



**JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATES MEETING  
SEASON DE-BRIEF  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014  
DSR Conference Room, Vincent Street Leederville**

**CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:**

North	Tanya Takayama, Dawn Kempton - Carine, Graeme Beer - North Coast
West Coast	Bek Duyckers - Wembley, Tina Erdman - West Stirling
South	Rob Read - Braves, Stuart Tyson - Melville District
Coastal Bay	Adam Lamont, Michelle Lewis - Peel, Debra Headley - North Murray, Stuart Johnson, Troy Flynn - Rockingham
East	Ros Oliphant, Craig Austen - Perth, Kevin House, Russell Barnes - Morley
Swan Hills	Marina Brennan, Arnie Noel - Swan Districts, Bill Goddard, Michael Carter - Eastern Hills
Southern Hills	Kelmscott – Kurt Russell
Central	Darryl Hancock, David Adamson - Gosnells, Jes Fitzgerald - Willetton

Apologies: Annaliese Arndt – Kalamunda

LLWA / BWA: David Hayes (DA), Lance MacKichan (CM), Caroline Adamson (Reg), Lachy Dale (GM), Glen Tovey (LLD&P)

Meeting opened: 7:03pm

David Hayes welcomed everyone.

1. Outcomes of LL commission meeting – ABF has signed up for JL with LLI.
  - .1 Confirmed that the age group change (31 December cut-off birthdates) to take effect from 2017-18. It would just make all age groups 1 year younger. There will need to be discussions and decisions made on how this effects club-ball between now and then. Option available to keep club ball age cut off as 1 May but tournament age change is non negotiable.
  - .2 To standardize pitch count for club ball & tournament play, the rule as per Green Book is effective immediately for both.
  - .3 As the Green Book rules pertaining to Junior League are now in play, the LLI rule takes effect in that any LL-aged player that plays JL (even one game) cannot play in a LL tournament team. However this can be mitigated with IL (refer to point 11).
  - .4 National Clearance Policy proposal – ABF wants feedback from each state for this policy. If a player does not change address but moves from one club to another which results in the player also moving charter, the proposal is that the player would be barred from playing in a tournament team for 12 months. This is proposed to mitigate against team stacking. Clubs should prep parents that this may come in 2014-15 season. This does not affect players if they have moved address nor a player who has moved to another club in the same charter. Also, this has no affect on existing players who stay with their existing club. Clubs wishing to voice an opinion on this proposal to email David Hayes ASAP.
  - .5 Tournament coaches must be club members – This has not been previously been enforced, but be aware that Coaches for tournament teams must be active members of your Clubs/Charter.
  - .6 JL tournament pathway – 90 foot diamond size will be used in State Championships, National Championships and International Championships.
  - .7 JL tournaments timing has not currently been resolved. WA will be lobbying to have JL State Championships in the April School Holidays.

- .8 JL70 must be same age group as JL80 to be compliant immediately. As such maximum age for JL70 will be increased to 14 yo this season but clubs and charters will need to be vigilant to ensure that only appropriate 14 yo's are participating in JL70.
- .9 10 team max per charter (JL70 & JL80 combined)- same as LL – charters exceeding 10 teams will need to speak to David Hayes regarding options. Given JL team numbers are so much lower than LL numbers, there is scope for neighbouring charters that have max of 10 teams between them to put in a combined tournament team to JLSC.
- .10 SL / BL roll out planned for 2016 by the ABF – optimistic and likely to be later.
- .11 Intermediate League tournament pathway will be last age group to roll out. However at club ball level we have the option to form IL club teams now. This provides options for LL-ers wanting to play more games and still be eligible for LL tournament teams. Thus clubs have the option of having JL70 (12-14 yo) and / or IL teams (11 to 13 yo). For competition purposes, JL70 and IL teams would play in the same competition. Note that games played in IL teams do not contribute towards the 60% qualification rule for JLSC tournament teams.

