Wembley Tee-Ball Association

Tee-Ball Association of WA State Championships

Team Guidelines 2026/2027

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SEASON DETAILS

Saturday 21 November 2026	**States Team Try Outs** Skills and game play assessments. All tee-ball children welcome to trial.
End of November 2026	**Team Selections** Teams announced and States training letters sent
Saturday 12 December 2026	State Players and Families Meeting Warren Lake Hall
Saturday 9, 16, 23 January 2027 Thursday 14 and 21 January 2027	States Training for January 2027
Saturday 23 January 2027	States Shirt Presentations
Monday 1, 8, 15, & 22 February 2027	States Training Commencing on Mondays
Sunday 31 January 2027	Pre State Championship Carnival Venue tbc
Sunday 7 February 2027	Pre-State Championship Carnival Venue tbc
Sunday 14 February 2027	Pre-State Championship Carnival Venue tbc
Sunday 21 February 2027	Pre-State Championship Carnival Venue tbc
Monday 22 February 2027	Past vs Present Game
Saturday 27 February 2027, Sunday 1 March 2027 & Sunday 2 March 2027	TBAWA State Championships
Monday 2 March 2027	**Wembley States Wind UP** A late afternoon celebration for States players and families.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Once the States team has been finalised, the families first point of contact will be the States Coordinator who can assist with any queries leading into the selection process and then ongoing throughout the season.

Key committee members contact details are below, however most queries should be directed towards the States Coordinator.

Role	Contact	
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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORMAT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Championships were first played in the 1974-1975 season and are now played over the March long weekend. The championship is now played at Yokine Reserve.

Teams play across five age groups with divisions within each age group. Teams will typically play five one-hour games over the long weekend; two on Saturday, two on Sunday and one on Monday with presentations at the conclusion.

PRE-STATE CARNIVALS

In February, leading up to the State Championships, the State team plays two or three Pre-State Carnivals across the metropolitan area. These carnivals are an invaluable opportunity for coaches and players to work on their skills and develop their game sense.

These carnivals are non-negotiable for our State Team

PAST VERSES PRESENT MATCHES

The State team may play one or two scratch matches against last year's States team.

TEAM SELECTION

SELECTION POLICY

The Wembley Tee-Ball Association believes that junior sports should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. The Association acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

To be eligible for selection, players must be 11 or under as at 30/06/2027, be financial and an active participant in one of the Wembley Tee-Ball Association clubs, (Balcatta, City Beach, Stirling Apache and Woodlands) and must have played 75% of club games by the end of the season.

Players will be selected on their performance at trials/try outs and demonstrate confidence, skill, knowledge of the game and able to follow verbal direction.

TEAM TRIALS/TRY OUTS

Trials/try outs will be held on Saturday 21 November 2026 at the Richard Guelfi Oval, Delawney Street, Balcatta commencing at 12 noon sharp.

Accessors who have experience in coaching or base coaching or an umpire or a manager of this elite level at State Championships are used on this day to lead the drills, games and conduct assessments.

HEAD COACH

The head coach is required to have a TBAWA Level 'A' Coaching Accreditation.
The State Championships Coordinator and the Head Coach will appoint the Team Manager and the Base Coaches.

LEVEL 2 UMPIRES

Each team is required to nominate two Level 2 accredited umpires with their State Championships Accreditation to umpire at the carnivals.

The team will need to provide a base umpire for our games. A plate umpire who will be rostered on to umpire neutral games. This means that if a team does not have a Level 2 umpire, the State Coordinator will need to source one on your behalf with the team needing to organise payments for the umpires.

PRE-STATES CARNIVALS

There is no official expectation that umpires need to be accredited at pre states carnivals, however at these events umpires need to understand the rules clearly to a high level.

The Wembley Tee-Ball Association expects that the State team will provide umpires with a minimum Level 1 for base and Level 2 for plate.

THE SCORER

All families who do not have a role are expected to undertake scoring duties.

It is preferred that very experienced scorers let the team manager know that they wish to volunteer for scoring.

OTHER DUTIES

There are always other duties that families who do not have a formal role can do to be a valuable part of the team.

The collection of equipment to and from games is always a great help.

THE STATES COMMITMENT

Being selected for a representative team to compete at the State Championships is an honour and requires a commitment beyond what is expected of regular Saturday tee-ball.

States players receive two shirts;

- A playing shirt to keep with their name on the back.
- A training shirt which is returned at the end of the season.

The cost of the playing shirt is reimbursed by the families. The players will also receive a Wembley cap which is theirs to keep.

STATES TRAINING

States training occurs on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings in January, and in February training moves to Monday afternoons. This training is in additional to their normal team training.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

While the Tee-ball rules remain exactly the same, the philosophy around player positons is different to normal Saturday club games.

At club level, players are rotated between all positions to get experience and the batting order often shuffled each game. At States, the emphasis is on learning one or two positions well and developing the skills and understanding to be an expert in that position. Likewise, the coaching team will work to develop a consistent batting order based on the attributes that each player brings to their role.

The pre state carnivals are an opportunity for coaches to experiment and work with players to find their best positions, so that by the time State Championships arrive, the team is settled, and every player understands their role.

There is an expectation that every player will play every game of a carnival of the State Championships and will not be left out of the team unless they are injured or ill.

As per tee-ball rules, no player will sit on the bench for consecutive fielding innings, however at States level coaching section decisions are made that may mean some players receive more on field time than others.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

The tee-ball philosophy is framed by the Four F's:

FUN, **F**AIR play, **F**UNDAMENTAL skills, and **F**AMILY involvement

The family involvement aspect is crucial to a successful states team. Game day roles such as scoring, base coaching, bring team equipment to carnivals are essential. Some of the strongest, ongoing tee-ball family friendships are made at States through working together to make the experience an enjoyable one for everyone.

TEE-BALL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- **NEVER** argue with an umpire or the opposition. If you have a problem, discuss it with your coach quietly.
- Play to enjoy the game and improve your skills.
- Be a good sport and acknowledge all good efforts of your teammates and the opposition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, and umpires.

SPECTATORS

- **DO NOT** force an unwilling child to participate in Tee-Ball.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours**.**
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- **DO NOT** question the Umpires' judgment and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal abuse from the game.
- **NEVER** ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- **Photography** –please be mindful when taking photographs of your child that other families may not wish for their child to be in your photos.
- **Spectator Area** –Spectators sitting area is behind the 'dead ball" line along first and third base. The area between the team shelters and the scorers is only for the players, umpire, coaches, managers, and Wembley Tee-ball Association Officials.

COACHES

- Teach your players that the rules and codes of behaviour are essential to the successful running of the game.
- Teach your players to respect the opposition and the umpires.
- **NEVER** yell at or ridicule a player for making a mistake.
- **NEVER** become involved in a disagreement with the umpires or opposition in front of the players - speak to them quietly after the game or quickly between the innings.
- Always endeavor to ensure that team supporters behave in a manner that supports the players, umpire, and the objectives of Tee-Ball.
- **ONLY** team coach can approach the umpire.
- Coaches and club members are expected to set appropriate examples and act as role models for junior club members.

BASE COACHES

- Support the decision of the Umpire at all times. If you are asked for an opinion, give it honestly.
- If you have a query, remember it must be made through your team coach only.
- Encourage your players throughout the game.
- Wear suitable attire (e.g., closed in shoes not thongs or sandals).