

Bloordale Baseball League

Convenor's Manual

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ROOKIE CONVENORS

Evaluation

As the convenor of the Rookie 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 an accurate assessment of how your players will perform in the current season. Of course, any 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.



Bloordale Baseball League

Convenor's Manual

Equipment

The Rookie division uses some equipment that is unique to this division. This includes the pitching machine and the generator that powers the machine. The special equipment box that contains these 2 items also holds a gas can and extension cord. It is the convenor's responsibility to ensure that the pitching machine and generator are in good working order over the course of the season and that the gas can does not run dry.

The generator is kindly donated to Bloordale by Cycle World as part of their sponsorship. If it seems to be not working properly, you can take the generator down to Cycle World and have them tune it up.

If the pitching machine is not working properly, contact the Equipment Manager to have it repaired. In the event that the machine is out of service, the coaches will have to pitch to the players. (usually to their own team).

Umpiring

Umpiring for the Rookie division, during the regular season, is done by the coaches. The coach that stands at the pitcher position and loads balls into the pitching machine is the umpire and makes calls on all the bases. If your coaches agree that learning, fun and fair play are most important, disputes should not occur.

During the playoffs, you can umpire the games as during the regular season, or you can schedule coaches to umpire games in which their team is not involved. The convenor can also discuss with the Umpire-in-Chief about the possibility of having some of our paid umpire staff do the games. This would be ideal in the later stages of the playoffs.

