



Softball SA Inc
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK

68th Senior State Championships
25th Junior State Championships
25th – 28th January 2024

DIAMOND SPORTS PARK, BARRATT RESERVE,
WEST BEACH ROAD, WEST BEACH

Softball SA Inc. MANAGEMENT

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SOFTBALL SA LIFE MEMBERS

1950 Miss E Summers*	1976 Miss R Adey OAM*	2009 Mrs R Robinson
1951 Miss J Irwin*	1977 Miss N Whittingham	2009 Mrs H Baker
1958 Mrs K Correll	1982 Mr L Tyler OAM	2012 Mr N Lawrance
1961 Miss K Sims*	1987 Mrs L Brown OAM	2012 Ms L Rattigan
1962 Mrs O Radloff*	1989 Miss V Scarman*	2014 Mrs T Connolly
1963 Miss M Parslow*	1993 Mr R Coombe*	2017 Mr L Hull*
1969 Mrs L Mildren	2002 Mr A McAuliffe	2019 Mrs J Dale
1972 Mrs M Pollard*	2003 Mrs L Birks	2019 Mr D Roberts
1975 Miss J Cahill	2005 Mrs J Williams	
1975 Miss M Laing*	2008 Mr K Sampson	(*deceased)

HALL OF FAME

Ms R Adey OAM*
Ms J Cheesman
Ms M Laing*
Ms K Maloney
Ms B Phillips
Ms J Stevens
Ms L White

2009 Inductees

Mrs B Bawden
Mrs T Connolly
Mr A McAuliffe
Mrs D Mason *
Mrs M Pollard*
Ms R Strapps
Ms N Whittingham

Mrs L Brown OAM
Mrs J Dale
Mr J McAuliffe
Ms L Martin
Mrs K Sims*

2019 Inductees

Annette Fidge
Damien McCauley
Lindy Rattigan

Wess Frances
Melissa McGie

Neville Lawrance
Tracey Freeman

Official Welcome from the Softball SA Chair

With great excitement and anticipation, we extend a warm welcome to all participants, officials, and spectators joining us for the 2024 South Australia Softball State Championship. This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the 68th Senior and 25th Junior state championships. It is a joyous occasion that brings together the finest in South Australian softball, uniting generations of players and fans in the spirit of camaraderie and competition.

In a remarkable twist of history, this championship is the first combined event since 1998. This gathering is especially poignant as the Juniors are set to return to CDSA/NAMSA in 2025, making this event a memorable chapter in South Australian softball history.

A staggering 48 teams will converge on the diamonds, transforming this championship into a grand spectacle of talent and skill for all ages. As players step onto the field, officials take their positions, and spectators gather to witness the unfolding matches, we wish every one of you the best of luck.

During this championship, we are also thrilled to host the 13th Emmsee Sports Home Run Derby, a showcase of power and skill that adds an extra layer of excitement to the festivities. To all participants in this thrilling event, good luck, swing for the fences, and may your home runs be celebrated by cheers echoing across the diamonds.

As the games commence and the stories unfold, let the 2024 South Australia Softball State Championship be a testament to the passion, dedication, and joy that define our beloved sport. Best wishes to all those participating – may your efforts on the field be rewarded with success and unforgettable memories.

Peter Williams
Chair
Softball SA

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Be a positive role model for Softball.
2. Play within the competition conditions, rules and in the spirit of fair play.
3. Respect opposition players and officials and treat them with proper regard for their rights, obligations and position held in Softball or the community.
4. Refrain from offensive or abusive language and gestures
5. Accept victory and defeat with dignity.
6. Comply with Umpiring decisions in a professional manner.
7. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene and appearance.
8. Co-operate with all official requests to promote and market Softball in a professional manner.
9. Obey the laws of the State in which the Championship is held.
10. Behave with dignity and respect when in public places.



**Spacequake Sports will be livestreaming the
A Grade Men's and Women's finals.**

**For the comfort and health of participants and visitors,
we thank you for observing Diamond Sports SA as a
Non-Smoking and Non-Vaping venue.**



We are a  goodSPORTS club

GENERAL INFORMATION

MANAGER'S MEETING –will both be held in the Clubrooms, downstairs

- **Friday Morning – 7:00am (please note: Teams playing Thursday night, your meeting is Thursday at 5:30pm)**
- Each team must be represented at the Managers' Meetings by the Team Manager and/or a Team Coach (preferably both).
- Manager's packs will be handed out, including scorecards.
- Please register any Home Run Derby participants here.
- Supply any changes to the list of playing and coaching personnel.
- These persons must be financial and registered with SSA.
- Those persons named are the only ones permitted on the bench.
- Liaise with the TCU to ascertain the team's umpiring duties.

GROUND'S (Diamonds 1 and 2)

There is to be no warmups on the skinned surfaces between games to allow time for maintenance. Teams allocated games on Diamonds 1 and 2 must assist the maintenance of the 'skinned' infield surface. This is for the optimal playing conditions (you can assist by sweeping/raking/levelling). Sprinklers will be activated once the maintenance is done.

