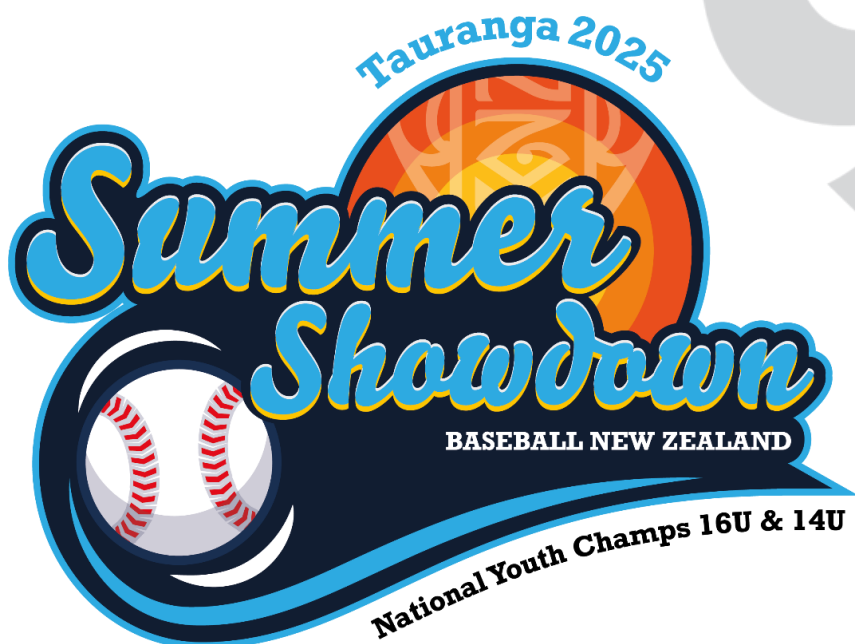


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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Tournament Dates:** 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Tournament Host Club:** Tauranga City Baseball Club

**Location & Venue:** Tauranga City Baseball - Carlton Street Reserve, Otumoetai, Tauranga.

**Team Roster Size:** Minimum 12 players, maximum 16 players, recommended 14 – 16 players.

**Age Eligibility:**

- 16U Grade - Players born from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2008 to the 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2010
- 14U Grade - Players born from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2010 to the 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2012
- Anyone born outside of the above DOB's will require a dispensation to play within that age grade.

### Team Registrations:

All team registrations must be submitted via the link provided (below) by **5.00pm, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.



### Team Registrations & Entry Fees:

The Summer Showdown team entry fees include; your team's tournament entry, match umpires, live scoring, team tents for each team, player challenges & competitions, prizes, first aid & medic support and tournament management. Please note, team entry fees are approximately \$125 - \$165 per player (excluding any tournament travel costs) based upon a roster size of 12 - 16 players. Tournament entry fees, enable these national tournaments to be delivered cost-neutral to Baseball NZ.

Your club's team entry fees may be reduced depending on your travel distance to the tournament location, to assist in reducing and managing overall costs per player to attend the tournament.

#### 14U & 16U Summer Showdown Team Entry Fees:

Team Entry Fee	Travel Distance to Location	Clubs
\$2,250.00 (incl GST) per team	200km or less	WaiBOP Clubs
\$2,000.00 (incl GST) per team	200km to 400km	ABA Clubs
\$1,750.00 (incl GST) per team	400km +	WBA, TTI & CBA Clubs

ALL team registrations **MUST** be completed by registering on our event page - <https://events.humanitix.com/bbnzss> or scan the QR code, to attend. A 50% deposit of team fees is required to secure your teams place in the tournament, with full payment required no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The Summer Showdown 16U grade has limited spaces, so ensure you are registered to attend – First in, first served.

NO Late registrations will be accepted for the 2025 Summer Showdown, National Youth Champs.



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## Grant funding & Fundraising:

Baseball NZ strongly encourages all clubs to seek grant funding and undertake fundraising activities to support their teams in attending national tournaments and the per player costs associated with attending National tournaments.

Baseball NZ can provide all clubs with a funding quote for Team Entry Fees to support grant funding applications. Please contact [Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz) for further information before, **1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

## Team Tents/Marquees:

Each team competing in the Summer Showdown tournament will be provided with a dedicated 'team tent' for sun and weather protection/shade and as a team base on-site at the tournament to leave bags and equipment and a team gathering or meeting spot.

Your team marquee will be allocated and provided by Baseball NZ Tournament management at the Tournament Technical Meeting.

Team marquees will be set up and packed down for the teams. We recommend you do NOT leave any belongings in the team tents overnight, as there is no security at the park overnight.

Teams can bring, fold up chairs, tables and BBQ's as they wish, only the marquee will be provided.

## Player Parade & Walk Out Song:

Baseball NZ wants to make these tournaments and events a memorable and enjoyable experience for the players and all involved. Therefore, all teams will be included as part of the opening ceremony, where each team will take part in a player parade, walking out to their chosen walk-out song. The best-dressed team wins a great team experience prize!

Each team can decide upon a simple team costume or dress-up items that represent their team name, carry their team name on a banner or sign and choose a walk-out song to enter the player parade with in the opening ceremony. We suggest teams get creative as there will be prizes for the best dressed, coupled with their walk-out song.

We kindly request that team walk-out songs refrain from foul or inappropriate language in their lyrics. Baseball NZ will request a song change if any walk-out songs do not meet our standards.

Coaches and managers are to participate in this also with their teams.

Player Parade instructions will be provided to teams upon arrival at the opening ceremony. Walk-out songs are required to be provided to Baseball NZ in an appropriate file format by the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025** to [Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)



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## Tournament Contacts:

### Baseball NZ Contacts:

Hannah Hollands - National Tournaments & Events  
Tournament Director  
Email: [Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

Connar O’Gorman – Performance Pathways & Development  
Tournament Operations Manager  
Email: [Connar@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Connar@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

Simone Welts – Game Development & Operations  
Tournament Operations Coordinator  
Email: [Simone@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Simone@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

### Host Club Contacts:

Host Club Tournament Liaison  
Roger Marshman  
Email: [Roger.marshman@taurangacitybaseball.co.nz](mailto:Roger.marshman@taurangacitybaseball.co.nz)

### Tournament Umpire Director:

Warren van Rooyen  
Phone: +64 21 247 4036  
Email: [Warren@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:Warren@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

### Tournament Head of Scoring:

Natasha Kjestrup  
Phone: +64 27 2740575  
Email: [scoring@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:scoring@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

## Medical & Emergency:

Throughout the Summer Showdown tournament there will be an onsite medic available each day, to support and/or manage any injuries or medical emergencies that may occur onsite.

We recommend each team carries their own first aid kit and ice/ice-packs to assist their team with managing any pre-existing injuries, blisters or the likes. All injuries should be diagnosed, therefore seeking medical attention is highly recommended.

For any sickness/illness it is recommended to isolate the player to minimise the spread of illness and seek any medical attention as necessary (see below).

For concussion management, please refer to Baseball NZ’s [Concussion Policy](#) and the [ACC SportSmart](#) website and Sport Concussion National Guidelines. All direct head knocks, blows or potential concussive events MUST seek medical clearance from a medical doctor to return to play.

**THE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER IN NZ IS ‘111’**

<b>Doctor &amp; Medical Centres:</b>	<b>Accident &amp; Healthcare</b> 19 Second Avenue, Tauranga +64 7 577 0010
	<b>Tauranga Hospital</b> 829 Cameron Road, Tauranga +64 7 579 8000



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## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

The Summer Showdown tournament is a national club-based youth tournament for age grades 14U & 16U club teams to compete for a national title in each grade.

