

Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club Inc

2020/2021 Baseball Season

Coaches and Managers Information Manual

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We have prepared the following information to assist all coaches and managers during the coming season.

Welcome to all Coaches and Managers

Welcome to Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club Inc!!!

Thank you for your assistance this season. Your contribution and commitment is especially welcome.

This manual has been assembled to help you understand what needs to be done during the course of the season and will assist to answer many of the questions of anyone new to these roles. While the manual is helpful, the Committee is always there to support you when needed, so please don't hesitate to ask for help.

Success as a coach can be measured in a number of ways – it can be by the number of kids who come back to play the following year, and the pleasure they get from playing the great game of baseball. As a coach, you will not only be imparting your knowledge of the game, but also your sense of sportsmanship, and you will be moulding your players' expectations of what it means to be part of a team. Your enthusiasm and your encouragement will have your team turning up each week ready to play.

At Cronulla Sharks Baseball, we also have a number of experienced coaches ready to help with technique and advice. They are willing to help with planning practice sessions or on game day. Please feel free to ask for assistance.

Managers have a critical job in supporting the coach and bringing the team together. The parents will be looking to the manager to keep them informed of what is happening within the team and the club.

Coaching and managing is a rewarding experience, and I know you will enjoy the season ahead.

Tyson Mangioni
President

Good luck and have a great season!

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2 Club Life Members

1983 - Anne Doyle	2019 - Jason Choat
1987 - Trevor Ball	
1996 - Lindsay King	
1996 - Robert Williams	
1997 - Phillip Hollis	
2001 - Susan Hollis	
2003 - Bruce Findlay	
2005 - Peter Barrington	
2009 - Jim Langby	
2014 - Debbie Zuccale	
2015 - Tony Vosnakis	
2016 - Shane Woolbank	
2019 - Alan Delzoppo	

3 Ground Locations

Club	Ground Name	Address
Arncliffe Scots	Phil Austin	Scarborough Park, Off Production Avenue, Kogarah
Bonnet Bay	Tom Evans	End of Washington Drive, Bonnet Bay
Comets	Carol Avenue Jannali	Carol Avenue, Jannali Soldiers Road, Jannali
Cronulla Sharks	Sylvania Waters	Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters
Eastern Suburbs	Pioneers Park	Anzac Parade, Chifley
Giants	Apsley	Apsley Place, Sylvania Waters
Illawong	Barden Ridge Oval	Old Illawarra Road, Barden Ridge
St George	H V Evatt Park	Off Forest Road, Lugarno
St John Bosco	Heathcote Oval	End of Wilson Parade, Heathcote
St Pats	Waratah Park	Rawson Avenue (Old Princes Highway), Sutherland
Yarrawarra	Yarrawarra Reserve	Cnr Wheatley and Giles Roads, Yarrawarra

4 Coaches' Checklist

- Advise all players and parents of training day and time. Ensure all your players are picked up prior to your leaving Sylvania.
- Attend the monthly club meetings held at Taren Point Bowling Club (203 Holt Road, Taren Point) commencing at 7pm and concluding by no later than 7.30pm, and relay all relevant information to your team.
- When the sign at Sylvania says **GROUND CLOSED**, it means the ground has been closed by Sutherland Shire Council. **GROUND CLOSED** means no training. The club will determine if Sylvania (i.e. each diamond, separately) is playable on the Saturday. It's up to your Manager to advise your team if the game is off, so unless you hear from your Manager you are expected to turn up, ready to play.
- On game day, ensure your players have warmed up prior to game time. Warming up is vitally important to prevent injury.
- Check that your players are available to play on Saturday. Ensure they and their parents know the venue and game time.
- When training, make sure all players wear protective equipment, that is protectors (compulsory for 10's up) and helmets (with chin straps) when batting.
- On Game Days, ensure that all players are properly attired in full club uniform including a protector for all players must be worn. These can be obtained from baseball/softball retailers.
- Be ready to start (either batting or fielding) at least 5 minutes prior to game time. This will ensure the game starts on time.
- Following training, and on game day, ensure you have packed all of the gear into the kit – bats, helmets, catcher's gear etc. – and that the kids have collected all of their personal belongings.
- At the end of the game, shake hands with the opposition.
- Remember – it's only a game and the kids are there to enjoy themselves.
- Keep up to date - all relevant club information is available on the website.
- Coach and players to acknowledge supporters for both of the teams, the scorers and the umpires at the conclusion of each game.

