

Council of Australian Baseball Scorers

CABS

CHARTER



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INTRODUCTION

Baseball Australia has charged the Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS) with the responsibility of cultivating and advancing Australian baseball scoring by implementing and maintaining a nationally recognised development program, accreditation system and standardised scoring system, which will culminate in ensuring uniformity of interpretations, teachings and minimum standards for scorekeeping throughout Australia.

This Charter sets out the terms of reference within which CABS will work to achieve these responsibilities.

1. PURPOSE

CABS will make every endeavour to increase the skilled numbers, expertise, competency and reputation of baseball scorers in Australia by:

- encouraging people to undertake baseball scoring;
- improving the knowledge, competency and expertise of scorers;
- providing structured pathways of development for scorers;
- seeking out and create opportunities for advancement;
- encouraging, supporting and working towards equal consideration and opportunities for training and accreditations;
- promoting uniform methodology and techniques of scoring practices.

2. PRINCIPLES

The provision of quality sports opportunities involves the interaction of players, coaches, administrators and officials with a mutual respect for each other. To achieve this the following principles should apply:

- baseball scorers be recognised for the important role they undertake within the sport;
- an environment which supports scorers and contributes to achieving their potential should be promoted;
- the knowledge, competence and performance of scorers must be at a level commensurate with the standard of competition; and
- sound theoretical understanding and continued practical experience will form the basis for quality performance.

3. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the individuals and organisations referred to in this document:

World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) – international governing baseball body

Baseball Australia (BA) – governing baseball body in Australia

State Sporting Organisation (SSO) – governing bodies for baseball

State/Territory Scoring Organisation (STSO) – governing bodies for baseball scorers that are affiliated or recognised sub-committees of their SSO

Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS) – the body Baseball Australia recognises for the administration of scorekeeping officials, within the Australian Baseball Community. CABS is an affiliate and member organisation of Baseball Australia.

CABS Technical Commission – three CABS members, with a minimum of Level 4 national accreditation, appointed by BA on the recommendation of CABS to provide clarification on rules, adjudication on scoring technicalities and development, implementation and maintenance of an accreditation system.

CABS Coordinator – is a CABS member appointed by BA to work within the framework set up by CABS to act in an intermediary capacity between BA, CABS, Technical Commission, affiliated STSOs, accredited members and other relevant governing bodies.

State /Territory Scoring Accreditation Coordinator – appointed by State/Territory Scoring organisation to deal with communication on the application of the National Accreditation process.

Scorer – the appointed official of the game of baseball who is charged with the responsibility of providing an official record of the game.

Recorder – the appointed individual who is responsible for inputting the game into Game Changer as directed by the official scorer.

4. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(Please refer to Appendix A for a diagram of the reporting relationship)

Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS)

Members of the Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS) are charged by BA with the responsibility of:

- raising the profile and professionalism of scorers;
- increasing numbers of accredited scorers;
- encouraging people in the broader community to participate as baseball scorers;
- improving the knowledge, competency and expertise of scorers;
implementing and maintaining a nationally recognised accreditation and development program;
- implementing uniformity of interpretations, teachings and minimum standards;
- setting up clear lines of communication and processes for clarification on technical issues;
- identifying development pathways and creating opportunities for advancement;
- ensuring equitable and comparable levels of consideration and resources given to players, coaches and umpires are also afforded to scorers;
- promoting an awareness of IT advancements available which may enhance baseball scoring;
- providing a support network to STSOs;
- building solid working relationships with governing authorities, officials and baseball community in general;
- recognising the changing needs of the baseball community (customers);
- reviewing and upgrading scoring systems, resources and methods for producing statistical information;
- liaising with State and National umpiring bodies;
- overseeing National and International scoring appointments; and
- establishing links with WBSC to keep abreast of global issues relating to scoring activities.

CABS Technical Commission

The Technical Commission consists of three CABS members with a minimum Level 4 National Accreditation who have been appointed by the BA Head of Technical Officials on the recommendation of CABS. The Technical Commission will communicate with each other throughout the year to tend to their responsibilities and meet at least biennially prior to the CABS conference.

Term of Office

- Three (3) year term on a rotation basis with one position becoming vacant every twelve months.
- No more than two 3-year terms to be served consecutively by any Commissioner.
- No State/Territory is to have more than one Technical Commissioner in office at any one time.