The tournament is set out to; promote player development, introduce players to tournament play at the appropriate level of competition for their age and stage of development, face a variety of opposition, enjoy their baseball experience, challenge themselves but feel successful in this environment (whatever success may look like for each individual player in their baseball journey) and develop a greater love for the game.

The Summer Showdown Tournament will include Baseball NZ's '50% Participation Rule' and Pitch Smart Regulations:

1. 50% Participation Rule:
  - All players (14U & 16U grade teams) must have a minimum of 50% of defensive outs of the total number of outs during round-robin tournament play and semi-finals, excluding all finals games.
  - A loss of 1 point per day will apply to those teams that **do not** meet these participation requirements.
2. Pitch Smart Regulations - refer to technical norms for further information

The Summer Showdown Tournament will include team and individual challenges for players and teams to enter, such as:

- Home run Derby
- Dash for Cash
- Rocket Relay

## PICK UP PLAYERS

Baseball NZ wants to encourage participation at national tournaments and events, in a fair, consistent and manageable manner. Therefore, pick-up players are included in the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament.

All players need to speak with their registered baseball club initially to determine if their club team will be entered in the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament, before registering as a pick-up player.

Pick-Up players must be a registered, affiliated Baseball NZ members and must register to be a pick-up player through the 'Pick-Up Player Registration Form' (linked below). All pick-up players will be entered into a draft managed by Baseball NZ. Pick-up players must accept and commit to the team they are drafted into. A non-refundable registration fee is mandatory for each pick-up player. This fee, minus a small admin fee, will be forwarded to the drafted club to go towards the player's tournament fees.

### Pick Up Players Responsibilities:

- Register within the timeframes outlined
- Pay the pick-up player registration fee at the time of registration
- Undertake and pay for their own travel and transport arrangements to meet pick-up club
- Work with their drafted club to organise all aspects of their tournament participation, travel arrangements to and from the tournament plus tournament fee.



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- Register for the 'Player Draft' on appropriate form within the timeframes provided
- Work with pick-up player/s and their parent/guardian to organise all aspects of the players tournament participation, travel arrangements to and from the tournament plus the tournament fee.
- If required, organise an appropriate host family for the player
- Meet the player at arranged meeting locations and times and drop the player to pre-arranged locations as necessary.
- Provide playing uniform
- Ensure the player is looked after, and included in the team

**Pick-Up Player Registrations Open | 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9.00am - [REGISTER AS PICK UP PLAYER HERE](#)**

**Pick-Up Player Registrations Close | 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5.00pm**

## PLAYER DRAFT & DRAFTING CLUBS

Baseball NZ will manage a player draft for the 16U grade and 14U grade for the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament.

All clubs that are unable to field a minimum roster or would like to bulk out their roster are encouraged to register for the 2025 Summer Showdown Draft. Only registered clubs will be eligible to participate in the player draft.

Only registered pick-up players will be eligible to be drafted and only registered clubs will be included in the draft. All players must be league-age eligible. A player draft will be undertaken for the 16U grade and the 14U grade.

For clubs considering whether to register for the draft and pick up players, please ensure you have exhausted all options within your club's registered, age-eligible players in the first instance. Plus considered forming a composite team with a club or players within your regional boundaries. Then once clubs have exhausted these options, the draft process can provide those additional players to finalise your roster.

The draft process will be managed and facilitated by Baseball NZ. All teams looking to meet minimum roster numbers (12 players) will take preference, followed by all teams that wish to add to or bulk up their roster numbers to meet the recommended or maximum roster number (14 – 16 players).

Clubs picking up players from either inside or outside the club's region, in the draft process, will be solely responsible for all communication, planning, support, health, safety and wellbeing, of these players for the duration of the tournament.

**Club Draft Registrations Open | 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 9.00am - [REGISTER AS DRAFTING CLUB HERE](#)**

**Club Draft Registration Close | 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 10.00pm**

## Drafting Club Responsibilities:

- Register for Player Draft on the appropriate form within the timeframes provided
- Work with pick-up player/s and their parent/guardian to organise all aspects of tournament participation, travel arrangements to and from tournament plus tournament fee.
- If required, organise an appropriate host family for the player
- Meet the player at arranged meeting locations and times and drop player to pre-arranged locations as necessary.
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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The Summer Showdown, National Youth Champs tournament will run from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 9.30am to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 5.30pm. Please ensure your travel arrangements enable you to be onsite in attendance for these dates and times frames provided.

The Summer Showdown's opening ceremony will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Carlton Street Reserve on. The Opening Ceremony time and details will be advised within the Tournament Draw & Schedule once released. All teams are expected to attend and participate in the opening ceremony and player parade.

Be prepared for games to be scheduled between 9.30am 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and to finish no earlier than 5.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We recommend all teams plan to be in town from the evening of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and depart town on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April after 6pm. There is an expectation that all teams attend and participate in the player parade and prizegiving plus coaches and managers attend all meetings.

Game rounds each day will be between 8.00am and 5.00pm with the tournament concluding late afternoon of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, with prize giving commencing immediately following the end of the last game.

During the tournament we will include skills games and challenges to test the player's skills and team-man-ship with a home run derby, a dash for cash and a rocket relay, with some great prizes up for grabs as well as some entertaining activities for everyone to enjoy.

### Tournament Schedule Overview:

#### MANAGERS & COACHES MEETING:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - 7.30pm
- Online - Meeting will be emailed out to all registered teams

#### DRAFT SCHEDULE:

	Management Tent	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3
DAY 1: SAT 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	• Bat Checks			
		GAME PLAY - ROUND ROBIN GAMES		
		OPENING CEREMONY		
DAY 2: SUN 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	8.00am - 5.00pm	GAME PLAY - ROUND ROBIN GAMES		
DAY 3: MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	8.00am - 5.00pm	GAME PLAY - ROUND ROBIN GAMES		
DAY 4: TUES 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	8.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm - 6.30pm	GAME PLAY - SEMI-FINALS & FINALS PRIZEGIVING & PRIZE DRAW		

The full Summer Showdown schedule and draw will be distributed after registrations close. Additionally, refer to the tournament timeline within this manual.





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## TOURNAMENT AWARDS

The Summer Showdown awards will be announced at the Summer Showdown tournament prize giving, for first, second & third-placed teams in each age grade. Plus, golden arm, golden glove, golden bat and MVP for each team and the overall tournament, in each grade.

We are excited to announce for 2025 Visit Anaheim, Angels baseball and House of Travel are supporting the Summer Showdown tournament once again and have kindly sponsored a once-in-a-lifetime trip for a family of four (2 adults, 2 children) to visit the city of Anaheim, go behind the scenes with the Angels baseball team and enjoy the magic of Disneyland.

One lucky player will be randomly drawn from our Summer Showdown participants at the tournament prize giving. The winning player **MUST** be in attendance at the prize giving to **WIN** and claim this prize. The Visit Anaheim once in a lifetime experience includes; flights, accommodation, transfers, Angels baseball behind the scenes and a game plus Disneyland.

## TOURNAMENT MEETINGS

### 1. Tournament Technical Meeting - Coaches, Managers, Scorers & Umpires:

Date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Time: 7.30pm  
Location/Venue: Online via TEAMS / ZOOM meeting

The Tournament Technical meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 online.

