

SABSA Report for BSA AGM 2021/22 season

As always, a big thankyou to all scorers, across all grades who volunteer their time to ensure that their team can play. I must give special thanks to the dedicated core group of scorers who always seem to find time to meet SABSA commitments and responsibilities.

This season saw the change to GameChanger (GC) occur. Training was undertaken before the season commenced and IT scorers were provided with iPads to enable live scoring and post-game entry. Tournaments for Super-League, D1 Men and D1 Women were created. Teams, rosters and schedules were entered and access to scorers was granted.

This season was the first to see D1 Women's games recorded online.

All Super League games were scored live. More than half of D1M games were scored live and almost half of the D1W games were also scored live. Any games that were not scored live were entered within a couple of days. This allowed me to send the League the current League statistics each week. These stats were used for media releases and ultimately were used to decide award winners at the completion of the season.

The introduction of GC saw follows of the leagues grow throughout the season to impressive numbers. D1M had 2729 followers, Super League had 100 and D1W had 177. The ability to follow a team was supported by BSA as they paid for community passes for the three tournaments making it free for followers to access GC. This allowed them to follow live games and access all statistics.

SABSA commits each year to ensuring that all finals games are scored live and this was achieved again for all D1M and D1W games.

The Women's Open Nationals and Junior Showcase was held in Adelaide this year. The tournaments were scored by four SA scorers, one Vic and one from Qld. Unfortunately, I was a close COVID contact and had to stay away. Special thanks to Lorraine and Laura who stepped up and performed the coordination tasks as well as scoring. Both tournaments exhibited some exciting baseball. VIC and NSW dominated the minor round games. NSW ran out the winners over VIC in the gold medal game.

I anticipate that next season will be just as dynamic and busy as this year has been. I know that the amazing scoring group will continue to be successful in their scoring journey. Keep up the good work.

Michael Phillips

President SABSA