



## Melbourne Winter Baseball League – JULY 2011 Bulletin

The MWBL Board would like to keep all members updated with what is happening within our league.

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### MWBL announces Umpire Appreciation Round 2011.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, we will again, as all our teams and clubs did in 2010, recognise the contribution of our umpires to this sport and our league. The game cannot commence or be played without the inclusion of our on-field adjudicators, and for this reason, we will again recognise the contribution of this group of people on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

We will ask that all teams in all senior and junior games take the time out to acknowledge our umpires, both league appointed and club volunteers, by lining up on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base line prior to the game and shake the hands of our officials on the day.

We will provide a file for a flyer to display in your clubroom, as well as information on the MWBL website.

We ask all players, coaches, spectators and club officials to again support this day and show respect and recognition to these very important MWBL members.

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### State Winter Championships.

The 2011 State Winter Championships are almost over (Under 12 & Under 16 carnivals to take place on July 16 / 17), and it is pleasing that our MWBL leagues have performed well, represented their clubs and league showing respect and good sportsmanship, and in the case of the Ringwood & District Under 14 team, taken out the Gold medal. We hope that all teams still to compete have the same success, but if not, enjoy the tournament. A big thank you to the Junior Chairperson for our leagues, Matt Davine and Phil Barclay, who have put a lot of time into assisting with the coordination of these teams, as well as all coaches, managers, scorers and parents who have also committed many hours.

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### Finals Eligibility

As was announced at the start of the 2011 Winter Baseball Season, the eligibility criteria for senior finals has changed. Players must participate in a minimum of 8 rounds for the season, with only 1 game per round counted. As per Rule 24 – Eligibility for Players for Finals Series, some exemptions will be considered through application to the MWBL Pennant Committee. Any application MUST be submitted prior to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. No applications received after this date will be considered.

Junior finals eligibility is for 6 rounds of junior match participation with the exemptions also available as per Match Conditions for 2011. Any exemption applications must be submitted to Phil Barclay (RDJBL) or Matt Davine (DVJBA) by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please ensure for all exemption applications that the rules in place are followed and all applications are received in writing with clear reasons for the exemption to be granted. All decisions made by the MWBL Pennant Committee will be final.



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## Invoices due and overdue

All clubs would have now received their MWBL June and July invoices and unfortunately we still have some outstanding accounts. We do not like fining clubs for late payment, but fines are applicable for overdue accounts. For clubs that are still in arrears in respect to their invoices, unless arrangements have been made with either Anne-Maree Crivelli (MWBL Treasurer) or David Rice, fines for overdue payments will apply. For any club that has not received their June / July invoice, sent via email from David Rice, please contact Anne-Maree or David to request a copy.

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## Combined Junior League Meeting

We are holding a combined RD & DV junior delegates meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Doncaster Baseball Club. This is a chance for all junior coordinators and officials to meet as a group, discuss our junior programs, discuss the winter carnivals that have just completed, and also start the process of a Junior Strategic Planning Committee for 2012 and beyond. We are looking forward to engaging our junior league and club stakeholders and conducting an open and positive meeting to see how we can do the best by our junior teams and players, as well as announcing some positive initiatives for 2012. The meeting will kick off at 7.30pm.

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## My Club Database

As we mentioned at the start of the year, there have been some issues with the My Club Database this season. Most clubs will now have received their BV/ABF invoice from Baseball Victoria. We are recommending that you export a spreadsheet of your current playing list (from My Club) and ensure that the invoice total you have received is correct. If any club requires assistance, Les Flower or Christine Little at Baseball Victoria (9887 6500) can assist.

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## Next Senior Delegates Meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at Greensborough Baseball Club – 8pm.

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On behalf of the MWBL Board, we wish you all the best for the rest of the Winter Baseball Season, and look forward to seeing you at your baseball club throughout the year.

The MWBL 2011 Annual General Meeting will take place at the end of the 2011 Winter Baseball season. As always, Board positions and Pennant committee position may be vacant. Any person interested in taking on a role with the MWBL is encouraged to nominate and attend the 2011 MWBL AGM.