Responsibilities

- Set accreditation examinations.
- Develop course guidelines for accreditation levels.
- Administer and manage the examination process.
- Provide clarification on rules.
- Adjudicate on scoring technicalities.
- Address all matters arising of a technical nature on scoring issues.
- Monitor and review teaching and scoring standards in conjunction with STSOs.
- Implementation of IT systems as required.
- Assist with the implementation of improvements to teaching and scoring standards in conjunction with STSOs.

CABS Coordinator

The Coordinator is a CABS member appointed by BA in consultation with Technical Commission to work within the framework set up by CABS to act in an intermediary capacity between BA, CABS, Technical Commission, affiliated STSOs, accredited members and other relevant governing bodies. It is acknowledged that reasonable expenses incurred whilst fulfilling this position will be reimbursed by BA.

Term of appointment

Three (3) year term. The position may be reviewed by CABS Technical Commissioners.

Responsibilities

- Manage the distribution and communication process of the national accreditation system in conjunction with the Technical Commission.
- Process accreditation applications, forward onto BA all remittances received for bank reconciliation and distribute membership packages to members.
- Maintain the member database and accreditation records.
- Ensure that the CABS website is maintained.
- Respond to, and direct, enquiries.
- Provide secretarial support to CABS and Technical Commissioners.
- Minute taking at CABS meetings.

Baseball Australia and STSOs

Baseball Australia and STSOs have an essential role in supporting Scorers, improving standards and providing development pathways.

Each STSO must have a person responsible for state-wide co-ordination of training and development of Scorers in conjunction with the CABS guidelines. Such person must be suitably experienced and nominated to CABS by their STSO. Networks of regional co-ordinators are to be encouraged.

It is recognised that the successful achievement of the CABS objectives is heavily reliant upon the support of BA and the cooperation of the SSO and STSO.

Clubs and the wider community

Progressively, clubs and community groups will be able to access development programs prepared by CABS and implemented by national and state networks thereby providing equitable opportunities throughout all levels of baseball in Australia.

5. OBJECTIVES

CABS focus on sound planning, consultation, organisation and delivery of high quality principles to ensure achievement of the following objectives:

- encouraging people to undertake baseball scoring;
- improving the knowledge, competency and expertise of scorers;
- providing structured pathways of development for scorers;
- identifying and creating opportunities for advancement;
- encouraging, supporting and working towards equal consideration and opportunities for training and accreditation;
- promoting uniform methodology and techniques of scoring practices.

6. PLAN

The following elements form part of the CABS strategy to achieve the previously stated objectives:

PROFILE – Role and Profile

To develop an appreciation and understanding of various aspects of the scorer's role as part of "the team," (coaches, players, officials and administrators) who ensure the future success of the sport.

RULES AND TECHNIQUES – Knowledge and application of rules

To provide scorers with the means to record the game ensuring the provision of timely, accurate statistics.

PRESENTATION – Presentation and performance

To upgrade the standards of planning, performance and presentation of scorers' scoresheets and statistics thereby enhancing the professionalism and status of the scorers' position.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPPORT – Communication and inter-personal skills

The provision, development and support of scorers, is the general responsibility of Baseball Australia, State Associations, clubs and the community. These groups should provide scorers with a positive environment in which scorers can best undertake their role.

7. PROCESS

Accreditation System

(Please refer to Appendix B and C for diagrams of the accreditation structure)

The Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS) through cooperation with Baseball Australia (BA) developed a national scoring accreditation system which, as of 30 June 2003, replaced all existing accreditation systems.

The national scoring accreditation system will consist of:

Level 0	Orientation to T-ball, rookie ball & baseball scoring - responsibility of State / Territory scoring organisation;
GCR	GameChanger recorder;
Level 1	Club level up to, but not including top division / grade;
GCS	GameChanger scorer;
Level 2	Club level including top division / grade including schoolboys / university competition;
Level IT	National competition with BA approved IT program;
Level 3	National competition;
Level 4	National coordination;
Level 4 IT	National coordination plus proven proficiency with BA approved IT program;

Levels 1 through 4 are to be the responsibility of CABS with the co-operation and involvement of STSOs. From Level 1 onwards scorers will be introduced to the opportunities available through the national scoring accreditation system with each scorer to be included on the national database.

