



Surfers Paradise Baseball Club



2016 Rules & Regulations

Tournament Structure

A Team Managers (or representative) meeting will be held at the Baseball venue on Saturday 5/11/2016 at 7.30am

All players must be accredited to participate in the games or they will not be permitted to compete. Accreditation verification will be carried out before play commences.

Event Structure

The 2016 Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games provides for the following structure:

There are Five Divisions: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+ & 55+

The 35+ division consists of 6 teams. Each team will play 5 games to determine the interim ladder positions. Then each team will play 2 more games based on interim ladder positions to determine the teams eligible for the medal rounds.

The 40+ division consists of 7 teams. Each team will play 6 games to determine the interim ladder positions. Then each team will play 1 more game based on interim ladder positions to determine the teams eligible for the medal rounds.

The 45+ division consists of 11 teams, separated into 2 groups (1 x 5 teams & 1 x 6 Teams). Each team will play 6 games from within the group and some teams from the other group to determine interim ladder positions. Then 5 teams from each group will play another game based on ladder positions from within the groups to determine the teams eligible for the medal rounds in each group.

The 50+ division consists of 14 teams and separated into 2 groups of 7 teams. Each team will play 6 games within their group to determine the teams eligible for the medal rounds within each group.

The 55+ division consists of 4 teams. Each team will play 6 games to determine the final placings within the division and to establish the team's position for the medal rounds.

Points will be allocated for each game as follows:

WIN	3 Points
DRAW	2 Points
LOSS	1 Point
FORFEIT	0 Points (with the winning team awarded the game 7-0)
WASHOUT	2 Points (shall also be scored as a 0-0 draw)

All points earned throughout the tournament will be counted towards the teams final standings either within the allocated pools or the division.

A separate Draw for all divisions has been created and is available for all participants.

Eligibility and Participation

All players must be fully accredited with the Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games. Any team playing with an unaccredited player will lose the competition points and the game will be ruled a forfeit.

All teams must take the field with a minimum of nine (9) Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games accredited and eligible players.

Once registered with a team, players will not be allowed to transfer to another team permanently or temporarily unless the Event Committee sanctions the transfer. The exception is where a team with only eight (8) players can "borrow" a player from the opposing team. Again, prior approval from the Event Committee is required.

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Designated hitters will only be allowed for Pitchers, and will be credited three (3) defensive outs for each plate appearance.

To qualify to play in the finals, each player must participate in at least 30% of innings played in preliminary Games. Exceptions to this rule must be pre-approved by the Event Committee. An inning is defined as three (3) defensive outs, and therefore one (1) defensive out equals $\frac{1}{3}$ inning, etc.

Equipment and Uniforms

All teams must supply their own equipment.

All players while on the field must wear their team uniform. Uniforms will be of the baseball nature and caps must be worn. The exception will be that single participants who have been placed in a team will be allowed to play in the uniform they have, providing it is of baseball nature.

No restrictions shall apply to gloves or footwear, other than those that apply in normal baseball rules. All batters and runners must wear two (2) ear helmets.

Bats

The following rules and restriction will apply for all divisions.

The Jupiters Pan Pacific Master Games event is now a Wood bat competition.

Wood and wood composite bats must be used in ALL divisions. Bats may be of any length or weight, within the allowable current official rules of baseball.

Regulation Game

Games in all divisions are to be 110 minutes (1 hour 50 minute) duration or a maximum of seven innings which ever comes first.

No new inning is to commence if the game has been in progress for 110 minutes. (Note wet weather restrictions and conditions)

Any new inning commenced before 110 minutes from the start of the game, shall be completed except where the team batting second is leading or takes the lead in the bottom half of the inning. However, **no game is to continue past 125 minutes**. If the innings has not been completed by 125 minutes, the game score shall revert back to

the last completed innings. If both teams are equal on runs at the end of the game then a draw will be declared.

Game times will be under the control of the Games Director and game times are to be adhered to. Some games may be delayed if the prior game is not completed within the required time frame.

The umpires will be directed to keep the game moving. If time wasting tactics are observed by any umpire or the Games directors the offending player(s) and manager are to be placed on report and a judiciary panel convened. Appropriate action may be taken against the person(s) involved and/or the associated team.

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that they are at the correct diamond ready to commence play at the scheduled time. If a team fails to appear or are not ready to start the game within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled commencement time, a forfeit can be claimed.

On-field warm ups are not allowed during this Event - there are a number of areas throughout the park to facilitate team warm up.