



**Club Members
Information Booklet
2018/19 Season**

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Club Information

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Committee Members 2017/2018

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President's Message

Hello and welcome to the 2018/19 baseball season.

Southern Stars Baseball Club has a long and proud history of participation in all aspects of our great game.

From T-Ball to seniors, coaching, umpiring and being what I consider one of, if not the best "Small Club" in the South-East Queensland region.

We strive to be inclusive, open and above all friendly. Our junior coaching group are focused on making our sport their sport and fun to play. Our measure of success is how many kids have had fun at training and games while still achieving results on the field.

Our committee group and grounds people are constantly working to improve our ground and facilities both during, and outside of the baseball season. This task is constant and any assistance is always welcome. We will also from time to time have working bees to push certain tasks along. This can be great way to introduce yourself to other members of the Southern Stars Baseball Club and get to know your committee members.

As the President I will attempt to greet **all** our families and get to know everyone better as the season progresses. I look forward to doing this and please feel free to approach me at any time with your ideas, concerns, compliments or critique so we can work together to maintain and improve our standards.

There will also be opportunities during the season for family fun nights and other club get togethers where as a club we can give our members a bit more than just the game.

I hope that everyone coming to our club, whether as a player, spectator, or fan, respects the fact that the people working to make our club great are volunteers and are striving to help make our great club "greater".

I am truly looking forward to seeing everyone at our club over the coming season and if I don't see you on the field or at the game I will catch up with you at training.

On behalf of the committee and volunteers of the Southern Stars Baseball Club I would like to thank to for your continued support and look forward to a successful and fun-filled 2018/19 season.

So.... Let's go Stars!

Andrew Gallpen
President Southern Stars Baseball Club

Mission Statement

Southern Stars Baseball Club is to provide and develop Baseball involving the local community up to Senior Baseball level. The club will provide a physical leisure activity for the youth of the surrounding suburb and promote the learning skills of a team based sport.

The Members have the opportunity to develop and learn sporting skills in either a social or a more competitive environment with the opportunity for players to achieve their dream in representative teams. Our goal is to become one of the region's premier Baseball Clubs, offering high quality facilities at reasonable cost.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is held at the end of the regular season in conjunction with the trophy presentation day around April.

At this meeting, all Executive Committee and General Committee positions are declared vacant and a new Committee will be elected.

Umpires

Umpires are necessary to ensure that the games can go ahead in safe and fair manner and it is essential that the club has accredited umpires.

New umpires are always needed with The Queensland Baseball Umpires Association conducting courses during the year for all different levels. If you are interested in becoming an umpire please contact one of the Executive Committee.

Scorers

New scorers are always required within the Club. The Queensland Baseball Scorers Association conducts Scorers courses during the year for different levels. Our Club will assist Club Members who wish to undertake these courses for the purpose of becoming a Club Scorer.

Each team is required to have a scorer and we aim to have positions filled and persons trained prior to season commencement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Executive Committee.

Managers

Each team is required to have a Manager as an organiser who assists the coaches and the team. The manager's role is to help the coach by making sure that the team is ready and in place during the game. This is important when the team is batting so that the coach can concentrate on the field and know that the next batter is ready to go and keep the team on the go at training and the game.

Coaches

Each team is required to have a Coach and new coaches are always required within the Club. Like all sports in the current environment baseball requires accredited officials including coaches. Queensland Baseball conducts coaching courses during the year for different levels. Our Club will assist Club Members who wish to undertake these courses.

Under 8 and under 10 require coaches to be accredited to Level 1. Under 12 and above are required to be accredited to Level 3. If you are interested, please contact one of the Executive Committee.

Code of Conduct

The Executive requests that all Club Members are familiar with the Codes of Conduct prior to the start of the season.

The players, officials and administrators of the Southern Stars Baseball Club Inc. recognise that it is essential that all involved in club activities behave and undertake those activities in accordance with a predetermined Code of Conduct.

This Code outlines the standard of behaviour that is expected of all Club members, spectators, players, coaches and administrators. This Code must be interpreted using common sense and must not be used in a way that undermines the principles of the Code.

Any allegation of a breach of the Code shall be referred to the Executive Committee for determination of appropriate action.

The Codes of Conduct for players, parents and supporters is published on the Club website and posted on the notice board in the club house.

Sun Safe Policy

The health and wellbeing of Club members, patrons and/or supporters of Southern Stars Baseball Club is a priority issue for the club. The club acknowledges and recognises that skin cancer is a preventable disease and will actively promote, encourage and support skin protection at all events, activities and functions with which they are associated.

Southern Stars Baseball Club will:

- Actively encourage all Club members, officials, volunteers and participants to routinely wear sun protective clothing. This includes shirts or tops which have sleeves and a collar, longer legged shorts where appropriate, hats whenever practical, sunglasses to protect the eyes.
- Provide shade to all events/activities. Individuals will also be actively encouraged and reminded to bring their own portable shade structures to events.
- Actively encourage all Club members, officials, volunteers and participants to routinely use broad spectrum 30+ sunscreen and stress the importance of regular re-application.
- Provide and/or sell sunscreen for all events/activities where possible.

Smoke Free Policy

Southern Stars Baseball Club recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking Club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke. Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all Club facilities, functions, meetings and activities undertaken by the Club and will apply to all members, officials, players and Club visitors.

All Club facilities are to be completely smoke free and shall include:

- The social rooms inclusive of kitchen, meeting room, toilets and storage area.
- Player change rooms inclusive of toilets, showers and property room.
- Cigarettes will not be sold (including vending machines) at any time at or by the Club.

Coaches, players, trainers, volunteers and officials will refrain from smoking and remain smoke free while involved in an official capacity for the Club, on and off the field.

