



## 2025 season



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### Under 13's Mixed

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Thornlie Hawks (Blue) | 5 Cloverdale Comets       |
| 2 South Thornlie Redsox | 6 Mets                    |
| 3 Roleystone Rockies    | 7 Thornlie Hawks (Maroon) |
| 4 Western Cobras        | 8 Bandits                 |

Date	Team	Time	Dia	PU	CA	Date	Team	Time	Dia	PU	CA	Date	Team	Time	Dia	PU	CA
10-May 1	2 v 6	9.00	3	4	8	14-Jun 6	5 v 2	9.00	3	6	1	19-Jul 11	7 v 8	9.00	3	2	1
	3 v 7	9.00	8	1	5		7 v 4	9.00	8	8	3		6 v 4	9.00	8	5	3
	4 v 8	11.00	2	2			6 v 3	11.00	2	4			1 v 2	11.00	2	7	
	1 v 5	11.00	8	3			1 v 8	11.00	8	2			5 v 3	11.00	8	6	
17-May 2	3 v 5	9.00	1	6	4	21-Jun 7	7 v 1	9.00	1	5	2	26-Jul 12	3 v 1	9.00	1	4	2
	2 v 1	9.00	2	8	7		6 v 8	9.00	2	3	4		5 v 8	9.00	2	7	6
	4 v 6	11.00	1	5			5 v 4	11.00	1	7			2 v 4	11.00	1	3	5
	8 v 7	11.00	2	1			2 v 3	11.00	2	6			6 v 7	11.00	2	8	
24-May 3	7 v 6	9.00	3	5	1	28-Jun 8	3 v 4	9.00	3	8	2	2-Aug 13	3 v 8	9.00	3	6	4
	4 v 2	9.00	8	8	3		5 v 7	9.00	8	1	6		2 v 7	9.00	8	1	5
	1 v 3	11.00	2	7			8 v 2	11.00	2	4	5		5 v 6	11.00	2	3	
	8 v 5	11.00	8	4			1 v 6	11.00	8	7			1 v 4	11.00	8	2	
31-May 4	General Bye					5-Jul 9	4 v 8	9.00	1	2	6	9-Aug 14	8 v 1	9.00	1	7	2
							5 v 1	9.00	2	3	7		3 v 6	9.00	2	5	4
							6 v 2	11.00	1	4	8		4 v 7	11.00	1	8	6
							7 v 3	11.00	2	1			2 v 5	11.00	2	3	
7-Jun 5	6 v 5	9.00	1	7	8	12-Jul 10	General Bye					16-Aug 15	4 v 5	9.00	3	1	7
	4 v 1	9.00	2	3	2								3 v 2	9.00	8	6	8
	7 v 2	11.00	1	5									1 v 7	11.00	2	4	
	8 v 3	11.00	2	1									8 v 6	11.00	8	2	

Games start at 9.00am & 11.00am and finish at 10.30am & 12.30pm.

No new innings to start within 5 mins of the scheduled finish time.

23-Aug Semi finals  
30-Aug Preliminary finals  
6-Sep Grand final

#### Team Duties

Early game Dia 1, 2, 3, 8 - home team to collect trolley with bases, rakes and broom

Away team to rake all cut-outs immediately after game.

Penalties for default - \$50 fine plus 2 points loss for each missed duty.

Designated Teams to supply 1 x PLATE UMPIRE:- U13s opposite timeslot as indicated above

All teams to supply 1x BASE UMPIRE for own game each week

\*Home team supplies 3rd Base umpire and Away team supplies 1st base umpire\*

Designated teams to supply 1 canteen helper in timeslot opposite to game as indicated above

\*Roster times: 8.30-10.30am or 10.30am-12.00pm\*



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Under 16 Boys																		
1 South Thornlie Redsox (Red)						4 Mets												
2 Cloverdale Comets						5 South Thornlie Redsox (Black)												
3 Thornlie Hawks (Maroon)						6 Thornlie Hawks (Blue)												
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Designated teams to supply 1 canteen helper in <u>timeslot opposite to game time</u> , as indicated above																		
Duty times are 8.30-10.30am or 10.30am-12.00pm.																		



