

Bloordale Baseball League

Convenor's Manual

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PEEWEE AND BANTAM CONVENORS

Evaluation

As the convenor of the PeeWee or Bantam 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 if 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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Inter-league Play

As the convenor of the peewee / bantam division you may be faced with a situation where you do not have enough teams to form a viable division. If this occurs, you will have to discuss some form of inter-league play with another Etobicoke based baseball association. During the past few years, Royal York Baseball has been the first choice for this type of schedule. Royal York has a similar season to Bloordale and their diamonds are located close to our neighbourhood.

The convenors of these 2 divisions should make contact with the Royal York convenors at the start of our registration process. The earlier you contact the other league, the easier it will become to fully integrate the divisions.

Keep in close touch with the neighbouring convenor during the registration process as you get a better idea of the number of teams that will be formed in your division.

Diamonds

The PeeWee and Bantam divisions at Bloordale use the Millwood 1 diamond for all their home games. Away games may take place elsewhere if an inter-league division is formed.

Any team practicing in Millwood Park has the right to use the batting cage located near the Millwood 1 diamond. If a Mosquito team is practicing on the same night, and both teams wish to use the batting cage, the coaches should discuss a timetable 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 at Millwood 1. The chalk machine and large rakes are located in the storage area of the women's washroom. If the washroom is unlocked for any reason, make sure that it is properly locked up before you leave the park.

Umpiring

Umpiring for the PeeWee and Bantam divisions 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 of any changes to the schedule such as cancelled and re-scheduled games.

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