5 Managers' Checklist

- Advise all players and parents of training day and time. Ensure all your players are picked up prior to your leaving Sylvania.
- Provide each team member with contact details and team information at the beginning of the season.
- Attend the monthly club meetings held at Taren Point Bowling Club (203m Holt Road, Taren Point) commencing at 7.30pm and concluding by no later than 9.30pm, and relay all relevant information to your team.
- Provide the team with the season's draw and a list of ground locations.
- Advise the team and the parents of any upcoming social events and organise the team and parents to attend.
- Organise for the home ground levy to be paid for at home games. (Refer to item 13 - Home ground levies (umpire fees)). (Junior League and Senior League Teams ONLY)
- Organise a scorer for each game and ensure that the score sheet is completed correctly and signed by the umpire. Organise for the score sheet to be delivered to the Cronulla Sharks canteen by no later than 5.00pm on Saturday. (Refer to item 15 - Match result sheets).
Results must also be sent via Email to the Recorder as soon as possible following each Game - **sharksresults@gmail.com**
- If an injury occurs during a game, record it on the score sheet. Note the time that the injury occurred and all details (eg. John Smith – hit on right hand, swollen finger at approximately 9.25am).
- Keep up to date - all relevant club information is available on the website including the draw and duties roster.
- Ensure all parents are aware of the club's website address of <https://www.sharksbaseball.org.au>
- Organise the parents to assist with duties at home games (eg. canteen, set up/pack up, BBQ etc.)

6 Game times

Tee ball teams are required to be at the ground at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game to warm up.

Baseball teams are required to be at the ground at least 1 hour prior to the start of the game.

A list of Ground Locations can be found on the website.

Division	Early/Late game	Commencement	Duration
U7 Tee ball	Early game	9.00am	1 hour 15 minutes
Minors	Late game	10.45am	1 hour 15 minutes
U9 Tee ball Majors			
U10 Zooka ball	Early game	9.00am	1 hour 15 minutes
Machine Pitch	Late game	10.45am	1 hour 15 minutes
U12 Baseball	Early game	8.30am	1 hour 30 minutes
Little League	Late game	10.30am	1 hour 30 minutes
U14 Baseball	Late game	10.30am	1 hour 45 minutes
Junior League	Afternoon game	1.00pm	1 hour 45 minutes
		3.30pm	1 hour 45 minutes
U16 Baseball	Friday evening game	5.30pm	2 hours
Senior League			
Majors Div 1			
U16 Baseball	Early afternoon game	1.00pm	2 hours
Senior League	Late afternoon game	3.30pm	2 hours
Minors Div 2 & 3			

7 Wet weather procedures on training days

The Council Wet Weather Line number is 9710 0105.

If the Council closes Sylvania, we cannot use the grounds. If we use the grounds when they are closed, the club can be fined. **GROUND CLOSED** means no training.

If there is any doubt as to whether the grounds are open or shut, please contact your team manager who is responsible for checking the status of the grounds.

8 Wet weather procedures on game day

CSJBA, CSMLBA and StGBA - Notification Process

Ground coordinator

- Ground co-ordinators are to assess their fields as early as possible on game day (also refer to General Comments).
- If deemed unplayable advise the Association Wet Weather Co-ordinator by phone ASAP.
- Take appropriate club level procedures for internal club notification.

Association Wet Weather co-ordinator

- Update the recorded message.
- SMS the following:
 - Wet Weather App co-ordinator
 - SSBUA Umpire Allocations Officer

Player, Parents and Spectators

- The message will be updated as ground closures are notified.

General Comments

- If a field is identified as unplayable early (midweek) notify your Associations Draw Co-ordinator/ Competition Convenor as some games may be able to be accommodated at other fields. If games are moved due to ground closure ensure the Association Wet Weather Co-ordinator is notified so that reallocations can be recorded in the message.
- CSJBA notifications should be made no later than 7.00am on game day.
- Clubs/teams will have their own internal notification processes.
- The Saturday message may also contain instructions for Sunday games.