## 2025 JUNIOR DUTIES



Under 13s mixed	Under 16s Boys
<b>Plate Umpiring</b> 1. Early teams to supply one plate umpire each in late time slot as designated in fixtures.  2. Late teams to supply one plate umpire each in early time slot as designated in fixtures.	<b>Plate Umpiring</b> 1. Early teams to supply one plate umpire each in late time slot as designated in fixtures.  2. Late teams to supply one plate umpire each in early time slot as designated.
<b>Canteen Helper</b>  Designated teams to supply one canteen helper in opposite slot to game as per the fixtures.  Canteen Time slots: Early: 8.30am to 10.30am Late: 10.30am to 12.00 noon  Please ensure canteen helpers are over 16 years old.  Canteen helpers to wear cap and enclosed shoes.	<b>Canteen Helper</b>  Designated team to supply one canteen helper in opposite slot to game as per the fixtures.  Canteen Time slots: Early: 8.30am to 10.30am Late: 10.30am to 12.00 noon  Please ensure canteen helpers are over 16 years old.  Canteen helpers to wear cap and enclosed shoes.
<b>Base Umpiring</b>  Teams to supply base umpires for their own game.  Home team supply 3rd base umpire and Away team to supply 1st base umpire.	
<b>Rake Diamonds</b>  Away teams to rake all cut-outs immediately after game.	
<b>Equipment</b>  Early game Dia 1, 2, 3 & 8 - home team to collect trolley with bases, rakes and broom.	



## 2025 SEASON GROUND RULES – JUNIORS AND SUB JUNIORS

### AGES

#### Junior Grade (U16s)

The Junior Grade shall consist of players who have not reached the age of sixteen years before the 31 December of that playing season.

#### Sub-Junior Grade (U13s)

The Sub-Junior shall consist of players who have not reached the age of thirteen years before 31st December of that playing season, and shall, unless otherwise approved by the Junior Council, have reached the age of eight years before the commencement of the playing season. In 13's & 16's dispensation will only be granted on medical conditions and medical certificate.

### SUB- JUNIOR GRADE

- No player shall pitch more than three innings in any game.
- The 11-inch circumference softball will be used in all Sub-Junior games.

### PLAYER MOVEMENT

For clubs having more than one team in the same competition, it is permissible for a player to move between these teams. However, once that player has played four games for the one team, that player will be locked into that team.

No player may play in two Junior or Sub-Junior fixtured games on the one playing date (except in the case of a fixtured double header or a protest replay game) or one Junior or Sub-Junior fixture game.

It is permissible for a club that fields both U13 & U16 teams, to allow an U13 player to fill in for the U16 team. However, that player cannot return to the U13 team until the next playing date, i.e. the player cannot play 2 games in the same morning.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

Players must play at least five games for their Club in the Junior Competition to be eligible to play in finals. A player having played at least 50% of games in a higher Junior grade will not be eligible to play in finals in a lower Junior grade.

### EQUIPMENT - Helmets

Helmets are compulsory for all batters, base runners and catchers. Two eared helmets are to be worn – one eared helmets are illegal.

#### Catcher's equipment

Catchers in Junior and Sub-Juniors must wear full protective equipment, i.e.: mask with helmet and throat guard, chest protector and leg guards with knee protection and must be worn at all times, including warm-up pitches.

### PITCHING DISTANCES

Pitching distances shall be **Junior Boys 16's** 46 feet and **Sub-Junior Mixed Grade** 42 feet

### NINTH BATTER RULE

- Play continues in each innings until 3 out, or the ninth batter for the innings is out, or crosses home plate to score.
- No runner crossing home plate, after the ninth batter in the innings is out or crosses home plate, may score, i.e.: in the case of a home run, only the ninth batter and runner(s) preceding her/him, count. Batter 1, 2 and 3 may be required to bat again for the ninth batter to cross home plate.
- Scorers to notify the plate umpire when the ninth batter is out or crosses the plate.

## **INTENTIONAL WALK**

For the development of junior pitchers and batters the intentional walk rule is not permitted in junior competitions.

## **SPEED UP RULE**

- A runner may be used for the catcher only if she/he gets on base and there are two out.
- A Temporary Runner is a runner who may run for the Catcher of record from the previous half innings who is now on base with 2 out.
  - a. The use of the Temporary Runner is optional for the offensive team coach.
  - b. The Temporary Runner must be the player who at the time of taking the option, is scheduled to bat last and is not on base at the time the option is taken.  
(A Temporary Runner will be accepted provided they are one of the current 9 offensive players (not a reserve) and are not one of the next 4 players to bat).

## **DURATION OF GAME**

- The duration of all junior games shall be 90 minutes or 7 innings.
- Junior games not having completed 7 innings must finish at the advertised time. If time runs out and the innings is not completed the score reverts back to the last even innings, unless the team second at bat has drawn level or is in front, in which case the score will stand.

## **10 RUN RULE**

In the interest of good sportsmanship, and friendly game environment, once a team is 10 or more runs in front they are not allowed to steal bases or bunt.

## **MATCH BALLS**

- Each team will supply one match ball of similar make, colour and quality.
- Match balls must be of good quality- leather- wet weather balls with a core value of 0.474

## **TIME WASTING**

No coach or player will be permitted to call time in the last 10 minutes of any Junior Game.