All Team's Executive Officers, Head Coaches, Scorekeepers plus Baseball NZ Umpires and Scorekeepers **MUST** all attend this meeting. The meeting will be chaired by Connar O'Gorman & Hannah Hollands

All teams will be required to submit a preliminary roster and final roster. All due dates are below and on the Summer Showdown tournament planner:

- Preliminary Team Rosters due at time of registration – no later than 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Final Team rosters due 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm

### 2. Opening Ceremony:

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Time: Time to be confirmed, within the times frames provided in this tournament manual.  
Venue/Location: Summer Showdown Tournament, Diamond 2 - Carlton Street Reserve, Otumotai, Tauranga

All teams are required to attend the opening ceremony and participate in a team parade, where they showcase their team spirit as they enter the diamond to their team walk-out song.

### 3. Official Bat Checks:

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Time: TBC – will be conformed within final schedule  
Venue/Location: Summer Showdown Tournament HQ - Carlton Street Reserve, Otumoetai, Tauranga

All Teams **MUST** Attend



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## SUMMER SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 1. Team Composition

Clubs build their team rosters from their registered, eligible players in the first instance. Clubs may create composite teams with clubs within their region and regional boundaries **ONLY**, if they have insufficient numbers within their own club following the formal criteria set out only.

Players must be registered baseball players for the 2024/2025 baseball season to affiliated baseball clubs. These are players identified on your club membership levies list. No composite teams can be formed across regions. The only exception to this is the South Island regions may combine due to lower playing numbers to form a team for tournaments.

Individual roster decisions during actual tournament games are entirely the responsibility of the individual club and individual team's coaching staff, so long as these meet the tournament regulations and rules, inclusive of the 50% participation Rule and Pitch Smart Rules.

### 2. Dispensations

Baseball NZ will review all dispensations on a case-by-case basis after a thorough review of each individual dispensation request. Examples of dispensation requests *could* be (but not limited to):

- A dispensation required for a player to play **UP** one age grade (only) in the Summer Showdown.
- A dispensation required for a player that may not have played the required minimum four (4) official games, for a particular reason, to be eligible to represent your club at the 2025 Summer Showdown.

Clubs & teams requesting dispensations for players need to have exhausted their options of all age-eligible players before requesting any dispensations, whether this is for underage or ineligible players.

All dispensation requests must be made by the club, through the online dispensation form provided at the link below. No other dispensation method will be accepted.

Dispensation requests for the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament open on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9am and close strictly on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5.00pm.

Baseball NZ's dispensation committee will convene and review all dispensations following the closing date and inform the clubs individually as to the outcome of the dispensation requests submitted.

Each dispensation request **MUST** provide valid and clear rationale and detailed information, plus demonstrate why registered, age-eligible, or those that have met the required 4-game minimum players, are not able to undertake this roster position.

#### Dispensation Application Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWk\\_HHR9QfWX4Gtb2kAaGWgESlj8SXblWyJKq00rUnsznojg/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWk_HHR9QfWX4Gtb2kAaGWgESlj8SXblWyJKq00rUnsznojg/viewform?usp=sharing)



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## 3. Eligibility

All 2024/2025 season registered players, residing in New Zealand and age-eligible (or under with dispensation), who have completed four (4) official games during the regular season for their baseball club and are in good standing with their baseball club/s and Baseball NZ, are eligible to compete in the 2025 Summer Showdown.

In all National Tournaments, to be considered for a National Tournament roster, a player must have played a minimum of **four (4)** regular season games for their club recorded in the BallClubz scoring platform.

- **Exemption To The 4 Official Game Minimum Rule:**

National representative players may request an exemption to the four-game rule through the dispensation process if they have missed club games due to National team duties.

Exemptions may be granted (through the dispensation process) for former club players who played or lived overseas during the regular season or players who have sustained an injury whereby they are unable to play baseball. A medical certificate will be requested.



## SUMMER SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULE SET

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament. All baseball clubs from throughout NZ are invited to compete for the National titles in the 14U & 16U grades within this tournament.

### 2.0 AGE GROUP

The Baseball NZ 2025 Summer Showdown is a youth, age-grade, tournament for 14U and 16U players.

**Age Eligibility:**                16U Grade - Players 16 years of age or younger as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024  
   14U Grade - Players 14 years of age or younger as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

### 3.0 2025 SUMMER SHOWDOWN

- 3.1 Any matters relating to dispensations, please see dispensation information within the manual and 2025 Tournament Rules and Eligibility.
- 3.2 Games under the control of Baseball NZ shall be conducted in accordance with the Official [2024 Little League Tournament Rules](#). The rules described in this book apply for the 2025 Summer Showdown.
- 3.3 In all cases, should there be a conflict between the Little League 2024 official rule book and this (Baseball NZ) rule book, then this rule book shall take precedence. Baseball NZ shall also establish and sanction rules specifically for games under its jurisdiction. Some of these rules are outlined below.
- 3.4 Where a penalty is not specified for a breach of these rules, the Protests and Disputes Committee shall adjudicate on any such rule breach and impose penalties as it thinks appropriate.
- 3.5 Clubs will supply to Baseball NZ all team and player documentation by the prescribed tournament deadlines. Failure to supply such documentation could lead to a team or player not being accepted to participate in the tournament.
- 3.6 Baseball NZ has the right to impose a penalty, as it deems appropriate, for any breach of these rules, or for conduct or behaviour which is deemed to be unbecoming of a player, coach, other official or spectator. Additionally, any conduct or behavior, which breaches any law, regulation or by-law, will be referred to the appropriate civil authority.

### 4.0 PRE-TOURNAMENT MANAGERS / COACHES MEETING

- 4.1 A Pre-tournament meeting will be held between the Tournament Technical Committee and each team's Head Coach and executive Officer, plus Teams Community Umpires and Scorekeepers for each team, competing in the 2025 Summer Showdown.
- 4.2 The tournament technical committee comprises of:
  - Tournament Director – Hannah Hollands
  - Technical Director - Warren van Rooyen
  - Operations Director - Connar O’Gorman



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4.3 The meeting is designed to provide an opportunity for the organizers to provide details regarding administrative, management and health & safety arrangements for the tournament, clarify points of doubt, and discuss in general playing rules and procedures. All teams MUST attend the online meeting advised in this handbook.

## 5.0 BAT CHECKS

All Teams MUST attend the Summer Showdown Bat Checks meeting advised in this manual. Spot checks will also be carried out throughout the tournament.

## 6.0 TEAM COMPOSITION, REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

### 6.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6.1.1 Refer to Baseball NZ's [National Baseball Tournament Regulations](#)

6.1.2 In all Baseball NZ National Tournaments, to be considered for a Baseball NZ National Tournament roster, a player must have played a minimum of four (4) regular season, official games for their club.

## 7.0 EXEMPTION TO THE 4 GAME MINIMUM RULE

- 7.1 Clubs may file/submit a dispensation for exemption to the four (4) game rule.
- 7.2 Exemptions may be granted for former club players who played or lived overseas during the regular season. Requests for exemptions should be filed in writing at the same time the rosters are due and highlight the player's history with the local club, including years played etc.
- 7.3 Exemptions will be granted for National representative players that have not yet achieved their four (4) regular season game minimum due to National Squad/Team commitments will be eligible through the exemption process.
- 7.4 Exemptions may be granted for players who have been unable to play regular season games due to injury.
- 7.5 Baseball New Zealand Tournament Technical Committee will rule on each individual situation on a case-by-case basis.