9 Ground set up and pack up

Each week teams will be allocated to set up the grounds. Notification will be provided via email a few days prior to game day.

It is then the manager's responsibility to organise sufficient people to help our groundsman mark out the diamonds, put out the bases, banners and any other relevant equipment (at least 2 parents are required).

The 2 baseball diamonds are to be marked out and 2 tee ball diamonds may also be required, depending on the draw. It is imperative that the baseball diamonds are marked out first as the early games commence at 8.30am.

Also, if your team is playing the last game on any diamond, you will be required to pack away all equipment into the container.

The tables and chairs must all be stored in the storage area near the canteen clubhouse. At the conclusion of game day, the gear shed, the canteen and the storage rooms are to be locked.

It is expected that all teams will fulfil their duties, but if you have any problems, please contact the Secretary.

10 Canteen / BBQ duty

The Cronulla Sharks canteen is located between Diamond 1 and 3 at the grounds.

The canteen will be open and the BBQ will be operating from 8.00am each Saturday by a committee member and teams will be rostered on to help both in the canteen and with tending the BBQ. Notification will be provided via email a few days prior to game day. Teams will need to have at least 2 parents from their team to assist with the duties. A committee member will be available to lock up.

If you have an early game at Sylvania, you will be rostered for early canteen duty. Similarly, if you have a late game at Sylvania, you will be rostered for late canteen duty. Canteen and BBQ times are listed on the Game Day Draw and Duties menu on the website.

For Junior League and Senior League teams playing afternoon games, they will be required to perform canteen duties at every home game.

The last shift will be expected to assist in packing up the goods, wiping down the canteen benches, sweeping the floor, emptying the urn and turning off the pie warmer.

The canteen and BBQ roster is determined by the teams playing at Sylvania, all teams will have to complete more than one duties but this is shared equally.

Children are not permitted in the canteen as they are not covered by insurance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary.

11 Scorers

Each team is expected to supply a scorer. It is up to the parents whether they share the job around or one person agrees to score for their team for the entire season.

Scorers should sit together behind home plate. In the case of a discrepancy in the score book, it can be sorted out easily.

Every season a scorer's evening is conducted for novice scorers. These will be notified via the website. If you have any questions, please contact the President.

12 Umpires

The club supplies umpires for all home games in the morning at Sylvania.

Because of CSJBA guidelines concerning Duty of Care, ONLY umpires with a minimum of a Level 0 accreditation may umpire. If a club is unable to provide umpires, a parent without umpiring accreditation MAY NOT step up to the plate and umpire the game.

Umpires are a protected species. They are a valued resource who deserve to be treated with the utmost respect. All the umpires officiating at Sylvania are home-grown (i.e. kids who have played junior baseball with Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club). The same situation would apply at other clubs.

Coaches are entitled to ask an umpire for clarification, but there is a right way to ask and a wrong way. All Cronulla Sharks coaches should know the correct way to approach an umpire and how to sensibly ask a question. Remember, it is a judgment call. Kids' playing the game is the main reason why we are there on a Saturday morning/afternoon. Arguing with the umpire is not. Get over it and get on with the game.

13 Home ground levies (Umpire fees)

For all Junior morning games that are played at Sylvania (Home Games) the club will pay all umpire fees, as these are club umpires.

Please note that the Junior League and Senior League games (afternoon games) are required to pay for the umpire/s whether playing home at Sylvania or playing away from Sylvania. The club has calculated these fees into the registration fees, so for home games you can collect it from the canteen before the game or if playing away, the club will reimburse you at a later time.

The procedure for the payment of umpire fees follows over the page.