Non-compliance

All Club committee members will enforce the smoke free policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the Club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/people to leave the Club facilities or function.

Safety

Our Club will uphold the following safety requirements so as to ensure the adequate protection of our members. Other safety requirements will be advised from time to time by the executive committee.

- All batters must wear two-eared batting helmets while batting at training and games.
- All players, both male and female, must wear personal protectors at all games and training sessions.
- Only registered players, coaches, managers and umpires are allowed on the fields at training sessions or games.
- All Southern Stars Baseball Club coaches and managers will have applied for, or currently are Blue Card Holders.

Season Commencement

Pre-season training will commence in late August/early September. Please refer to the Southern Stars Website for more information closer to the date. The season commences in early October and finishes in April. There is a recess of between 3 to 5 weeks for Seniors and 6 to 7 weeks for Juniors over the Christmas period.

Finals are played for all grades from Under 12 and upwards.

Canteen

The canteen at Southern Stars Baseball Club is staffed on a voluntary basis and is overseen by Volunteer Convenors. It is a requirement that the canteen be opened for all games.

Each team playing at home is required to provide assistance in the canteen at each home game. The Manager for each team will organise their own team roster between parents and/or players and will ensure volunteers are available.

The canteen is a major source of income for the Club, and all proceed towards meeting Club expenses, running and maintenance of facilities, fields, equipment and reduction in fees. If you are available and interested in volunteering please contact a committee member. Volunteers are always welcome and every effort to assist with this vital contributor to the success of the Club is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an integral part of all sporting clubs and assists in keeping fees to a minimum and enabling the Club to supply equipment of a good standard.

We ask that every member show their support for our Club in whatever way they can. If at any time you are asked, or can give some time or ideas you feel will benefit the Club in any way, please contact a committee member.

If you would like to assist with Fundraising, or have any Fundraising ideas, please let us know. All ideas are welcome.

Website and Newsletter

The Club website is continually being updated and will inform you of upcoming events, draws, results, contacts, sponsorship, advertising, schedules of working bees, uniforms and equipment for sale, and any other baseball and Club news. We encourage all parents to make sure that they have contact information for their team's coach, manager and other parents to ensure that you are kept up to date with the team's program.

The Club Newsletter will be produced regularly with recent news and happenings. All newsletters are available via the Southern Stars website. Any member who would like to submit an item for the Newsletter may do so directly through a Committee Member.

Games

Junior Games

Under 8's, Under 10's and Under 12's play in the Brisbane South Baseball Association competition. Games are usually on Saturday morning and we look to arrange regular Friday night games whenever possible. Travel will normally be within 30—45 minutes from Regents Park and involves playing teams from Ipswich, Redlands, Beenleigh, Runcorn and Mt Gravatt.

Under 14's to Under 20's play in the Greater Brisbane Leagues Competition. This may involve travel to all suburbs of Brisbane and the surrounding regions including Toowoomba. Games are normally played from mid-morning to late afternoon on a Saturday.

Senior Games

Seniors play in the SQBL competition against teams from all suburbs of Brisbane and the surrounding regions including Toowoomba. Games are played on Sunday.

Game Times

Game times and draws will be available at the commencement of the season. Please refer to the Southern Stars Baseball website and your team coach and manager for more information.

Player Dress Code

It is a policy of Southern Stars Baseball Club that all players report for games in full uniform and in a clean and good condition. Failure to comply with this standard may result in a player being benched. Requirements for dress code for training will be at the discretion of each individual coach.

Uniforms

Uniforms may be purchased at any time during the season. It is advisable to purchase uniforms before the season commences as it is a policy of Southern Stars Baseball Club that no player may take the field without correct Club uniform. A minimum deposit of 50% of the total cost is required with all orders, with full payment on receipt of uniforms.

All players will require a Southern Stars Baseball Club team shirt for games. Other uniform requirements are white pants, black socks, black belt and Southern Stars Baseball Club cap.

Footwear

Under 8 to Under 14: Rubber sole non-metal cleats. Rubber or plastic soled soccer or football boots are suitable.

Under 16 and above: Metal cleats are permitted.

Baseball Club Directory & Ground Locations

Club	Field Address
All Stars Baseball Club	Bannister Park Cnr Gerler Road & McIntyre Street, HENDRA
Beenleigh & Districts Baseball Club	U16 and Over Hammel Park Hammel Street, BEENLEIGH
	Juniors Bob Sinden Memorial Complex Halfway Drive, ORMEAU
Carina Redsox	Clemjones Sporting Complex Zahel Street, CARINA
Mount Gravatt Eagles	Weedon Street, MACKENZIE
Indians Baseball Club	Dew Street, RUNCORN
Mudgeeraba Baseball Club	Firth Park Somerset Drive, MUDGEERABA
Musketeers Ipswich	69 Church Street, TIVOLI
Narangba Demons	Narangba Sports & Recreation Grounds Harris Avenue, NARANGBA
Redcliffe Padres	Talobilla Park Klinger Road, REDCLIFFE
Pine Hills Lightning	James Drysdale Reserve Jinka Track, BUNYA
Pine Rivers Rapids	Les Hughes Sport Complex Baker Street, BRAY PARK
Rangers Toowoomba	Commonwealth Oval 1 Wattle St, TOOWOOMBA
Redlands Baseball Club	Duncan Rd, SHELDON
Robina Baseball Club	Ron Penhaligon Way, ROBINA
Southern Stars	Regency Park Regency Drive, REGENTS PARK
Surfers Paradise	Sir Bruce Small Park, BENOWA
Western Districts	Atthows Park Westcombe Street, DARRA
Windsor Royals	Market Street, NEWMARKET