## 8.0 MANAGERS (HEAD COACHES) AND COACHING STAFF

- 8.1 Each Club / Team Manager (Head Coach), must be present in the dugout and is required to hold a valid Level 1 Baseball New Zealand Coaches Certification. All coaching staff (assistant coaches), in the dugout, must hold a valid Level 0 Baseball New Zealand Coaches Certification.
- 8.2 The Manager (Head Coach) and coaching staff, while in the dugout, are to be dressed in a manner reflecting the image of the team. Team/Club shirts/jacket and cap shall be worn during games, Baseball pants and covered shoes are to be worn (no shorts, jeans or sandals will be allowed).
- 8.3 ONLY personnel listed on the official team roster sheet may be in the dugout.
- 8.4 All Managers (Head Coaches) and Coaching Staff must abide by the Baseball New Zealand Coaches Code of Conduct, at all times.

## 9.0 SCORER/S & UMPIRES

- 9.1 Each team must provide a level 0 accredited scorer for the Baseball NZ 2025 Summer Showdown games. The Team scorer will need to be declared on the team's roster sheet when submitted. Team scorers will be supported by a third Baseball NZ scorer at each game to undertake living scorer and mentor the team



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level 0 scorers. Failure to supply a team scorer for each match will result in a \$50 penalty fee per game to the team/club. All penalty fees will be required to be paid prior to the team taking the diamond for their next game.

- 9.2 Teams can purchase a team scorer for the tournament through Baseball NZ, if they are unable to provide one themselves. Any purchased team scorers must be confirmed and paid for at the time of team registration and cost \$700 for the entire tournament.
- 9.3 Team scorers will be allocated to tournament games by Baseball NZ's Scorekeeping Co-Ordinator. Scorers will be independent therefore they are unlikely to be scoring their own teams games.
- 9.4 Baseball NZ and the NZBUA will provide all umpires for the 2025 Summer Showdown tournament

## 10.0 TEAM LINE-UP

- 10.1 Each Manager (Head Coach) shall supply the scorers with a copy of the team line-up 30 minutes before the commencement of the game.
- 10.2 Each Manager (Head Coach) shall supply the umpire with 3 copies of his team line-up at the pre-game meeting held 5 minutes before the commencement of the game. The line-up shall show the names of all starting players, starting fielding position and the players' uniform numbers. The copies are to be distributed as follows:
  - Copy 1 - Umpire (White)
  - Copy 2 - Opposition Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach) (Head Coach) (Pink)
  - Copy 3 - To be handed back to the Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach) whose team the line-up belongs to (Blue)
- 10.3 All substitute players for the game must be listed.
- 10.4 A designated hitter (DH) may be used if required.

## 11.0 THE COMPETITION FORMAT

Teams enter unranked, non-seeded. Teams will play a round robin tournament, plus a play offs and finals.

Teams will be awarded:  
WIN = 3 points  
LOSS = 0 point

Throughout the round robin games. Total points at the end of the round robin will decide the team seedings and rankings to compete in the championship round.

### Round Robin Tie Breakers:

1. Head to Head
2. Highest runs for and against differential
3. Fewest runs allowed
4. Coin Toss

## 12.0 RESULTS



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- 12.1 Results sheets are included on the official Baseball NZ line-up cards
- 12.2 Yellow team copy containing the results sheet is to be filled out by the team scorer and shall contain the following information:
  - The score by innings (box score).
  - the signature of the home team scorer,
  - the signature of the away team scorer,
- 12.3 Relevant game details e.g. protests, injuries, reasons for early game terminations, etc. shall be recorded in the official scorebook.
- 12.4 Scorekeepers will compare scorebooks at the end of each game and ensure scores, statistics, and details align prior to finalizing the game to BallClubz.
- 12.5 All manual score sheets and electronic versions of the game shall be submitted to the National Scoring Co-Ordinator as soon as possible after completion of the game
- 12.6 The National Scoring Co-Ordinator will be available to adjudicate on any scoring issues.

## 13.0 THE FIELD

- 13.1 Summer Showdown Field Dimensions:
  - 14U - 54' Pitching / 80' Base Paths,
  - 16U – 60' Pitching / 90' Base Paths
- 13.2 Dugouts:
  - Home Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Base dugout.
  - Away Team – 1<sup>st</sup> Base dugout.

## 14.0 PROTECTIVE WEAR & GEAR

- 14.1 All players must wear athletic supporters and protective wear. Male catchers must wear a cup and a long or short chest protector.
- 14.2 Double Ear-Flap helmet is mandatory for hitters & base-runners.
- 14.3 Base coaches must wear skull caps when base coaching
- 14.4 Warm-up & bullpen catchers must use protective gear.
- 14.5 No person is allowed or able to enter the diamond / playing area without a helmet on.
- 14.6 All Community and NZBUA Umpires MUST wear ALL safety and protective gear. No umpire is to take the diamond without full and appropriate safety gear.

## 15.0 PLAYING UNIFORMS & NUMBERS

All teams must wear full baseball playing uniforms. Player jerseys must be numbered - all players' uniforms shall carry some visible unique identifying number. On appeal for batting out of order, the players' name shall take precedence over the uniform number.

## 16.0 PROGRAMME AND TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 16.1 The tournament draw will be provided to all teams entered prior to the competition starting.
- 16.2 Should any team be in protest regarding the proposed draw, Baseball NZ must be notified within 12 hours of the draw being released.



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- 16.3 When a Team is required to play a doubleheader game, at least 30 minutes is required between games.
- 16.4 At all games the home team will be located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Base dugout and the visiting team in the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout. In the event of a doubleheader and a team is remaining on the same field they may remain in the same dugout.

## 17.0 THE GAME

### 17.1 GAME DURATION

Grade	Duration	Innings	Mercy Rule	Regulation Game
14U & 16U	No new innings after 2 hours	7 innings	15 runs after 4 10 after 5	3 innings

- 17.1.1 Summer Showdown Rules & Regulations: [Little League Tournament Rules 2024.](#)
- 17.1.2 Summer Showdown Rule & Regulation Updates: Rule changes not available in the app are posted on the Little League website – 2024 [Little League Rule Updates.](#)
- 17.1.3 Equipment: Refer [Little League Rules](#)
- 17.1.4 Baseball New Zealand to provide Brett baseballs as official tournament balls
- 17.1.5 6 run limit per inning during the round robin games.
- 17.1.6 No additional runs allowed past the 6.
- 17.1.7 Inning run limit does NOT apply for the finals

### 17.2 COMMENCEMENT

The 'official' commencement of games will be as per the Baseball NZ draw.

### 17.3 SUSPENDED / RESCHEDULED GAME

- 17.3.1 It is a suspended game when the umpire terminates play on account of darkness, weather or any other cause which makes it impossible for further play in the game, and where less than regulation innings have been completed by each team.
- 17.3.2 When a number of games are suspended or not commenced during a Championship, then these games shall be re-scheduled so that each team play as near as possible an equal number of games. Where the suspended or not commenced games that are to be rescheduled include key games between teams competing for the Championship, then these key games will be given precedence over other games. Games may be rescheduled to be played on rest days if the Tournament Technical Committee desires. The Tournament Director shall liaise with Baseball New Zealand and Host Officials in all re-scheduling of games. If rescheduled, suspended games will be re-commenced at the point where the games were halted. Final decision will be at the discretion of the Tournament Technical Committee.
- 17.3.3 If game(s) are rain delayed or rained out and may be rescheduled on an alternate ground, the decision remains with the Tournament Technical Committee.
- 17.3.4 If an early game proceeds past the scheduled start time of the





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following game in order to complete the game, then the Tournament Director following the game shall announce the new starting time for that game.