Pitchers must use the designated areas to warm up.

PARKING

Parking is available along the formal carpark and behind lacrosse clubrooms. The area behind the Indoor Training Facility is for Softball SA and Baseball SA staff only.

Disability parking and emergency services vehicles only in the staff parking (in front of the office).

CAUTION: Giants Baseball is on this weekend; foul balls have done damage to cars parked in the staff car park. No liability will be taken by Diamond Sports SA for any damage done to vehicles parked during sporting events.

2023 RESULTS

24th JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY RIVERLAND

UNDER 18 GIRLS

CHAMPIONS: Hills

UNDER 18 BOYS

CHAMPIONS: NAMSA

UNDER 16 GIRLS

CHAMPIONS: West Torrens

UNDER 14 BOYS

CHAMPIONS: Hills

UNDER 14 GIRLS

CHAMPIONS: CDSA

UNDER 12 MIXED

JOINT CHAMPIONS: CDSA and CDSA*

*U12 Mixed GF was a tie with both teams from CDSA.

67th SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A GRADE WOMEN

CHAMPIONS: Hills

MVP*: Alicia Peters (Adel)

*Kathleen Sims Memorial Trophy

A GRADE MEN

CHAMPIONS: Hills

MVP: James Goslett (Hills)

B GRADE WOMEN

CHAMPIONS: GDSA

B GRADE MEN

CHAMPIONS: Vikings

C GRADE WOMEN

CHAMPIONS: GDSA

C GRADE MEN

CHAMPIONS: NAMSA

D GRADE WOMEN

CHAMPIONS: GDSA

12TH EMMSEE SPORTSWEAR HOMERUN DERBY

Men: Axel Westren-Schapel (Hills)

*Women's division was a washout.

67th SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (cont.)

TEAMS OF THE YEAR

MEN		
PITCHER	JARRYD FARRELL	HILLS
PITCHER	JAMES GOSLETT	HILLS
CATCHER	ALEX HOPTON	HILLS
1ST	TROY HARRISON	RIVERLAND
2ND	SAM WILLIAMS	HILLS
3RD	MARK STEPHENS	VIKINGS
SS	KRIS TAYLOR	RIVERLAND
OF	KEIRAN CLAYTON	RIVERLAND
OF	ANGUS WILSON	HILLS
OF	TYLER RENKEN	NAMSA
UT	COOPER GOODMAN	HILLS
UT	JOSH GOODMAN	HILLS
COACH	JO HARVEY	HILLS

WOMEN		
PITCHER	CRYSTINE KISTNER	HILLS
PITCHER	HAYLEY MAYER	CDSA
CATCHER	BROOKE BETHUNE	CDSA
1ST	BECKY HAVIS	ADEL
2ND	TAHLIA LAROSA	HILLS
3RD	ALICIA PETERS	ADEL
SS	JEMMA LARKIN	CDSA
OF	BRONWYN PENDLETON	CDSA
OF	MADI ROCHER	HILLS
OF	RITA MEIJER	CDSA
UT	TYLER AASLAND	HILLS
UT	ZOE THOMSON	HILLS
COACH	MEGAN WILLIAMS	HILLS

OTHER INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF: The Tournament Chief Umpire, Steve Wallace-Yarrow, will be located in the Umpires Sign-On Room or Lacrosse.

- Umpires are required to report to the TCU prior to the commencement of each game.
- It is compulsory for each team entered to provide one full time plate umpire as a condition of entry.

PRESENTATIONS: Will be held on Diamond 1 as soon as practical after completion of the last game, approximately 3:30pm on Sunday 28th. We ask you to assemble as soon as possible and for division winning teams to sit/stand with their teams on the softball diamond. Medals for the winning teams in each grade will be presented, followed by the Team of the Year and then MVP.

Winners are asked to come forward to receive their award, then make their way to the photographer.

FIRST AID: Sport Trainer Services will once again be providing First Aid to all persons attending the Championships. Please note if attending first aid for strapping, players are required to provide their own tape, or they can purchase tape from first aid specifically for strapping.

PRODUCTS FOR SALE: Emmsee Sportswear will have a comprehensive range of softball equipment for sale from the outlet located on Barratt Reserve opposite the clubrooms.

FOOD SERVICES: Will be available from and around the clubrooms.

BAR FACILITIES: No alcohol is permitted to be consumed anywhere other than the designated area & the bringing of alcohol onto the licensed premises is prohibited. **ALCOHOL DISCOVERED IN CONTRAVENTION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CONFISCATED.** Patrons are reminded that serving or providing liquor to persons under the age of 18 years is an offence under the law and is strictly prohibited.