## 2. Pre-planning for JLAS from feedback from clubs

- .1 Night games for JLAS.
  - .1 Play two games per fortnight instead of double headers.
  - .2 One game a week prior to a State League Game at Baseball Park.
  - .3 We are negotiating to use two diamonds at Wanneroo on Friday nights.
  - .4 If need to play Sunday, it would only be single headers.
  - .5 Location of game will be determined by who you play to reduce travel.
  - .6 Issues with umpires on Sundays, so this could help.
  - .7 It was suggested from the floor that clubs be allowed to combine with other clubs in their own charters to form teams and this was broadly supported.
  - .8 Format / structure priority is still to ensure teams are matched up against teams of similar standard to produce close, competitive game play.
- .2 JLAS – Clubs agreed to a 90 foot diamond. This will help the players' transition to JLSC.

## 3. Last season club-ball competition

### By-laws discussed:

- .1 Fines structure to be looked into By GM / Board.
- .2 For games with all players batting, no penalty to players leaving the game early because they have to be somewhere else. The line up to close up and the player cannot re-enter the game.
- .3 In the Green LLI Book Tournament rule – With nine batters and all substitutes used up, if there is an injury, the opposition coach can pick a player from the team's bench to re-enter the game. (Page T-16 rule 10).
- .4 Structure – JLAS – JL80 – JL70 / IL
- .5 Fixtures – Please align your JL games to Colts who will be playing on Saturdays as much as possible. This helps families, reduces the workload on clubs and simplifies the process of appointing umpires.
- .6 Timing of JL70 & JL80 games can be different. You do not have to play JL70's on a Saturday, you can move it to another time of the week. They are separate competitions and need to be treated as such.
- .7 Cross charter games are allowed. If you wish them to be considered for home-and-away purposes simply put these into your fixtures document and they will be official games. If you wish to play additional games outside of the charter fixture games, then you just need to let LLWA know for insurance purposes.
- .8 Match reporting (Caroline) – This is currently under review. To be advised at a later time.
- .9 Requirement of a player to play JL80 prior to JLAS no longer needed – 60% qualification rule for JLSC replaces this.

## 4. Last season State Championship

- .1 Tournament rules – as per the green book.
- .2 Format & fixtures to be addressed at a later date. Need to know how many teams are attending the JLSC.
- .3 Comment: the 2014 JLSC was a fantastic carnival.

## 5. Other business

- .1 Charter committee dispensation authority – Discussed under certain circumstances that charter committees have discretion to grant dispensations themselves rather than having to get approval from LLWA. Clubs agree. A by-law will be written up for proposed authority a charter can have and the procedure to follow for notifying LLWA and also what dispensations can be granted.
- .2 Dingo – a Charter based team. Charters can buddy up to make a team. Players that went to LLNC 2014 ineligible. Players cannot turn 14 before the tournament. Teams are to be nominated by 15 August and teams list (which includes registration forms) must be submitted by 15 September.
- .3 Goodwill – is no longer run by LLWA. It is run by BWA. Sue Reid will come out with this information. Dates are 20-24 December. Clubs can enter their own teams. Charters can enter teams. Comment made that 5 days may be too long. Sue to resolve.
- .4 New Competitions Manager appointment JL & LL is Lance Mackichan. He takes over the role done by Rod Bacon.
- .5 SLSC has been discontinued. Not much interest from Clubs.
- .6 Development Plans – Charters need to develop plans to get kids to progress from LL to Colts. Priority of ABF's Pathway Review.
- .7 JL Development & Participation Manager – pending appointment.
- .8 New proposal – JL Lightning Championship
  - Maybe 2 or 3 days in season. Possibly one in December one in January and one in February.
  - Participation tournament for players not selected in LLSC, JLSC or JLAS teams.
  - We will seek expressions of interest for clubs to host a day each – Sundays.
- .9 Proposal from the floor - Suggestions of school based teams. This could be a potential project for the new JL DPM.