

2025 Northern Territory Buffaloes: Pre-Trial Handbook



BASEBALL
NORTHERN TERRITORY

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COMPETITION DETAILS

Baseball Northern Territory will be sending two teams to compete at the 2025 National Tournaments. Indicative dates are below:

Junior League National Championships:

28th May to 1st June 2025 - Lismore NSW

Little League National Championships

8th to 13th June 2025 – Blacktown NSW

Indicative Dates

8th December 2024: Alice Springs Region Trials

3rd December 2024: Darwin Region Trials

1st February 2025: Teams Announced

Coaching Staffs

Junior League Coaching Staff

Head Coach – Peter Porambo

Assistant Coaches – TBC

Executive Officer (EO) – TBC

Little League Coaching Staff

Head Coach – Ray Brown

Assistant Coaches - TBC

Executive Officer (EO) - TBC

Baseball Northern Territory Staff

General Manager - Rob Gower

Participation & Pathways Manager - Kai Meuronen

All travelling staff carry a current Working with Children Check (Ochre Card), a valid driver's license and relevant coaching accreditation.

TEAM EXPECTATIONS

TRAINING

Territory team training takes precedence over club training or any other sports events at a lower level. If the player is a member of an Australia team (any sport) and it conflicts with Territory training, the Australian training takes precedence.

Players are expected to attend at least 80% of all training sessions prior to the tournament. In the failure to do so, their spot on the team may be put at risk.

BEHAVIOUR

Your behaviour is expected to be of the highest standard from the moment you begin training through to the completion of the tournament. You are representing the Northern Territory.

Repeated behaviour detrimental to the team will lead to expulsion from the team at parents' expense.

CULTURE

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Our Culture Defined

The purpose of culture is to drive behaviours which produce the results we desire

#TerritoryTough
Represent the Territory with pride!

We Have Fun
Representative baseball provides us with plenty of adversity... Remember to laugh and smile :)

Play as one
The NT is a small baseball community - embrace it!

Growth Mindset
Process > Results. Strive to improve.

Our Culture Defined

Once selected to the NT Buffaloes, players and coaches represent the Northern Territory as a unified team, rather than their individual baseball associations. All actions, behaviours, and attitudes should embody this commitment to representing the Northern Territory with pride and integrity.

DRESS CODE

Dress code for training will be determined by coaches depending on weather etc. Players must travel in their NT issued uniform items.

Options for supporter gear will be provided.

EQUIPMENT

Please respect all other players' equipment. Gloves and bats are expensive pieces of equipment and are personal investments into a players' game. Do not be offended if a player refuses to use their equipment. Remember to ask first before borrowing another players' equipment.

The following team equipment will be supplied for use during the tournaments

- Team Helmets
- Balls

- Team Bats
- Team Catchers Gear

COACHING STAFF & EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The coaching staff and executive officer are volunteers, giving up many hours for the benefit of the team. The coaches and EO bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this team. Respect from players, parents and supporters is expected. Any concerns with staff conduct can be raised with Baseball Northern Territory.

FUNDRAISING

Permission must be sought from the Baseball NT General Manager for any use of the following to support fundraising efforts:

- Baseball Northern Territory Logo
- NT Buffaloes Logo
- “Baseball Northern Territory” Name
- “NT Buffaloes” Name

The approval process is to ensure that our organisation and the logos associated with Baseball Northern Territory and the charter meets the applicable requirements and legislation outlined in the Little League International regulations and Australian Consumer Act and the Northern Territory raffles and trade lotteries community guidelines.

PLAYING TIME

All members of the NT Buffaloes will be entitled to the minimum mandatory play rules as outlined in the [BA - Little League Tournament Manual](#).

These are the following:

All teams must follow the continuous batting line-up rule:

Teams of 13 or more players – one plate appearance and three consecutive defensive outs in the field.

Teams of 12 or less players – one plate appearance and six consecutive defensive outs in the field.

All other playing time obligations are under the strict control of the coaching staff.

Eligibility & Compliance

	Senior League	Junior League	Intermediate League	Little League Major- Div. 1	Little League Major - Div. 2
Squad size	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players	Minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players
Team personnel	One manager (i.e., head coach) and a maximum of two coaches (assistants) One Executive Officer / Team Manager (off field only)				
Player League Age as at 31 August	League age 13 to 16 inclusive	League age 12 to 14 inclusive	League age 11 to 13 inclusive	League age 10 to 12 inclusive	League age 9 to 12 inclusive
Games played requirements	None	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	Must have played no less than 8 regular season games prior to the tournament	None

Notes

- 8 game requirement relates to games played in an age eligible junior competition. Not in a specific age division. *E.g. Player can accumulate 8 games for JL eligibility in a SL competition*
- Player eligibility to participate in a tournament team is based on age and not division of play during the regular season.
- Players are only eligible for tournament play if they have participated in the number of regular season games indicated in the above table.
- Only leagues who meet the league eligibility requirements in full shall be eligible to participate on the international tournament pathway.

Darwin Implications

The Darwin region does not currently operate an eligible teenage division outside of Little League Majors due to low player count. Players in the eligible age bracket have been participating in the local senior's competition (DBL) and/or in academy programs run by Baseball NT.

This means players looking to participate in the ITP under the Intermediate/Junior League banner are currently ineligible to participate based on lack of games played in an eligible league.

Outback Super Series

Baseball NT will be conducting a weeklong school holiday program in the April School Holidays in Alice Springs called the Outback Super Series. This will provide an avenue for Age Eligible players based in Darwin, and local Alice Springs players to hit all compliance measures by playing an abridged 12 game schedule across the 5-day camp.

TEAM GUIDELINES & CODES OF CONDUCT

- Total capable on-field physical effort always
- Punctuality for all team related activities is mandatory
- Report all injuries to coaching staff upon occurrence
- Anything discussed in the team remains in the team
- Honesty always. Be accountable for your own actions
- You have the right to speak with any member of the coaching staff regarding any decision. This includes both on and off field situations. Please use common sense when choosing the appropriate time to do so
- Maintain a professional approach at all times
- Your role as a representative of the Northern Territory means you must treat everyone with respect
- Total courtesy at all times to any media and Baseball administration. All media must come through the EO first
- When a coach, EO or player is addressing the team everyone must stop talking and listen
- All players' mobiles must be turned off from arrival at the field until all post-game routines are completed

Any serious or continued breaches of the code of conduct will result in exclusion from the 2025 NT Buffaloes Representative programs and may influence selections in future teams.