Development Opportunities/pathways

CABS have made provision in the national accreditation system for fast-tracking suitable scorers and promoting scorers to a higher level exposing them to various opportunities at national and international level. CABS tournament procedures allow for scorers to broaden their skills by gaining experience through use of computer technology.

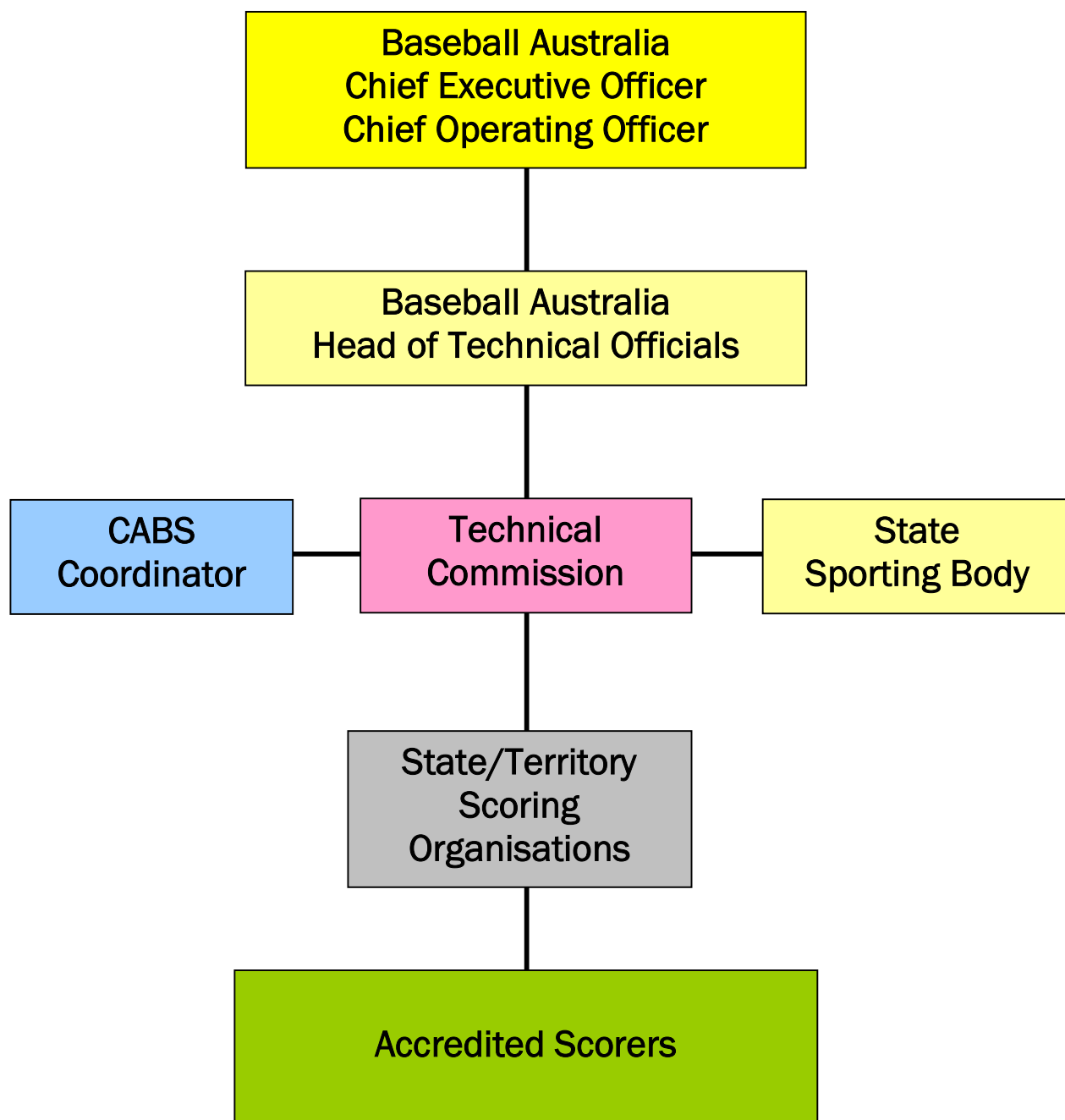
Procedures and Standards for Tournaments

All scorers officiating at national tournaments are required to fulfil minimum accreditation standards and adhere to specific CABS guidelines designed to ensure timely and accurate tournament statistics and records are produced for BA and participating teams. The BA Code of Conduct must be signed by all scorers in order to participate at national championships.