17.3.5 No ties. All games shall be played to a win / loss result where possible.

## 17.4 TEAM WARM-UP

- 17.4.1 Team Warm-Ups may not take place if the field is not ready for the following game.
- 17.4.2 Twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled starting time of a game, the visiting team will commence their entitled seven (7) minutes warm up on the playing diamond.
- 17.4.3 Twelve (12) minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game the Home Team will commence their entitled seven (7) minute warm up.
- 17.4.4 The remaining five minutes will allow the ground crew to finalise ground preparation.
- 17.4.5 The supervision of the warm-up before the game will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or a designated official.
- 17.4.6 Practice and pre-game warm-ups are to only take place in the designated warmup areas.

## 17.3 ADVERSE PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 17.3.1 All games are scheduled for play. Play will not commence if the tournament organizing committee deem the ground unfit for play.
- 17.3.2 If a game commences, but it is abandoned before the completion of required regulation innings then it shall be declared suspended.
- 17.3.3 If the game is tied after 4 complete innings, the score shall revert to the previous inning where the scores were uneven. The team leading at that time shall be awarded the win.
- 17.3.4 If the head groundsman has declared the ground playable and further bad weather occurs, the decision to commence play will be left to the Tournament Organising Committee
- 17.3.5 In the event that no semi-final (scheduled 7 innings) has completed 4 innings or final game (scheduled 7 innings) has completed 4 innings due to weather conditions and in the event that a substitute day has not been scheduled, the highest qualifying team remaining if both the semi-finals have been played will be declared the winner. If only one or no semi-finals have been played then the winner of the competition rounds will be declared the winner.
- 17.3.6 The Tournament Director may change the venue, if the ground allocated for the semi-final or final is deemed unplayable.
- 17.3.7 The Tournament Director will attempt to allocate a time for all washed out games.
- 17.3.8 The Tournament Director has the power to rearrange the game draw, game times, game durations and/or game venues.



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## 17.4 PITCHING LIMITS IN COMPLIANCE WITH PITCHSMART

- 17.4.1 A pitchers game contribution will be classified by their age (***refer to chart below***)
- 17.4.2 A 'hard count' will be implemented on all pitch counts ONLY if a pitcher reaches their daily max pitch limit (95 pitches) whilst pitching to a batter, they may finish pitching to that batter.
- 17.4.3 No junior pitcher (18 & under) can pitch on three consecutive days. Violation of any section of this regulation will result in immediate removal of the pitcher and ejection of the team manager/head coach.
- 17.4.4 It will be the responsibility of the Manager (Head Coach) to track pitch counts of their pitching staff. Teams will be provided with team pitch counts and defensive outs at the end of each day to assist their player participation, management, and arm care.
- 17.4.5 A "no pitch", eg, batter steps out of the batter's box and the pitcher delivers the pitch, shall not be included in the pitch count.
- 17.4.6 A pitch called illegal by an umpire will be counted in the pitch count.
- 17.4.7 The scorers shall indicate in the scorebook for each pitcher the game contribution and when the pitcher may next play.
- 17.4.8 No restrictions on types of pitches exists for underage players (ie, curve balls previously banned in some age divisions are now permitted).
- 17.4.9 Should a pitcher be selected out of their age group then Championship limits and game contribution will be applicable to the pitcher's age, not the championship that they are playing in.
- 17.4.10 Warm-up pitches - Eight (8) warm-up pitches for new pitchers, otherwise five (5).
- 17.4.11 Pitch Count Limit - Players must adhere to the Pitch Smart guidelines as summarised below

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+



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## 18.0 Tournament Playing Rules

The Summer Showdown Tournament will adopt the Little League Tournament Rules for the 14U & 16U grades of the Summer Showdown as per the below Tournament Playing Rules.

## 19.0 Batting Order – Mandatory Play

- No mandatory play continuous batting order

## 20.0 Visits & Changes:

- Three (3) FREE defensive trips to the mound per game. One (1) additional visit for a tie break.
- Two (2) trips to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher must result in the removal of the pitcher from the game.
- Coaches going to make multiple changes involving pitcher after three free trips or due to second visit in an inning, must go to HP umpire to state their changes prior to going to the mound or their moves are invalid and the pitcher must be removed from the game.

## 21.0 Collision Rule:

Baseball New Zealand is concerned about unnecessary and violent collisions primarily with the catcher at home plate, and with infielders at all bases. **The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid such collisions whenever possible:**

- a. When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, **or in the act of fielding the ball**, the umpire shall judge:
- b. Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the plate without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the plate was blocked).
- c. Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the plate or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder; or
- d. Whether the runner was using flagrant contact to maliciously dislodge the ball.

### Penalty:

- a. If the runner attempts to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead, and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.
- b. If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the plate, the runner MAY make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder if the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the plate.
- c. If the flagrant or malicious contact by the runner was before the runner's touching the plate, the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead immediately. All other base runners shall return to the bases they occupied at the time of the interference.
- d. If the contact was after a preceding runner had touched home plate, the preceding runner will be ruled safe, the ball becomes dead immediately and all other base runners will return to the base they had last touched prior to the contact.
- e. If the runner is safe and the collision is malicious, the runner shall be ruled safe and ejected from the game.
- f. If the defensive player blocks the plate or base line clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction shall be called. The umpire shall point and call, "That's obstruction." The umpire shall let the play continue until all play has ceased, call time and award any bases



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that are justified in the Official Rules of Baseball. The obstructed runner is awarded at least one base beyond the base last touched legally before the obstruction.

- g. If the base runner collides flagrantly, the runner shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.
- h. If the runner's path to the base is blocked and all stipulations above are fulfilled, it is considered unavoidable contact.

## **22.0 Extra Innings Rule:**

- Tiebreak & Suspended Games:  
Tiebreakers – Little League a. All LL grades (except minors) - If games are tied and time is up and the home team has completed, they're at bat and scores are still tied, then the game will continue into extra innings to obtain a win/loss result. b. Where extra innings are required and any "extra inning" is about to commence, the Team at bat shall commence the TOP of the inning with a runner on second base. c. The batter who hits first in an inning shall continue to be the batter who would have normally led off the inning. d. The runner on second shall be the batter, (or substitute batter), immediately preceding the batter who leads off the inning.
- In the event of adverse weather or inability to continue due to lighting a game is considered a regulation game if four innings have been completed (3 1/2 if the home team is winning) and the umpire calls the game.
- The score shall revert to the previous innings where the scores were uneven. The team leading at that time shall be awarded the win.

