

SABSA Annual Report 2019/20 season.

A very big thank you to all scorers across all the junior and senior grades who donated their time to support their teams and clubs. Baseball can't be played without scorers and the dedication shown by all is amazing. Well done.

COVID-19 caused disruption to all grades with the finals being cut short. It was disappointing for all teams and scorers alike that season could not be completed. Obviously, it was the correct decision with all Government agencies recommending the isolation and distancing measures.

SABSA undertook a big training push before the start of last season. Thanks to the Glenelg Baseball club for the use of their rooms and to all SABSA members who gave their time to run the training sessions. Training was undertaken by thirty-five participants and resulted in ten new level 1 and five new level 2 accreditations being achieved.

SABSA was represented at the Junior Nationals in January by Enza Henty and Laura Mosel but unfortunately the Women's/Junior Women's National tournaments, which Michael Phillips had been selected to score, were cancelled. The schoolboy's that was to be held in Adelaide was similarly cancelled.

We initiated a Facebook page this past season to try and extend our coverage across the baseball community. This was very successful with the page getting many hits during finals and on Div 1 game days.

This season at least one game per round was scored live on the SABSA website. All Div 1 finals games (that were played) were scored live with large number of hits on our site during these times. All minor round games were requested to be uploaded by the day after the last round was completed. This was to assist with team of the year selection and trophy winner selection. This was achieved due to a concerted effort by those responsible for game entry. Great work by all IT scorers.

SABSA is using some old (and tired) laptops to score the Div 1 games to the website. BSA applied for a grant on our behalf to get some funds to purchase iPads so we can transition to GameChanger. Unfortunately, this grant was unsuccessful. As a result, we will have to make the technology last another year. Six iPads would be the minimum required to allow SABSA to move across to GameChanger. GameChanger is the program that BA is using for all National tournaments and has also been adopted by other state's scoring associations. Sponsorship would need to be obtained to raise the required funds to progress our IT entry and the use of GameChanger.

In conclusion, thank you to everyone who has made a contribution this season in all capacities. A big effort has seen another successful year of scoring.

Michael Phillips
President
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