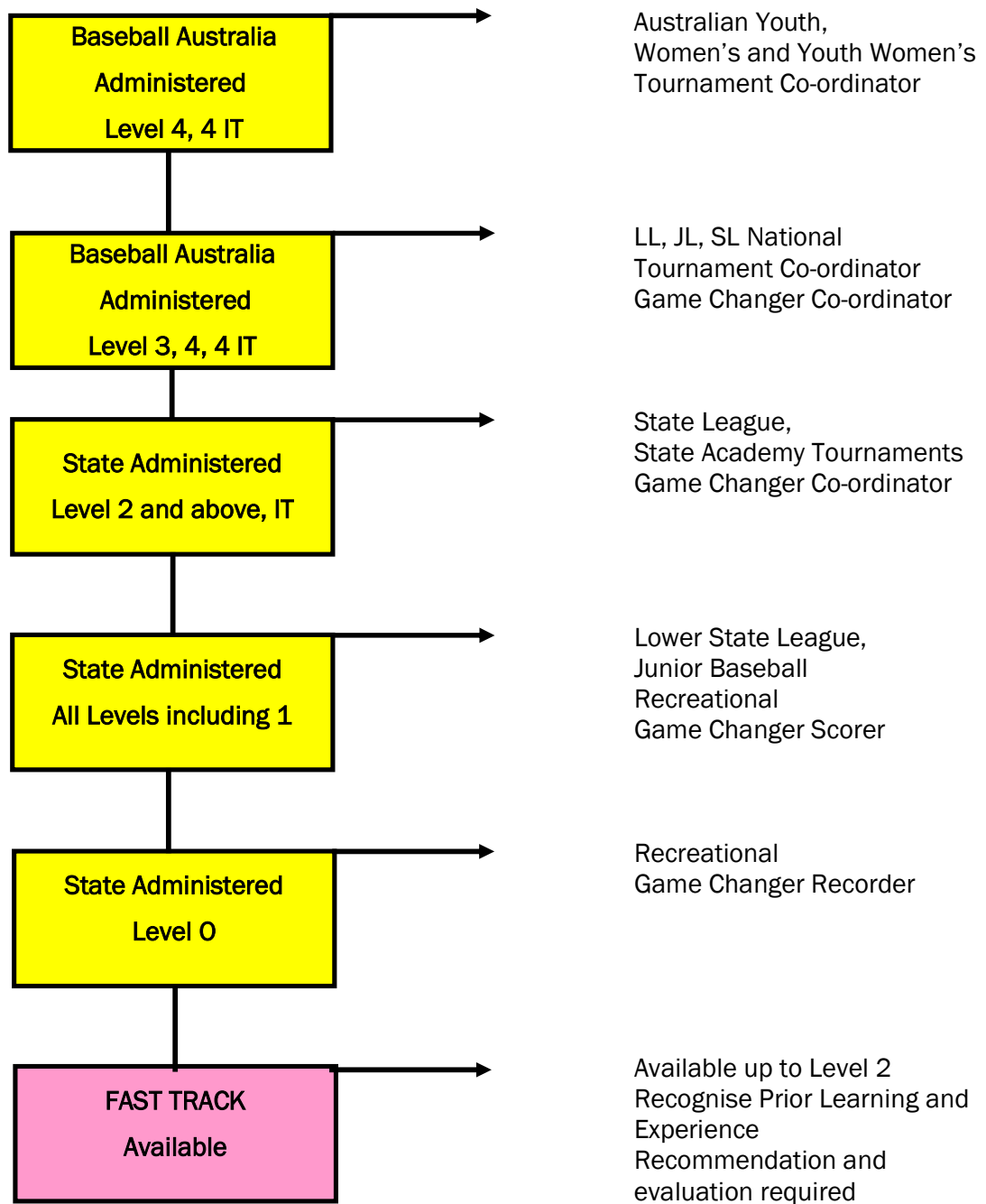
8. REVIEW OF THE CHARTER

This CABS Charter may be reviewed at each CABS meeting. All amendments must be endorsed by Technical Commissioners and CABS Coordinator and subsequently circulated to BA and STSOs.

COMMUNICATION / REPORTING RELATIONSHIP



ACCREDITATION STRUCTURE Applicable Appointments



ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS STRUCTURE

TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION

SCORER POOL