### **Round Robin Tie Breakers:**

1. Head to Head
2. Highest runs for and against differential
3. Fewest runs allowed
4. Coin Toss



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## SUMMER SHOWDOWN TEAM PLANNING TIMELINE

DATE:	ITEM:	NOTES / LINKS
<b>2024</b>		
May 2024	2025 National Tournaments released onto National Baseball Calendar.	<a href="https://www.baseballnewzealand.com/about-us/calendar">https://www.baseballnewzealand.com/about-us/calendar</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	2025 Summer Showdown Details Announced	In Club Memo #7 & #8 Baseball NZ online calendar
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Tournament Manual released	
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Team EOI's & Tournament Registrations <b>OPEN</b>	EOI: <a href="https://forms.gle/rC9NNYXapAbycXrk9">https://forms.gle/rC9NNYXapAbycXrk9</a> REGO: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/bbnzss?hxchl=hex-grc&amp;hxref=evt">https://events.humanitix.com/bbnzss?hxchl=hex-grc&amp;hxref=evt</a>
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Dispensations <b>OPEN</b> 9.00am	<a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWk_HHR9QfWX4Gtb2kAaGWgESlJ8SxbWYJKq00rUnsznoig/viewform?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWk_HHR9QfWX4Gtb2kAaGWgESlJ8SxbWYJKq00rUnsznoig/viewform?usp=sharing</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Club Draft Registrations <b>OPEN</b> 9.00am	<a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGe6HreuPKiMZO7eKFXmfkP9qn63M2csAfR3-qTkPEIE0Gg/viewform?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGe6HreuPKiMZO7eKFXmfkP9qn63M2csAfR3-qTkPEIE0Gg/viewform?usp=sharing</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Pick Up Player Registrations <b>OPEN</b> 9.00am	<a href="https://events.humanitix.com/bbnz-national-summer-showdown-player-draft-registration">https://events.humanitix.com/bbnz-national-summer-showdown-player-draft-registration</a>
<b>2025</b>		
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Dispensations <b>CLOSE</b> 5.00pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Dispensation Outcome Confirmed with Clubs	
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Team Registrations <b>CLOSE</b> 5.00pm	
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Pick Up Player Registrations <b>CLOSE</b> 5.00pm	
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Summer Showdown Merchandise Pre-Orders <b>OPEN</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Club Draft Registrations <b>CLOSE</b> 10.00pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Player Draft (online 7pm 14U, 7.45pm 16U online)	Registered clubs will receive an invitation and link to join
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Preliminary Team Rosters <b>DUE</b>	<a href="mailto:hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz">hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz</a>
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Summer Showdown Merchandise Pre-Orders <b>CLOSES</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Summer Showdown Final Schedule & Draw Released	
	Team Walk-Out Songs <b>DUE</b>	<a href="mailto:hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz">hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz</a>
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Final Rosters 16U &amp; 14U DUE</b> 7.30pm	<a href="mailto:hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz">hannah@baseballnewzealand.co.nz</a>
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Travel Afternoon/Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recommended all Teams travel to Tauranga in the afternoon &amp; evening of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</li></ul>	
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tournament Game Play - Round Robin	9.30am – 5.00pm Refer Draw
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tournament Game Play - Round Robin	8.00am - 5.00pm Refer Draw
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tournament Game Play - Round Robin	8.00am - 5.00pm Refer Draw
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tournament Game Play - Semis & Finals	8.00am - 5.00pm Refer Draw



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	Prizegiving & Major Prize Draw	Immediately post final game
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Travel Home - Recommended Teams travel in the early evening on 15 <sup>th</sup> April or morning of 16 <sup>th</sup> April, depending on the travelling method.	Ensure allowances are made for tired coaches if they are drivers.



## APPENDIX A:

### JUDICIARY PROTEST & DISPUTES COMMITTEE GUIDELINES THE COMMITTEE

The Protests and Disputes Committee (“The Committee”) will comprise:

- 1) The Tournament Director
- 2) One representative of Baseball NZ – Pathways & Development Manager
- 3) A representative of the Umpires (as a Technical Advisor)
- 4) One independent representative from Baseball NZ Governance Committee

At least two members of the Committee must be present at a sitting. Those sitting must not have witnessed the incident or will have detailed knowledge of the incident prior to the hearing.

#### Purpose:

The purpose of the committee is to hear and give rulings upon:

- 1) An ejected player / coach / Manager (Head Coach)/ parent
- 2) A protest of a game due to a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule.

The above issues are the only concern of the committee. Issues relating to Tournament Rules are not eligible for protest.

Any breaches of the Baseball NZ Rules or Code of Conduct may be escalated to the Baseball New Zealand Judiciary.

#### Procedure

The Committee will meet after the game following the incident

#### Ejection:

- 1) Paper work – ejection report must be presented to the Tournament Director
- 2) The Tournament Director will ensure that all committee members are non-partial and able to attend, or if not, a suitable substitute is found.
- 3) The Tournament Director will contact all relevant parties with time and location of the Committee hearing
- 4) Ejected person must present themselves at this meeting
- 5) They may bring a witness or advocate. (Failure to be present for a Committee hearing will mean automatic suspension until a meeting with the ejected person can be held).
- 6) The ejecting umpire must provide a report and attend if required by the Tournament Director.
- 7) They may bring a witness or advocate (e.g. second umpire).
- 8) Each side will get free opportunity to present their side of the issue. Full and open comments will be made, relevant questions asked and upon private contemplations of the issue by the Committee, a judgment made, following this the decision will be presented to the involved persons.
- 9) That decision shall be binding and not open for appeal.
- 10) Decisions will be recorded and held on file by with the league.



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## Protest:

A protest is to be based on misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules, not judgment calls by the umpires.

Examples of issues that may be protested:

- 1) Player eligibility
- 2) Violation of a playing rule

For a protest to be recognized to be sent to the Committee it must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The umpires are notified at the time of the play
- 2) Protest must be made immediately after the incident in question
- 3) If play has recommenced, no protest can be lodged

## Protest Procedure:

- 1) Time is called
- 2) Rule Infraction and Protest Declared to Umpire.
- 3) Umpire will sign scorebook-noting inning, score, outs and runners on base at time of protest.
- 4) Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach) will notify Director of protest. Director will make ruling.
- 5) If protest is upheld, play will resume from point of protest.

## Ejections & Suspensions:

Under Official Baseball Rule 6.04(D), if a manager, player, coach, athletic trainer is ejected from the game, he/she shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. He/She shall remain in the clubhouse or change to street clothes and either leave the park or take a seat in the grandstand well removed from the vicinity of his/hers team's bench or bullpen. He/She may not stand in the dugout runway and under no circumstance may he/she return to the dugout or field after he/she has been ejected.

If a person who has been ejected continues to appear in the runway area, umpires should not delay the game by repeatedly insisting that the person leave. In such instances, the offender has seriously violated the rules, and the umpiring crew shall report this fact to the league president.

If a manager, coach, player or athletic trainer is under suspension, he/she may take part in his team's activities prior to the start of the game. During the term of suspension, he/she shall leave the field before the game starts, change to street clothes, and either leave the park or take a seat in the stands well removed from the vicinity of his club's bench or bullpen. If under suspension, he may not be in the dugout or press box during the course of the game.

A Manager who has been suspended shall take no part in the direction of his team during a game, either directly or indirectly.





## APPENDIX B:

### CODE OF CONDUCTS - BASEBALL NZ CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Code of Conduct Policy is to encourage fair, ethical treatment of all persons and organisations that come under the umbrella of Baseball New Zealand. Some areas of the Code will be more applicable to some persons and groups than others.

All persons that come under the umbrella of Baseball New Zealand will agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and acknowledge that any breach of the Code of Conduct, or any part of it, may result in disciplinary action under the Baseball New Zealand Constitution, Regulations and Policies applicable at the time.

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Baseball New Zealand members and persons participating in Baseball New Zealand activities.