Procedures for the payment of umpire fees

Division	Fee	Distribution
Little League TeeBall Major or Minor	\$15.00 (When playing home at Sylvania)	When playing at home club will pay umpires
	There is no charge Cronulla teams for the umpire when playing away from Sylvania.	
Little League Machine Pitch Major or Minor	\$15.00 (When playing home at Sylvania)	When playing at home club will pay umpires
	There is no charge Cronulla teams for the umpire when playing away from Sylvania.	
Little League Major or Minors	\$20.00 - Plate Umpire \$15.00 - Field Umpire* (if applicable) (When playing home at Sylvania)	When playing at home club will pay umpires.
	There is no charge Cronulla teams for the umpire/s when playing away from Sylvania.	
Junior League Morning Game	\$20.00 - Plate Umpire \$15.00 - Field Umpire* (if applicable) (When playing home at Sylvania)	When playing at home club will pay umpires fees. If playing away, please pay and Club will reimburse coaches.
Junior League Afternoon game	\$20.00 Per team per umpire* whether playing home at Sylvania or playing away from Sylvania. *Note: It will cost \$40.00 if there is both a Plate and a Field Umpire.	When playing at home club will pay umpires fees. If playing away, please pay and Club will reimburse coaches.
Senior League Div 1	\$25.00 Per team per umpire* whether playing home at Sylvania or playing away from Sylvania. *Note: It will cost \$50.00 if there is both a Plate and a Field Umpire.	When playing at home club will Pay umpires fees. If playing away, please pay and Club will reimburse coaches.

14 Match result sheets

No matter where you play, you must complete and lodge a result sheet at the Sharks canteen no later than 3pm on game day (Saturday). If the canteen is closed, please slide your result sheet under the canteen door.

Results must also be sent via email to the Recorder as soon as possible following each game. Email for Morning games must be done by 12.30pm, afternoon games by 5.30pm

Email address - sharksresults@gmail.com

The result sheets must be completed in pen, not pencil. Ensure players from both teams are listed on the sheet and it is signed by the umpire/s at the end of the game.

If your team is Black or Blue or Div 1, 2 or 3, you must record this on the sheet also.

If you play say a Giants team, and there are 2 Giants teams in your grade, then you must identify which Giants team you played (eg. Giants Blue or Giants White).

15 The website

Please regularly visit the club's website of <http://www.sharksbaseball.org.au>

It contains all the information you need to get you through the season.

The News Hub will keep you abreast of all things of importance.

You can submit and find your team's match reports and research past season information and team records.

The committee contacts page will ensure your club representatives are always at easy reach.

The website also features a separate menu for its senior players.

16 Kits

Please take good care of your team's gear. If you require any equipment or need something fixed, please contact the Gear Manager.

For the upcoming season due to the COVID some special arrangements will need to be made, as we move through the season additional information will be provided. At this stage all players will need to have their own hand sanitizer and in relation to equipment, players need to have purchased their own where possible. If any equipment is shared, it will need to be wiped down before another player uses it - Managers or Dugout coaches will need to ensure this is maintained.

17 Uniforms

Coaches will be kitted out with a club polo shirt and club cap. Parents interested in purchasing a club hats should inquire at the canteen or call our Uniform Manager.

Correct uniforms should be worn at all games. The club cap must always be worn the right way around (not back to front) and shirts should be tucked in at all times.

18 Team photographs

Team photos will be organised during the season. The date and times will be advised on the website.

19 Fundraising

Throughout the season, there will be various fundraising and social events organised. These will be advised on the website.

20 Monthly Club Meetings

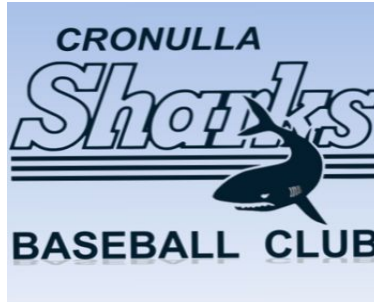
A representative from each team (preferably the coach or the manager) is requested to attend the monthly club meetings held at Taren Point Bowling Club (203 Holt Road, Taren Point) commencing at 7pm and concluding by no later than 9.30pm. These meetings aim to keep coaches and managers up to date with the latest club related news and also provide the opportunity to discuss any concerns.

Note that the meeting date is subject to change, depending upon the availability of the committee members.

21 Presentation Day

The Presentation Day is likely to be held in April or May. The date will be advised on the website.