BEHAVIOUR: Please ensure that all present understand that any inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated. If you observe any bad behaviour, please bring it to the attention of the Championship committee, or any board member. PLEASE NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

SMOKING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: Diamond Sports SA is a non-smoking/non-vaping venue and there is to be no consumption of alcohol outside of the licensed area. The venue has a strict no 'BYO' policy. Penalties apply.

SERVICES

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Vivien Bing: Sports Trainer Services

Sports Trainer Services will be at the venue daily – 1/2 hour before the start of the first game until the completion of the last game each day.

First Aid staff will be located behind the Diamond 1 Grandstand near the clubrooms.

Ice may be provided by Sports Trainer Services for injuries sustained during play.

If pre-game taping is required you must provide your own tape.

DO NOT RING THE AMBULANCE UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY

If an injury is sustained, please **FIRST** contact the first aid team on site.

Should an ambulance be required for an injury, the first aid officer will call on your behalf.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police	131 444
Ambulance	000
Fire	000

TAXIS

Suburban Taxis	131 008
13Cabs	132 227
Adelaide Independent Taxis	132 211

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Royal Adelaide Hospital	Lot 14 North Terrace Adelaide	08 7074 0000
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	28 Woodville Road Woodville South	08 8222 6000
Modbury Hospital	Smart Road Modbury	08 8161 2000
Lyell McEwin Hospital	Haydown Road Elizabeth Vale	08 8182 9000
Women's and Childrens Hospital	72 King William Road North Adelaide	08 8161 7000

PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Calvary Hospital (24 hrs)	120 Angas Street Adelaide	08 8227 7000
St Andrews Hospital	350 South Terrace Adelaide	08 8408 2111
Emergency Service (8am – 10pm)	Adelaide	
Ashford Hospital	55 Anzac Highway Ashford	8375 5222
Emergency Service (8am – 10pm)		

SPORTS CLINICS

Doctors, Sports Physicians, Physio

SPORTSMED SA	Weekend Injury Clinic	08 8130 1222
Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm	32 Payneham Road	
Sat 8am – 2pm	Stepney	
Sun 10am – 2pm		

13TH ANNUAL

HOME RUN ★ DERBY ★



WOMEN'S & MEN'S DIVISIONS
2 PLAYERS PER DIVISION PER ASSOCIATION (MAX)
NOMINATIONS DUE AT MANAGERS MEETING

BARRATT RESERVE **DIAMOND 1**
6.30PM - FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

13TH EMMSEE HOME RUN DERBY

The Emmsee Sports Homerun derby will take place during the Softball SA State Championships Tournament Friday evening at 6:30pm on Softball Diamond 1. All players are expected to show up on time in uniform. Late players will not be eligible to join. Names of those competing will be required at the managers meeting. Two batters per division per association (listed players) only.

ROUNDS

Round 1

Each batter will have 5 swings with a maximum of 8 pitches.
The top half of the batters will advance to the following round.

Round 2 (total number of homeruns will accumulate)

Each batter will have 5 swings with a maximum of 8 pitches.
The top two batters will advance to the final round.

Final Round (total number of homeruns will start over)

Each batter will have 5 swings with a maximum of 8 pitches.
The batter with the most homeruns for this round wins.

RULES

- Each association can have a maximum of two males and two females compete.
- All competitors must be on official team rosters.
- Batters do not have to swing at every pitch but will only get 8 pitches per round.
- Any hit, missed swing, foul ball, or tip is counted as a swing.
- A homerun will have to clear the fence in fair territory to count.
- Men must hit over the 230ft fence. Women must hit over a 200ft line (marked by cones).
- Balls will be provided by Softball SA.
- Players may use their own bats at the approval of the judges.
- Batters may select their own pitchers. However, once a pitcher is selected, you may not switch pitchers.
- Pitchers can pitch, toss, hurl, bowl, lob, throw the ball but must be behind/around the supplied net.
- The winner of the final wins the major prize (donated by Emmsee Sports).

SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

1. MANAGEMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1.1 There shall be a Tournament Committee and this committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the Championship.
- 1.2 The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Convenor, the Tournament Chief Umpire, and Technical Delegate. Other persons may be co-opted during the Championship to assist as required.
- 1.3 All members of the Tournament Committee must be present at the grounds for the Championship. Any member who finds it necessary to absent themselves from the grounds must advise all other members of the committee the estimated duration of their absence and nominate a proxy to act on their behalf.
- 1.4 During the Championship, the Tournament Committee has the authority to act on any matter not covered by these rules.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 As per the SSA Regulations: Attachment 3 GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 6.1 – 6.5 (unless otherwise arranged)
- 2.2 Each participating team may have a playing roster comprising of a maximum of fifteen (15) players, and any number of officials as they deem necessary.
- 2.3 Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players to take the diamond to commence a legal game. Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players to complete their game. Automatic out rule does not apply.

*Please note that the DP/Flex may not be used by teams with less than 10 players. If using the DP/ Flex, it must be in accordance with the current rules according to the Softball Australia Rule Book.
(Umpires to confirm this at Tech Meeting).

3. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Each team shall supply its own uniforms, playing equipment, bench, and shade requirements.



4. BALLS

- 4.1 Balls for use during the Championship will be provided by, and remain the property of, SSA.
- 4.2 The standard 12 inch, Easton 888, ball will be used for the State Championships. Easton 804 will be used in U12 Mixed and U14 Girls.
- 4.3 Balls will be managed by the plate umpire and MUST be returned to the umpire at the end of each game.

5. GROUNDS

- 5.1 Before the start of the Championship the TCU shall undertake a safety inspection of the grounds. The TCU shall advise the convenor or his/her representative of changes or repairs to be made (if any).

6. GAME DURATION

- 6.1 Games shall be of 70 minutes duration (completing the batter in the box) from the scheduled starting time, with 20 minutes between games.
- 6.2 A regulation game requires a minimum of 3 completed innings or 45 minutes playing time.
- 6.3 The score will stand from the last completed/even inning unless the team second at bat has scored more runs than the team first at bat or has tied the score in their half of the inning.
- 6.4 No new innings to start with less than 5 minutes remaining (this refers to the start of a new innings not the bottom half of an innings).
- 6.5 The finals shall be played for 70 minutes with no new innings commencing once 65 minutes have elapsed and with even innings being competed if required to get a result. Should the scores still be tied, the next innings will be a tie breaker with the person scheduled to bat 9th (last) in that half inning being placed on second base. The same shall apply for the second tiebreaker but should a third or subsequent tiebreaker be required, the runner will be placed on third.

7. SUSPENSION OF PLAY

- 7.1 In the advent of adverse weather the Tournament Committee shall decide whether.
 - 7.1.1 A game shall commence or be delayed,
 - 7.1.2 A game shall be abandoned.
- 7.2 Any game abandoned will be scored as a 0 – 0 draw where:
 - 7.2.1 The game is abandoned at the scheduled starting time;
 - 7.2.2 More than 25 minutes elapse before the game can start;
 - 7.2.3 Less than 45 minutes or three (3) innings can be played.
- 7.3 The SAL Hot Weather Guidelines will apply.

8. RUN LIMIT

- 8.1 There shall be a seven (7) runs per inning limit for all games.
- 8.2 If the team batting first leads by more than seven (7) runs with less than five (5) minutes to play the umpire will call "Time and Game".

9. DIAMONDS

- 9.1 Non-enclosed diamonds - Normal pass ball and overthrow rules will apply, i.e., ball is "dead".
- 9.2 Partially enclosed diamonds (with back net only) - If the ball hits the net and bounces back into play then the ball is "live". If the ball goes under the net, or passes over the pass ball line, then the ball is "dead".
- 9.3 Fully enclosed diamonds - Normal out of play rules for enclosed diamonds will apply.

10. BENCHES

- 10.1 The first named team in the playing schedule is HOME TEAM and shall occupy 3rd base bench and field first.

11. WARM-UP

- 11.1 Each team may have a five (5) minute warm-up on the diamond for their first scheduled game of the day only, excluding the Grand Final. **Provided there is no ground maintenance in progress.**
- 11.2 The warm-up, when taken, shall be as follows:
 - 11.2.1 First base teams must commence their warm-up eleven (11) minutes

before the scheduled commencement of the game. Third base teams must begin their warm-up six (6) minutes before the game, with the last minute for the pitcher's warm up to commence. Do not wait for the appearance of the plate umpire to inform you of your time to start your warm-up.

12. SCORECARDS / LINE-UP SHEETS

- 12.1 The team designated as the first base team (AWAY TEAM) shall be provided with the scorecard for the game. Their scorer must complete their side and hand the scorecard to the third base team at least ten minutes before the commencement of the game.
- 12.2 The winning team shall hand the scorecard into the designated area within 15 minutes of the cessation of the game unless the team has a back-to-back double header, in which case the scorecard is to be returned within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the second game.
- 12.3 In the case of a draw the first base team shall be responsible for the return of the card to the designated area.
- 12.4 Premiership points will not be awarded to teams that fail to hand the scorecard in within the required time.

13. DESIGNATED RUNNER

- 13.1 A Designated Runner rule does NOT apply to this Championship.

14. DECLARATION RULE

- 14.1 A Declaration Rule does NOT apply to this Championship.

15. CATCHER/PITCHER SPEED UP RULE

- 15.1 The catcher/pitcher speed-up rule applies to this Championship.
 - 15.1.1 In the event that the catcher/pitcher of record from the previous inning is on base when there are two outs, the catcher MUST be replaced on base by a Temporary Runner (TR). It is optional to replace the pitcher.
 - 15.1.2 The TR may act as a runner for the catcher/pitcher until they have scored, or the third out – whichever occurs first – at which time the catcher/pitcher will return to the game.
 - 15.1.3 The TR must be an eligible player on the Line-Up Card and not one of the next four batters or the Flex. An eligible player is defined as someone

listed on the Line-Up Card submitted to the TCU or plate umpire and has not been deemed removed and ineligible under Softball Australia Playing Rules.

