

BSA Local Playing Rules & Conditions

Summary of changes:

1. Lights – this rule has been moved section 1.1.
2. Section 3.6 has been renamed What Constitutes a Game. **NEW ADDITION**: Women's Division 1, now that it is played on a Sunday, has been included in the 5 innings and 75 minutes clause (same as all State League and Junior Grades).
3. Section 3.7 Abandoned Games – no rule change, just a tidy up of the section.
4. Section 3.8 Name changed to Suspension of Play (as opposed to suspended games)
5. Section 3.9 Time Limited Games – Neil Poulton will be bringing this section to the Bylaw Review Committee and consulting with Club's Umpire Coordinators regarding the importance of starting games on time and ensuring they finish in a practicable way to enable the next game to start on time. You will hear more about this over the coming weeks. We have added the ability for an umpire to call a game even with a small amount of time on the clock after the 3rd out if it is practicably impossible to get an extra innings in.
6. Section 3.10.1 – this rule was a bit misleading, we have tidied it up.
7. Warm Up Pitches – this has already been communicated.
8. Pitch Count changes – already communicated.
9. Scorer allowed to advise pitch counts – already communicated.
10. 3.15.13: Baseball SA does not have a pitch count limit for League Age 7 & 8 Pee Wee players. Until this rule can be discussed at BRC level, a player of this age needs prior approval from BSA to pitch in a game.
11. Section 3.16 Third Strike Rule: **NEW ADDITION**: Women's League Division 3 – BSA has consulted with Clubs and it has been decided to introduce a dropped third strike rule into WD3 this season to keep the game moving, possibly get more innings in and to help with pitch counts.
12. Section 6.1.1 Finals Structure has changed in relation to how top 4 or top 6 finals structures are calculated per Grade.
13. Consolidated Rules: **Division 8 – these are now 110 minute timed games.**