All players receive a participation trophy/medal and all teams above Little League Minors are awarded a Most Valuable Player, a Most Improved Player and a Coach's award or a Players' Player award. The venue of the Presentation Day will be advised towards the end of the season.



Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club

Policy on Team Grading

Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club aims to provide a fun and safe environment for boys and girls to learn and enjoy the game of baseball and develop their skills in the game, teamwork, sportsmanship and self-esteem.

The club provides the opportunity for players of all skill levels to participate in and enjoy the game of baseball and has a proud history of developing players who go on to represent their district, state and country at the highest levels of the game.

Cronulla Sharks has adopted a merit-based policy of grading players into teams primarily based on the ability and aptitude for playing baseball that the players demonstrate. The policy also acknowledges that enjoyment and participation are key reasons for children playing any sport and are fundamental to children continuing to participate in playing baseball. To this end, the club committee will consider all requests from parents and players to play in a particular team to be able to enjoy their sport with friends or to play with siblings etc. It should be realised however that there are circumstances where this is not possible because of the club's duty of care to ALL players and participants.

The following guidelines are used by the club and are published to help all participants understand how teams are determined:

1. The committee will endeavour to create teams with between 9 and 12 players. The preferred number of players in a team is 10 - 11 for all age groups to maximise participation and provide for player injury, illness and/or other absences during the season.
2. Prior to determining teams, all players are listed in groups based on their birth age.
3. For teams in Little League (U12) and older, teams will usually be graded when there is more than one team. Where this occurs, the make-up of each team is determined by a trial process.
4. For teams U8-U10 there is no grading process for these teams. Players are assigned on the basis of age, experience, siblings and friends.

5. The trial process is designed to allow all players to demonstrate their skills, athleticism & knowledge of the game. For most age groups, there will be one trial to assess the players. The outcome of the trial process will be submitted to the committee for final grading in conjunction with any other relevant factors consistent with these guidelines. The grading will be conducted by a group of selectors from the club that will include the head coach, experienced coaches and club members. In some cases, multiple grading sessions may be required.
6. Current CSJBA representative level players (State Cup, Little League, Junior League and Senior League) will normally be graded into the highest graded team entered by Cronulla Sharks in competition. In exceptional circumstances and for player development, the committee reserves the right to grade these players into the second highest graded team where their game time in the higher graded team may be limited by other, higher graded representative players or where they are bottom-age participants in that age group.
7. Teams are initially drawn up based on all players playing in their true age. Parents may request that their child plays out of their age group. This should be done at registration and the reason for the request recorded. This request will be considered but may not be able to be fulfilled due to a number of reasons including player numbers and safety.
8. Players who have played out of age in the previous season have no guaranteed right to play in the same team in the current season.
9. True age players registered by the cut-off date set by the committee are unlikely to be displaced from a team by a player wishing to play out of his/her age group.
10. Teams will be drawn up to include requests for friends playing in the same team where such requests will not unduly affect the balance of team numbers and depending on the assessment of player skill levels.

Players playing out of age group

1. Parents may request that their child plays out of their age group. The committee will consider parents' request that their children play out of their age based on the following criteria:
 - If the request results in there being a shortage of numbers (ie. less than 10) in the player's true age team, then the committee is not likely to grant the request.

· If the committee considers that it is acceptable for a player to play out of age where a request is made, all players in the true age team will be advised of there being a chance to play in a higher age group. If more players express interest in playing out of age, then there are places in the higher team, then preference will be given to players based on the following:

- Players having played in the older team in the previous season.
- The player having a sibling or close friend in the team.
- The trial process.

2. Where there are insufficient player numbers to form one or more whole teams in an age group, then the committee will look at the possibility of having players play out of age to form whole teams.

3. The committee will inform parents of age groups where players are to be asked to play up a grade. Should more players request placement in the higher age group than places are available, then preference will be given to players based on:

- Players having played in the higher age group in the previous season.
- The player having a sibling in the team.
- A trial process organised by the club committee.

Please note that while the committee makes all endeavours to grant player and parent requests, circumstances will arise where this is not possible. In these circumstances, the committee will use the above guidelines and accepts the responsibility of making decisions based on the overall outcome for the club and its duty of care to all participants. www.sharksbaseball.org.au/