- 15.1.4 The plate umpire must be notified that a TR is entering the game.
- 15.1.5 If the TR is not used, reported or the incorrect player is used this is a correctable situation.
- 15.1.6 Any statistics accrued by the TR while they are in the game are credited to that player.

16. METAL CLEATS

Metal cleats are only permitted in Women's A Grade and Mens competitions. Pitchers are not permitted to wear metal cleats on the pitching mats in any grade on any Barratt Reserve diamond.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 There will be no protests at this Championship.
- 17.2 Teams may question an umpire's call, but any decision reached is final and must be accepted.
 - 17.2.1 Greenshirt umpires cannot be approached by a coach or player with a decision query under any circumstances.

GREENSHIRT UMPIRES - Non-compliance with the protocols regarding these developing umpires will be severely dealt with.

18. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOTES

- 18.1 There will be no Most Valuable Player votes awarded by the umpires.
 - 18.1.1 Voting for Most Valuable Player Awards is to be undertaken by the opposing team's coach who shall vote only for players in the opposition team. Votes are 3, 2, and 1.
- 18.2 Voting only in A grade competition (Mens and Women's). Men's 'Pool games' are not included.
- 18.3 Completed voting slips are to be returned to the designated area within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the game unless the team has a back-to-back double header, in which case the slips for both games are to be returned within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the second game.

18.4 No votes will be given in Finals.

19. INTENTIONAL WALK

19.1 There will be no Intentional Walk at the Junior State Championships.

19.2 Senior teams in the Championship may only use the Intentional Walk rule on one (1) occasion per team per game.

19.3 The Plate Umpire officiating in each game shall take note as to when each team uses their one permitted Intentional Walk per game and shall disallow any further requests by the defensive team to use the Intentional Walk.

20. POSITIONS FOR FINALS AND RESOLUTION OF TIES

20.1 The following procedures will determine the position of teams for the Final Standings at the completion of the round robin and resolve such positions in the event of a tie between two or more teams.

20.2 Two (2) points shall be awarded for each win in the round robin and one (1) point for each tied game in the round robin.

20.3 A tie exists when two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the round robin games.

20.4 A tie shall be resolved by following the undermentioned procedures:

20.4.1 If two or more teams are tied on points, the team with the least runs against for the entire round robin shall take the higher position.

20.4.2 In the case that two teams are tied on points and runs against, the team that won the first-round robin game between those two teams shall take the higher ladder position.

20.4.2.1 In the event that the first game played between those two teams in the round robin ended in a drawn game, then the higher-ranking team shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

20.4.3 If three teams are tied on points and runs against, the head-to-head results played between those three teams in the first round of the round robin shall be considered. Where one team has won both games against the other two teams it is tied with in the first round of the round robin, this team takes the higher ladder position. The two ladder positions between the remaining two tied teams would be determined by the head-to-head games between those two teams in the first round. (See above).

20.4.4 In the case that three or more teams are tied on points and runs against and the teams can't be separated by the head-to-head results in the first round, e.g. each team has the same number of wins, or drawn games, against the other teams they are tied with in the games played against each other, the positions will be determined by the final standings at the end of the first round of the round robin (with points, then runs against as the determining factors).

20.4.5 If these teams are still tied (three or more teams tied on points, runs against, can't be separated by head-to-head results in the first round and are tied on points and runs against at the end of the first round) then the teams that are tied will have their team names placed in a hat and drawn out in positional order.

21. DISRUPTIONS

21.1 Where there has been a major disruption to a Championship the determination of the winner of the Championship shall be left to the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate. However, it may be determined that insufficient games have been played to declare a winner.

21.2 The following guidelines are for the assistance of the Tournament Committee:

21.2.1 Every attempt should be made to determine a winner through the playing of games, subject to the safety of participants.

21.2.2 In the case of a single round robin, if the round cannot be completed the winner should be decided on the games played. However, consideration must be given to the number of games each team has played.

21.2.3 In the case of a double round robin and the first round has been completed but the second round cannot be completed, the winner would be the team leading on points at the completion of the first round. If the first round has not been completed the winner should be decided on the games played. However, consideration must be given to the number of games each team has played.

21.2.4 If the finals series cannot be played or completed, the winner will be the team leading on points at the end of the round robin, regardless of whether it is a single or double round robin and regardless of the format of the finals series being played.

21.2.5 If teams are equal on points at the completion of the round robin, refer to the procedures set out in Rule 20.

22. EJECTION OF PLAYERS / OFFICIALS

22.1 An officiating umpire may report a player or official for offensive conduct or language any time after a game has been called, in which case the reported player or official shall be treated as though the reported offence had occurred during the game.

