

Hornsby District Softball Association Inc

Coaches and Managers meeting – 9 September 2010



HDSA Ethos

- Promote the game of softball
- Fun – for players enjoyment, not parents ego! Please refer HDSA Code of Conduct.
- Umpires, no matter what age or standard, protected at all costs
- Duty of care and safety to each other
- Association – we are all involved and have responsibility to each other. We are all volunteers.

Key Points

1. **Website** – www.hornsby.softball.net.au – most information there including draws, results, news etc. PLEASE EXCUSE THE FORMAT WHICH AS BEEN IMPOSED UPON US BY SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA. Please review regularly.
2. **Hayes Park** – all games this year at Hayes Park
3. **Grounds setup/pull down** – starting and finishing home teams have responsibility to collect/return and setup/pull down on their own diamond. **NEW ROSTER THIS YEAR TO CLUBS FOR OVERALL GROUNDS** – failure of club to do ground duty including start and finish will result in forfeiture of points for all club teams on that day.
4. **Rules** – played under Official Rules of Softball as modified by Hornsby Local Rules. No significant local rule changes this year.
5. **Working with Children Check** – all officials and parents 18 years or older involved in any capacity with the association required to complete HDSA form – even if form already done at club level
6. **Clinics**
 - 5.1.1. Scoring – TBC - likely second or third week after October school holidays
 - 5.1.2. Pitching and Catching – 18 and 25 September
 - 5.1.3. Coaching – per website.
7. **State and Rep Players** – we expect them to give back to HDSA. Please use them as technical assistants, coaches, pitching/catching guides etc
8. **Umpiring** – most games will be covered by HDSA. If not, there will be roster for clubs/teams. Please remember that we have active training program and your umpires will have what we call “learning opportunities” because they never make mistakes.
9. **Equipment** – please check all equipment for legality/safety. **MANDATORY** equipment includes shin guards for ALL players under 20 years old and caps. Mouth guards highly recommended. **All managers should have their own ice pack** at diamond - reserves in canteen
10. **Canteen** – all teams will have rosters. Minimum time in canteen is 1 hour slot and minimum age is 15. Please note the number of people required for Canteen Duty is **three (3)** for each time slot up to 1.00pm. Two (2) thereafter. All volunteers to sign on. Failure to do canteen duty is points forfeiture.
11. **Wet weather** – **notified on website and BounceBack number 1992 2767** - sms “HDSA” to receive message. May have to call game by game. Notifications will be done by 1 hour before game time.
12. **Hot weather** – if relevant, will be called by Executive on game by game basis. Combination of temperature and humidity using wet bulb guidelines will be used.
13. **Redraw** – if necessary, competitions will be redrawn by Round 6 to even up.
14. **Queries** – please direct through your club coordinators
15. **Car park gates** – locked at **6:15pm** on Saturdays - please park outside car park if wish to stay longer to socialize so that volunteers can go home 😊