

SABSA President's Report delivered to AGM 2019

At the start of every baseball season there lies ahead the daunting task of scoring all junior, senior, Div 1 and Bite games. This can only be achieved through the hard work from the one hundred plus volunteer scorers across the grades. Their dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated.

As is the case with many organizations, the responsibility of scoring the elite level games falls on a team of dozen or so highly experienced and committed scorers. This core group ensures that Div 1, Bite and for the first time this year the Super League are scored to a high standard. It is probably not surprising that this core group is also the most active on the committee and during meetings. I thank them all greatly for their support and dedication.

A subset of this group is also responsible for entering the Div 1 games on line and making the stats available to the baseball community via the Baseball SA Website. I am proud to say that all Div 1 finals were scored live into this system last season. The website administration and Division 1 Statistics are done by Steve Eads and me. Steve does a wonderful job in creating content and recovering our website from the incessant hacking we have experienced this season.

New to this season was the Super League. This involved eleven weeks of mid-week games which required experienced scorers to be allocated over a total twenty games. These games were also scored live on a website which was created specifically for this league. The last few rounds of this season ran into the beginning of the Bite season which made for a bigger rostering challenge.

The Bite/SABSA agreed to introduce a video review of scoring discrepancies. This involved the footage being sent to me to be forwarded on to the relevant scoring panel for review. Some of the requested changes were upheld. The Bite travelled to Mt Gambier this year to play New Zealand. SABSA was asked to score these games. I went, a local scorer and Michael Gourlay, from Melbourne completed the team. This was an enjoyable experience.

Level 1 training sessions have been run at several clubs this season with many students achieving their accreditation. Also a concentrated Level 3 program was run. Laura Mosel, Kylie McBain and Karryn Przibilla were successful in obtaining this accreditation which qualifies them to score at National Level. Kyle McBain also obtained her IT accreditation which enables her to score the Division 1 games in an IT capacity. In June we will be holding our AGM and a compulsory Div 1 Scorers training session is held during this meeting. Topics are concentrated on errors picked up during the previous season. I would like to thank Tony Catt for providing a room for all of our meetings and training sessions as required.

Special mention should be made of four SA scorers who represented this state in a scoring capacity this year. Enza Henty and Carol Burns were selected to score at the Youth National Championship in January in Blacktown (NSW). Laura Mosel and I were selected to score at the Australian Youth Women's and Women's Championships held in Canberra in April.

In conclusion, thank you to everyone who has made a contribution this season in all capacities. A big effort has seen another successful year of scoring.

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