

Bloordale Baseball League

Convenor's Manual

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MOSQUITO CONVENORS

Evaluation

As the convenor of the Mosquito division, you will have ratings for most of your players.

These ratings were submitted at the end of the previous season. Past experience has shown that these ratings may not be the most accurate assessment of how your players will perform in the current season. Of course, all new players to Bloordale will not have any ratings.

With this in mind, you have 3 options.

Option 1: Hold the draft using last seasons ratings with any new players entering the draft as unrated. This is the easiest method, but not the most effective way to form competitive teams.

Option 2: Hold an evaluation day for all new players prior to draft night. This method will mean that there will be no surprises with the new players once they have been drafted and start working out on the diamond.

Option 3: Hold an evaluation day for all of the players in your division. This method is the most time consuming, but will result in up-to-date skills ratings and hopefully a more equal drafting of teams.

If you choose to hold some form of evaluation, please refer to the T-Ball Convenors Supplement for all the details about arranging and carrying out an evaluation.

A little extra work before the season may save you the problem of correcting unfair teams once the games begin.

Clinics

Bloordale will provide the convenor with information about training for coaches or players through personal contact or on the website. As well as these general training options, you may wish to hold a coaches and/or players clinic prior to the start of the season for the participants in your division.

Discuss your options with the executive. There may be experienced coaches (rep or select) who would be willing to lead a coaches or players clinic.



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Diamonds

The Mosquito division at Bloordale uses the Millwood 2 diamond for all of their games.

Please notify your coaches prior to the start of the season that **at no time should any persons involved with Bloordale Baseball park their cars in the apartment visitor parking lot adjacent to the Millwood 2 diamond. Parking is on the street.**

Due to the number of games scheduled at the Mosquito home diamond (houseleague as well as select), coaches may have to hold practices at other Bloordale practice diamonds.

Any team practicing in Millwood Park has the right to use the batting cage located near the Millwood 1 diamond. If 2 teams are practicing on the same night, and both teams wish to use the batting cage, the coaches should discuss a time table for sharing the cage. **Please take care in properly covering the pitching machine and locking the cage when you are finished using it.**

Millwood Park has a washroom on site. The key to the washroom is located in the equipment box of the Millwood 1 diamond. If anyone needs to use the washroom, make sure that it is properly locked up before you leave the park at the end of the day.

Umpiring

Umpiring for the Mosquito division is done by members of our paid umpiring staff. Send the Umpire-in-Chief a copy of your schedule once it is finalized and notify him/her about any changes to the schedule such as cancelled games and re-scheduled games.

The Umpire-in-Chief should also be sent a copy of the rules for your division. These rules should cover things outside of the General Rules of Baseball.

Pitching

At this age, every player is a potential pitcher!

To better develop our young pitchers, Bloordale Baseball has a long standing tradition that 1st year pitchers must be used in 2 of the first 4 innings in every game. Past convenors have made this custom a definite rule for the Mosquito division. It is strongly recommended that you continue this tradition by implementing such a rule yourself.

Talk to previous Mosquito convenors or other members of the executive about what is best for the young players in this division.

