thank you to our trainers for the time and knowledge you share, and to all the students who committed to learning and improving their skills. Congratulations to everyone who achieved accreditation this year — it's a great effort and an important step for both you and the association.

SABSA had some great representation at a national level. Enza Henty was selected to score at the Australian Youth Championships (U16 & U18), and David Ceccon and I were selected for the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships. It's fantastic to see South Australian scorers recognised in this way.

South Australia also hosted the Australian Schools Championships at West Beach after the season. I had the privilege of serving as Scoring Coordinator for the tournament, and I would like to thank the ten local and interstate scorers who made themselves available throughout the event. Their willingness to assist with both scorebook and GameChanger scoring ensured the tournament was well supported and demonstrated the professionalism and teamwork of the scoring community.

Events such as these provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the quality of scoring in South Australia and the important role scorers play in the successful delivery of national championships. It was particularly pleasing to see the positive feedback received in the tournament report, which reflected very well on all scorers involved and recognised the high standard of work delivered throughout the event.

Like many volunteer groups, we continue to face challenges with recruiting and retaining scorers, particularly at club level. It's something we'll keep working on, along with supporting clubs to better look after their scorers.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on growing our scorer base, continuing education and training, and supporting the ongoing use of GameChanger.

Thanks again to everyone for your contribution this season — it doesn't go unnoticed.

**Michael Phillips**

President

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