## **MISCONDUCT**

Refer to Dale Districts' Code of Conduct. We do not condone or accept aggressive and unacceptable behaviour towards players, teams and coaches. We do not condone our junior members being treated in an aggressive manner.

## **THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS UMPIRE ABUSE AT DALE DISTRICTS**

Many of our umpires are volunteers doing their best they can for their Club and players.

## **JEWELLERY**

Exposed jewellery such as wrist watches, bracelets, any type of earrings neck chains, or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during a game. Medic alert bracelets and necklaces are not considered jewellery, but if worn, they must be taped to the body. NOTE – Players must be asked to remove jewellery and if they fail to do so, will be ejected from the game.

## **PERMITS-INTER CLUB**

Players of junior age playing in the senior competition for a club that does not field a junior team in Dale's junior competition may apply for an inter-club permit. This allows the Player to play in Juniors & Seniors. The player, however, will always be aligned to the senior Club (Parent Club) and is merely on loan to the junior club (Foster Club). There is no fee for this permit.

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD**

All persons over the age of 18 that are involved with children must have a current Working with Children Card. Parents of children involved in the club that their child plays in do not need to obtain a card.

### **PERMISSION TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF A CHILD**

All clubs will have to get signed permission from parent/guardian/carer before a child's photograph can be taken. The association will supply each team a permission sheet.

### **METAL CLEATS**

Metal cleats are not permitted in the under 16 boys or under 13 sub junior divisions.

### **AUTOMATIC OUT FOR TEAM PLAYING WITH 8 PLAYERS**

Under the Dale Districts Men's Softball Association ground rules, it is permissible to commence and finish a game with 8 players. However, if a team only has 8 players then the automatic rule applies. Coaches are not permitted to encourage opposition coaches to change this ruling.

### **ATHLETIC RUNNING TRACK**

Teams may warm up on the athletic side of the complex but are not permitted to warm up on the running track. This running track is a very expensive cinders track. Clubs found to be in breach will be fined \$50.00.

### **CLEARANCES INTER CLUB**

Sub junior and junior players who have played for a club in the past 3 years and wish to play for another club must fill out a clearance form. These clearances close as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **EQUIPMENT SIGN OUT**

All teams who are listed as the home side in the early time slot are to collect the equipment for the diamond they are playing on and sign the equipment sheet. The equipment sheet and equipment for diamonds 3 & 8 are in the equipment shed just past the club room building.

As diamonds 3 and 8 are skinned diamonds, there are 2 trolleys which hold the equipment. These trolleys need to be taken to the diamonds.

All diamonds need to be raked after each game and dug outs swept by the away side. Equipment to be left at the diamond after each game for the senior teams to use.

Equipment for diamond 1 is in the equipment room in the change rooms located near diamond 1 and the equipment for diamond 2 will be placed outside the change rooms near diamond 1.

### **SCORE CARDS & LINE UP CARDS**

Line ups must be printed in ink with First name and Surname (not just initials) and presented to the plate umpire before the commencement of the game. All teams are to fill out score cards correctly (reserves on line-up card only and entered onto scorecard once they have entered the game).

All umpires are required to check that the scores agree at the end of the game, sign the scorecards and return them to the club rooms.

As per Softball Australia rule book, a player whose name is not listed on the line-up card may enter the game provided that player is a registered member of that Club.

### **SUBSTITUTION & RE-ENTRY**

A player removed from the game can re-enter once, by taking the substitute's batting position.

### **SPITTING**

Spitting, including seeds, is not permitted on the playing area or the benches in any division. Players and coaches may receive one warning.

**LITTERING OF GROUNDS**

Teams are responsible to remove their litter from the diamond. Clubs may request the Umpire to note on the scorecard any non-adherence to this rule to which a fine shall apply.

**USE OF DONUTS ON A BAT FOR WARM UP**

The use of a donut on a bat by any players is illegal (it is a major safety issue as the Donuts have been known to slide off the barrel of the bat). Any player seen to be using a donut will be removed from the game immediately and without warning.

Players may use legal bat softball weights.

**SMOKING** and vaping in the clubrooms, dug outs and scorers' huts is prohibited. There are also designated no smoking/vaping areas at the benches outside the canteen. Statutory fines apply.

**DIAMOND 8 GROUND RULE**

- a) A home run is awarded when the ball goes over the Diamond 2 fence on the full.
- b) 2 bases are awarded when the ball goes under the Diamond 2 fence.
- c) 2 bases are awarded when the ball comes in contact with the light pole.
- d) It is play on when the ball touches the Diamond 2 fence in fair territory.

**ON- DECK BATTERS**

No on-deck batters for U13s.

No on-deck batters are allowed on Diamond 2 for U16s.