#### What is a Breach of this Policy?

It is a breach of this policy for any person or organisation bound by this policy to do anything contrary to this policy, including but not limited to:

- Breaching the codes relating to behaviour
- Bringing the sport and/or Baseball New Zealand into disrepute, or acting in a manner likely to bring the sport and/or Baseball New Zealand into disrepute
- Failing to follow Baseball New Zealand policies (including this policy)
- Breaching the procedures for the protection, safety and well-being of children
- Discriminating against, harassing or bullying (including cyber-bullying) any person
- Victimising another person for making or supporting a complaint
- Engaging in a sexually inappropriate relationship with a person that he or she supervises, or has influence, authority or power over
- Verbally or physically assaulting another person, intimidating another person or creating a hostile environment within the sport
- Disclosing to any unauthorised person or organisation any Baseball New Zealand information that is of a private, confidential or privileged nature
- Making a complaint that they know to be untrue, vexatious, malicious or improper
- Failing to comply with a penalty imposed after a finding that the individual or organisation has breached this policy
- Failing to comply with a direction given to the individual or organisation as part of a disciplinary process

#### Disciplinary Measures:

Baseball New Zealand may impose disciplinary measures on an individual or organisation for a breach of this policy.



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Any disciplinary measure imposed will be:

- Fair and reasonable
- Applied consistent with any contractual and employment rules and requirements
- Be based on the evidence and information presented and the seriousness of the breach
- Be determined in accordance with Baseball New Zealand's Constitution, any applicable by-laws, this policy and/or the rules of the sport

## All Members:

As a Baseball New Zealand member and/or participant you should meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any Baseball New Zealand sanctioned activity:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions
- Make a commitment to providing quality service and performance
- Be aware of, and maintain, an uncompromising adherence to, standards, rules, regulations and policies
- Operate within the Constitution, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of Baseball New Zealand, IBAF and WBSC
- Understand the possible consequences of breaching the Baseball New Zealand Code of Conduct
- Immediately report any breaches of Baseball New Zealand members to the appropriate authority
- Comply with any and all applicable national or local legislation
- Refrain from any form of abuse towards others
- Refrain from using any obscene language
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards others
- Refrain from any form of discrimination towards others
- Refrain from any form of victimisation towards others
- Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport
- Promote the best interests of baseball
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activity in accordance with relevant Baseball New Zealand policy
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured
- Be a positive role model
- Do not provide comment to any media, or publish any comment (including on any website), on behalf of Baseball New Zealand or its Associations
- Do not speak to any media in a negative way, or publish any negative comment (including on any website) regarding Baseball New Zealand or any of its Associations
- Never act in any way that may bring disrepute or disgrace to Baseball New Zealand members, its stakeholders and/or its sponsors, potential sponsors and/or partners
- Do not participate (or benefit from assisting others involved) in sports betting or gambling activity associated with baseball matches and/or baseball results in which you are participating or have been directly involved in. Baseball New Zealand expects all members, supporters, advisors, staff and associates of Baseball New Zealand to abide by a Code of Conduct that upholds the principles and values of the game and the organisation. Members should recognise that at all times they have a duty of care to all Baseball New Zealand members.

## Attachments:

- Appendix C: COACHES / Manager (Head Coach) CODE OF CONDUCT
- Appendix D: PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT
- Appendix E: UMPIRE CODE OF CONDUCT



## APPENDIX C:

### **CODE OF CONDUCT - MANAGER (HEAD COACH), COACHES & EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The coach/Manager (Head Coach)/executive officer of a team may be the second most influential person in a player's life. Coaches, through their own behaviour (on and off the field) have an enormous impact on the development of young players.

In establishing a solid foundation of character building with players, the key responsibility of any coach is to lead by example. This holds true at all levels of development.

The responsibilities and duties of a coach are not simple and should be dealt with in a professional manner.

For these reasons and many more the Baseball New Zealand has developed a Code of Conduct for all coaches/Manager (Head Coach)s/executive officers participating in Baseball New Zealand endorsed and organised tournaments, teams, development programs and special events.

The following Code of Conduct requirements are considered practicable and are within the objectives of Baseball New Zealand:

- Provide supervision of the behaviour of the team at all times
- Do not criticise players in front of spectators, parents and other teams. Review constructive criticism with a player in private or in the presence of the team
- Accept decisions of the umpire as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not abuse or ridicule the umpire nor allow your players to do so
- Develop team respect for opponents, spectators and officials
- Do not criticise other teams, supporters or officials by words or gestures
- Set a good example in personal appearance and behaviour
- Encourage sportsmanlike behaviour among the players
- Encourage players to work together as a unified group (teamwork)
- Encourage your team to hustle on and off the playing field at all times
- All press statements and/or interviews must have Baseball New Zealand approval
- Place the welfare and development of the individual above a winning or losing record
- Do not embarrass your opponents
- The use or possession of any form of tobacco, tobacco products, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol of any description during training camps and tournaments is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- Be aware of any player with medical problems
- Strive to develop a positive image and self-sufficient attitude with each player
- Enforce the Baseball New Zealand Player Code of Conduct
- Present Baseball New Zealand in a positive image In addition a Coach will:
  - Keep informed of sound coaching principles and seek more skilled advice when necessary
  - Abide by the applicable tournament rules and regulations
  - Whenever possible provide assistance with coaching expertise and knowledge to developing teams
  - Ensure whenever possible all players have equal time on the diamond. Avoid overplaying the talented players - the average players need and deserve equal time



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In addition a Team Manager (Head Coach) will:

- Be responsible for the overall welfare and wellbeing of team members and officials when travelling with a team
- Maintain a 'duty of care' towards team members and be accountable for the management of the team
- Have a sound working knowledge of Baseball New Zealand Constitution, Regulations and Policies, and ensure that the conduct of the affairs of the team is in accordance with these and or any other policies and guidelines determined by Baseball New Zealand
- Foster a collaborative approach to the management of the team

**Note:** In cases where there are breaches of this code of conduct, the breaches can be reported to Baseball New Zealand. If the breach(es) are found proved then the matter(s) will be referred to the appropriate judicial committee for the adjudication of the appropriate penalty.



## APPENDIX D:

### CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYERS

The Baseball New Zealand Player Code of Conduct has been developed for all players participating in National Championships, Baseball New Zealand Youth development Programs as well representatives on all Baseball New Zealand teams.

A player's public behaviour will be closely observed by others as they represent their region or country at special events. Any behaviour that is unlawful or disrespectful to others is detrimental on everyone associated with the team. Any serious breach of this Code of Conduct or any behaviour detrimental to the game of baseball must be notified to the team Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach).

If, in the opinion of team officials, there is a serious breach of Code of Conduct the player will be banned from the remainder of the championship or program, the parents and region association notified and the player sent home by the first available transport. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the player/parents.