22.2 Any player or official ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behaviour will automatically receive a one match suspension. The Affiliated Association that holds the primary registration must proceed to act in accordance with their own Rules and By-laws for ejections.

23. PITCHING DISTANCE

Pitching distance will be as follows:

A/B Grade Women	43ft	Men	46ft
C/D Grade Women	40ft		
U16 Girls	40ft	U14 Boys	40ft
U14 Girls	40ft	U12 Mixed	35ft



JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18

The Championships will be played in accordance with the provisions of the current Official Softball Playing Rules unless varied by anything contained in these Championship Rules.

1. MANAGEMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1.1 There shall be a Tournament Committee and this committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the Championship.
- 1.2 The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Convenor, the Tournament Chief Umpire, and Technical Delegate. Other persons may be co-opted during the Championship to assist as required.
- 1.3 All members of the Tournament Committee must be present at the grounds for the Championship. Any member who finds it necessary to absent themselves from the grounds must advise all other members of the committee the estimated duration of their absence and nominate a proxy to act on their behalf.
- 1.4 During the Championship, the Tournament Committee, in conjunction with the Technical Delegate, has the authority to act on any matter not covered by these rules.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Players may only play for the Association or Adelaide Club (Junior State Championships only) that holds their primary registration - i.e. affiliate players on permit to a Club in the Adelaide Competition are not eligible to play for an Adelaide team but only for the Association from which they have not been officially cleared. Additionally, players playing in an Association competition on permit from an Adelaide Club/other Association are not eligible to play for their permitted Association/ Adelaide Club (Junior State Championships only) at the State Championships.

- 2.2 Players and officials must be registered with an Affiliated Association or an Adelaide Competition Club at least 28 days before the commencement of the Championship.
- 2.3 Each participating team may have a playing roster comprising of a maximum of fourteen (14) players, and any number of officials as they deem necessary.
- 2.4 The date of birth for all Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 (Junior Championship) must be stated. The age qualification for the Junior State Championship is that all players must be a minimum of 10 years of age as at 31 December in the year prior to the Championship. Any false information will result in a forfeit of all games played in which the offending player has participated.
- 2.5 Teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players to take the diamond to commence a legal game. Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players to complete their game. Automatic out rule does not apply.

3. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Each team shall supply its own playing equipment.

4. BALLS

- 4.1 Balls for use during the Championship will be provided by, and remain the property of, SSA.
- 4.2 The standard 12 inch (30.5cm) ball will be used for the Under 16 and up. Competition and the standard 11 inch (27.9cm) ball will be used for Under 12 and Under 14 competition at the Junior State Championship.
- 4.3 Balls will be managed by the plate umpire and MUST be returned to the umpire at the end of each game.

5. GROUNDS

- 5.1 Before the start of the Championship the TCU shall undertake a safety inspection of the grounds. The TCU shall advise the convenor or his/her representative of changes or repairs to be made (if any).

6. GAME DURATION

- 6.1 Games shall be of 70 minutes duration (completing the batter in the box) from the scheduled starting time, with 20 minutes between games.
- 6.2 A regulation game requires a minimum of 3 completed innings or 45 minutes playing time.
- 6.3 The score will stand from the last completed/even inning, unless the team second at bat has scored more runs than the team first at bat or has tied the score in their half of the inning.
- 6.4 No new innings to start with less than 5 minutes remaining (this refers to the start of a new innings not the bottom half of an innings).
- 6.5 The Grand Finals shall be played for 70 minutes with no new innings commencing once 65 minutes have elapsed and with even innings being completed if required to get a result. Should the scores still be tied, the next innings will be a tie breaker with the same person scheduled to bat 9th (last) in that half inning being placed on second base. The same shall apply for the second tiebreaker but should a third or subsequent tiebreaker be required, the runner will be placed on third.

7. SUSPENSION OF PLAY

- 7.1 In the advent of adverse weather the Tournament Committee shall decide whether
- 7.1.1 A game shall commence or be delayed,
- 7.1.2 A game shall be abandoned.
- 7.2 Any game abandoned will be scored as a 0 - 0 draw where:
- 7.2.1 The game is abandoned at the scheduled starting time;
- 7.2.2 More than 15 minutes elapse before the game can start;
- 7.2.3 Less than 45 minutes or three (3) innings can be played.
- 7.3 The SAL Hot Weather Guidelines will apply.

8. RUN LIMIT

- 8.1 There shall be a seven (7) runs per inning limit for all games.
- 8.2 If the team batting first leads by more than seven (7) runs with less than five (5) minutes to play the umpire will call "Time and Game".

9. DIAMONDS

- 9.1 Non-enclosed diamonds - Normal pass ball and overthrow rules will apply, i.e. ball is "dead".
- 9.2 Partially enclosed diamonds (with back net only) - If the ball hits the net and bounces back into play then the ball is "live". If the ball goes under the net, or passes over the pass ball line, then the ball is "dead".
- 9.3 Fully enclosed diamonds - Normal out of play rules for enclosed diamonds will apply.

10. BENCHES

- 10.1 The first named team in the playing schedule is HOME TEAM and shall occupy third base bench and field first.

11. WARM-UP

- 11.1 Each team may have a five (5) minute warm-up on the diamond for their first scheduled game of the day only. excluding the Grand Final. Provided there is no ground maintenance in progress
- 11.2 The warm-up, when taken, shall be as follows:-
 - 11.2.1 First base teams must commence their warm up eleven (11) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the game. Third base teams must begin their warm up six (6) minutes before the game, with the last minute for the pitcher's warm up to commence.
Do not wait for the appearance of the plate umpire to inform you of your time to start your warm-up.

12. SCORECARDS / LINE-UP SHEETS

- 12.1 The team designated as the first base team (AWAY TEAM) shall be provided with the scorecard for the game. Their scorer must complete their side and hand the scorecard to the third base team **at least ten minutes before the commencement of the game**. The plate umpire shall check both books with the scorecard, and then hold the scorecard for the duration of the game. The umpire will enter any substitutions as the game progresses.
- 12.2 The winning team shall hand the scorecard into the designated area within 15 minutes of the cessation of the game unless the team has a back-to-back double header, in which case the scorecard is to be returned within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the second game.
- 12.3 In the case of a draw the first base team shall be responsible for the return of the card to the designated area.
- 12.4 Premiership points will not be awarded to teams that fail to hand the scorecard in within the required time.

13. DESIGNATED RUNNER

- 13.1 A Designated Runner rule does NOT apply to this Championship.

14. DECLARATION RULE

- 14.1 A Declaration Rule does NOT apply to this Championship.

15. CATCHER SPEED UP RULE

- 15.1 The catcher speed up rule applies to this Championship.
- 15.1.1 In the event that the catcher becomes a runner by safely getting on base after two outs have been made in that innings, or the second out is made while the catcher is on base, she/he must be replaced on base by another eligible player.
- 15.1.2 The replacing eligible player can be any player on the team roster, regardless of whether or not they are in the line-up at the time.
- 15.1.3 If using a player in the current line-up as the eligible replacing player, that player must not be one of the next four (4) batters in the line-up.
- 15.1.4 The replacement of the catcher in this instance is not a substitution but it must be brought to the attention of the umpire by calling time.
- 15.1.5 This is an appeal play that can be brought to the umpire's attention at any time the catcher is on base with two (2) outs. The effect for the offensive team is that it is a correctable offence with the umpire ensuring that an eligible runner will replace the catcher.

16. METAL CLEATS

Metal cleats cannot be worn by any player at the Junior State Championships.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 There will be no protests at this Championship.
- 17.2 Teams may question an umpire's rule not a judgement call, any decision reached is final and must be accepted.
- 17.2.1 Greenshirt umpires cannot be approached by a coach or player with a decision query under any circumstances.

18. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOTES

- 18.1 There will be no Best Player votes awarded.

19. INTENTIONAL WALK

- 19.1 There will be no Intentional Walk at the Junior State Championships.

20. POSITIONS FOR FINALS AND RESOLUTION OF TIES

- 20.1 The following procedures will determine the position of teams for the Final Standings at the completion of the round robin and resolve such positions in the event of a tie between two or more teams.
- 20.2 Two (2) points shall be awarded for each win in the round robin and one (1) point for each tied game in the round robin.
- 20.3 A tie exists when two or more teams have the same number of points and same number of runs against at the completion of the round robin games.
- 20.4 A tie shall be resolved by following the undermentioned procedures:
 - 20.4.1 In the case that two teams are tied on points and runs against the team that won the first round robin game between those two teams shall take the higher ladder position.
 - 20.4.2 In the event that the first game played between those two teams in the round robin ended in a drawn game, then the higher ranking team shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
 - 20.4.3 If three teams are tied on points and runs against, the head-to-head results played between those three teams in the first round of the round robin shall be considered. Where one team has won both games against the other two teams it is tied with in the first round of the round robin, this team takes the higher ladder position. The two ladder positions between the remaining two tied teams would be determined by the head-to-head games between those two teams in the first round. (See above).
 - 20.4.4 In the case that three or more teams are tied on points and runs against and the teams can't be separated by the head-to-head results in the first round, e.g. each team has the same number of wins, or drawn games, against the other teams they are tied with in the games played against each other, the positions will be determined by the final standings at the end of the first round of the round robin (with points, then runs against as the determining factors).

- 20.4.5 If these teams are still tied (three or more teams tied on points, runs against, can't be separated by head-to-head results in the first round and are tied on points and runs against at the end of the first round) then the teams that are tied will have their team names placed in a hat and drawn out in positional order.