The following Code of Conduct requirements are considered practicable and are within the objectives of Baseball New Zealand:

#### Code of Conduct

- Compete by the competition conditions and rules
- Verbal abuse against umpires, opposing players or fans will not be tolerated
- Control your temper - no criticism by words or gesture
- Co-operate with your coach and team mates. Show respect for your opponents and their skills
- No drug use of any kind will be tolerated unless prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Refrain from profanity at all times
- Entering licensed premises or casinos unless under the supervision of team officials or billeting parents is strictly forbidden
- Be friendly to all participants
- The use or possession of any form of tobacco, tobacco products, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol of any description during training camps/development programmes and tournaments is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- Comply with training and competition curfews and behaviour requirements as directed by the team management and/or Baseball New Zealand, during training camps/development programmes/tournaments
- Any activity likely to result in loss or wilful damage to private property or to cause a disturbance will not be tolerated
- All press statements and interviews of players must have Baseball New Zealand approval
- No jewellery (e.g. earrings or studs) at all times
- No eating or drinking on the baseball field
- Music on planes and buses is to be confined to individual headphones
- Report all injuries to a coach or trainer and schedule proper treatment with the physiotherapist when necessary
- No cameras will be allowed in the dugouts during games
- No one other than team personnel are allowed in locker rooms unless permission is



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- Promptness for meetings, training sessions and games is mandatory
- Uniformity and sharpness in proper on-field dress is a must. This applies for practice sessions as well as games
- Proper off field walk-out dress will be worn as designated for flights and functions
- Personal hygiene is the player's responsibility. It is essential that showers are taken after each game or practice
- Players are responsible for cleaning and maintaining their equipment
- Abuse of equipment such as throwing helmets or bats will not be tolerated

The team officials shall have the right to conduct a search of a player's room, bags, clothing or personal belongings if he or she has a reasonable suspicion that a serious breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred. This must be conducted in the presence of the player, and/or his/her agent and an independent adult witness.



## APPENDIX E:

### CODE OF CONDUCT - UMPIRES

The Baseball New Zealand Umpire Code of Conduct has been developed for all umpires participating in National Championships and New Zealand Baseball Development Programs as well as International Representatives.

An umpire's public behaviour will be closely observed by others as the umpire represents Baseball New Zealand, his Region or Country at special events. Any behaviour that is unlawful or disrespectful to others is a slur on everyone associated with Baseball New Zealand.

If, in the opinion of an Instructor or Coordinator, there is a serious breach of Code of Conduct the umpire will be banned from the remainder of the Championship or program, the Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach) for Umpire Development and Region Association notified and the umpire sent home by the first available transport. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the umpire.

The following Code of Conduct requirements are considered practicable and are within the objectives of Baseball New Zealand:

#### Code of Conduct:

- Officiate by the competition conditions and rules of the sport and the mechanics taught in the Umpire Development Program
- Verbal abuse towards players, Manager (Head Coach) (Head Coach)s, coaches, officials or fans will not be tolerated
- Control your temper - no criticism by words or gesture
- Co-operate with your instructor, coordinator and fellow umpires. Show respect for the participants and their skills
- No drug use of any kind will be tolerated unless prescribed by a licensed physician
- Refrain from profanity at all times
- Be friendly to all participants. Display control and courtesy to all involved within the sport.
- The use of any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description on the field, or while in uniform, is banned
- Any activity likely to result in loss or wilful damage to private property or to cause a disturbance will not be tolerated
- No smoking in the rooms at the tournament, seminars, school and on or around the baseball field
- Make no comments to the media and do not partake in media interviews unless you have Baseball New Zealand approval
- No jewellery (e.g. earrings or studs) at all times
- No eating on the baseball field and drinking shall be limited to water and other soft drink
- Report all injuries to an instructor or coordinator and schedule proper treatment with the physiotherapist when necessary
- No one other than umpire personnel is allowed in umpire's locker rooms unless permission is obtained from an instructor or coordinator
- Fraternising with team personnel, other than at official functions, without approval of the coordinator is prohibited
- Promptness for meetings, training sessions and games is mandatory
- Uniformity and sharpness in proper on-field dress is a must. This applies for seminars



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and schools as well as games

- Proper off field walkout dress will be worn as designated for flights and functions
- The use of any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description while in walk out dress is banned
- The use of any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description while in the presence or vicinity of underage players is banned
- The wearing of clothing containing the New Zealand Baseball Logo or Insignia in licensed premises, (with the exception of official functions), is banned
- Personal hygiene is the umpire's responsibility. It is essential that showers be taken after each game or practice
- Umpires are responsible for cleaning and maintaining their equipment
- Strict observance and implementation of the Infectious Diseases Policy
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people

Note: In cases where there are breaches of this code of conduct, the breaches can be reported to Baseball New Zealand. If the breach(es) are found proved then the matter(s) will be referred to the appropriate judicial committee for the adjudication of the appropriate penalty.



## **APPENDIX F:**

# **CODE OF CONDUCT - SPECTATOR & ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO, VAPING & OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE/BEHAVIOUR**

### **SPECTATOR MISBEHAVIOUR AUTHORITY**

- 1) In order to ensure that baseball under the jurisdiction of Baseball NZ is an enjoyable and happy experience for all involved, the Baseball NZ administration has empowered all officiating umpires with special authority. This authority is directed at any spectator who acts in a manner that the umpire considers to be disruptive, a nuisance and not within the spirit of the game.
- 2) Should any club official, player or parent conduct themselves in a manner so as to cause the umpire to take action and report or dismiss or eject the same, he / she shall be required to attend a hearing of the Judiciary Committee (also known as the Protest and Disputes Committee), at a date to be set by the Protest and Disputes Committee. (See Appendix B - Judiciary Guidelines.)
- 3) The Umpire officiating at the game must submit a written report of the incident on a Game Protest Form to the Baseball NZ Umpires Association (Baseball NZUA) Development coordinator within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- 4) At the judiciary meeting the umpire and player, club official or parent / spectator who have been ejected may each bring an advocate or support person.

### **ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO & OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE**

- 1) The use of non-prescribed drugs or similar substances while representing any team or participating in team functions shall result in a ban from playing any baseball under the jurisdiction of Baseball NZ for the remainder of the playing season in which the infringement occurred or for a period of time determined by the coordinating committee.
- 2) The drinking of alcohol, chewing or smoking of tobacco or vaping and use of offensive language will not be allowed whilst on the playing field, dug out or game vicinity during games. This includes all facilities connected with the game. i.e. scorekeeper's tables / boxes etc. Failure to comply with this ruling will result in expulsion from the game and an individual fine imposed on the offending player.
- 3) Offensive language by spectators will not be allowed. The Umpire-In-Chief is authorized to halt the game until the persons responsible for this offence stop.
- 4) Spectators will be expected to observe the same ruling on the consumption of alcohol during games under the jurisdiction of Baseball NZ. It will be the responsibility of the clubs and team management to regulate this upon their own field. The consumption of alcohol is restricted at many council owned facilities in New Zealand and these restrictions MUST be adhered to.

# APPENDIX G:

## BASEBALL NZ GAME PROTEST / INCIDENT FORM

### Appendix D - BNZ GAME PROTEST / INCIDENT FORM

*The basis of any protest must be based upon misinterpretation of the rules of the game. No protest may be lodged regarding any judgment decisions. A protest is not casual & so it should be done only after careful consideration of the situation.*

Date of the Game:    /    /	Time:	rade:
Manager (Head Coach)	Club:	
Name: Team Managed /	Umpirein	
Coached:	Chief's	
Opposition Team:	Name:	

<b>GAME SITUATION AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT:</b>		
Inning	Score	In favour of
Outs		

**DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED RESULTING IN A PROTEST:**

**SPECIFICALLY STATE THE RULE INTERPRETATION BEING PROTESTED:**

Report delivered by: (circle one) Mail Hand	Fax Courier	Email
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Signed	Dated	/	/
Signed	Dated	/	/

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE LEAGUE:**

**Convening Panel Members:**

Signed	Dated
Signed	Dated