21. DISRUPTIONS

- 21.1 Where there has been a major disruption to a Championship the determination of the winner of the Championship shall be left to the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Technical Delegate. However, it may be determined that insufficient games have been played to declare a winner.
- 21.2 The following guidelines are for the assistance of the Tournament Committee:
- 21.2.1 Every attempt should be made to determine a winner through the playing of games, subject to the safety of participants.
- 21.2.2 In the case of a single round robin, if the round cannot be completed the winner should be decided on the games played. However, consideration must be given to the number of games each team has played.
- 21.2.3 In the case of a double round robin and the first round has been completed but the second round cannot be completed, the winner would be the team leading on points at the completion of the first round. If the first round has not been completed the winner should be decided on the games played. However, consideration must be given to the number of games each team has played.
- 21.2.4 If the finals series cannot be played or completed, the winner will be the team leading on points at the end of the round robin, regardless of whether it is a single or double round robin and regardless of the format of the finals series being played.
- 21.2.5 If teams are equal on points at the completion of the round robin, refer to the procedures set out in Rule 20.

22. EJECTION OF PLAYERS/ OFFICIALS

- 22.1 Any player or official ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behaviour will automatically receive a further one match suspension. Further, the Affiliated Association that holds the primary registration must proceed to take action in accordance with their own Rules and By-laws for ejections.
- 22.2 An officiating umpire may report a player or official for offensive conduct or language any time after a game has been called until all players, officials and umpires have left the diamond, in which case the reported player or official shall be treated as though the reported offence had occurred during the game.

23. PITCHING DISTANCE

Pitching distance will be as follows:

U18 Girls	43ft	u18 Boys	46ft
U16 Girls	40ft	U16 Boys	46ft
U14 Girls	40ft	U14 Boys	40ft
U12 Mixed	35ft		

JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MODBALL

(UNDER 12) RULES

PRINCIPLES

- Modball intends to provide opportunity for players to learn the game of Softball by use of modified rules.
- Enjoyment and learning are equal considerations for child participants in the Modball competition.
- Coaches, parents or other caregivers involved in this competition are expected to model behaviour which demonstrates good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- The Softball SA Member Protection Policy applies.

GENERAL

These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Official Rules of Softball as issued by Softball Australia .

THE TEAMS

- All players shall be under 12 during competition. Permits may be applied for.
- Team numbers can vary from a minimum of 7 and make substitutions during the middle of an inning of Pitcher or injured player only. All other substitutions are to be made prior to the start of a teams fielding innings.
- Each team will have a nominated coach or official who will pitch if the pitcher delivers 3 balls.

1. THE PLAYING FIELD

- 1.1. The field shall be marked as for Softball except:
- (a) The pitcher's plate shall be 35ft from the apex of home plate.
 - (b) The bases shall be positioned 55ft apart.

2. EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 Shoes must be worn by all players. Metal cleats and shoes with screw in studs are not permitted. Moulded cleats are allowed.
- 2.2 Gloves are required for all fielders. Catchers will wear regulation gear including mask, chest plate and leg guards.
- 2.3 Pitchers and infielders will wear a facemask.
- 2.4 Helmets are required for all batters and base runners.
- 2.5 11" balls will be used

3. THE GAME

- 3.1 The length of a game shall be 60 minutes. Divided into 4 x 12.5min quarters.
- 3.2 One innings is completed when each team has batted and fielded.
- 3.3 Batters bat in a set order. All players will be listed in the batting line up and will bat in turn.
- 3.4 A team's turn at bat concludes on the completion of 12.5mins.
- 3.5 There will only be nine defensive players on the field at any one time.
- 3.6 The fielding team must have a pitcher and catcher in regulation positions, with all other fielders positioned as the fielding team chooses, within the field of play.
- 3.7 A pitcher can only pitch for 1 inning before a substitution must be made. There will be no walks. If a pitcher has delivered 3 balls, the coach (or other nominated team official) will pitch to the batter, with the batter retaining their current pitch count, until
 - i) the batter hits a fair ball, or
 - ii) the batter is struck out.
- 3.8 The infield fly or the drop third strike rule, shall not apply.

4. STRIKE ZONE

- 4.1 The space over any part of home plate between the batter's armpit and the bottom of the batter's kneecap when they assume their natural batting stance.

5. MAKING AN OUT

- 5.1 The batter is out when the third strike is called or is swung at and missed. (There is no "dropped third strike" rule)
- 5.2 A base runner is out when they overrun 2nd or 3rd base and a fielder has possession and control of the ball and tagged the runner off the base.

6. STEALING

- 6.1 Stealing bases or advancing on a ball that gets past the catcher is allowed on every base except home.

7. PROTESTS

- 7.1 There shall be no protests in Modball.

8. SCORERS

- 8.1 Must use the official Modball score sheet.
- 8.2 a.) The fielding team scores one (1) point for each out.
b.) The batting team scores one (1) point for each run.

Version History

*Each time amendments to these Junior State Championship Modball Under 12 rules occur, the year and identification of the amendment must be recorded on the table below.

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