

Important Update: Player Registration & Insurance Requirements 2026 Winter Season

SAWBA would like to thank all clubs, team officials and members for making the 2026 Winter Baseball season such a fantastic success so far.

Following changes introduced by Baseball SA, there are important updates to player registration and insurance requirements that apply for the remainder of the 2026 season.

Changes to Baseball SA Insurance Coverage

Baseball SA has changed the timing of Player Accident Insurance to align with the financial year. Insurance now expires on **30 June** each year, rather than covering the full Winter Baseball season as it has in previous years.

As a result, all players participating after **30 June 2026** must be registered through the updated process to ensure SAWBA can provide Baseball SA with the required registration information within the necessary timeframes.

Additional Insurance Costs

SAWBA has also experienced an increase in the number of players participating who are not otherwise registered through Baseball SA. This has resulted in significant additional insurance costs that were not anticipated when team registration fees were set for the 2026 season.

To ensure clubs and players are not disadvantaged by these unforeseen changes, the SAWBA Committee has resolved to absorb these additional insurance costs for all players who were registered with SAWBA prior to **30 June 2026**.

Players Joining After 30 June

Any player who joins the competition after **30 June 2026**, including players participating as fill-in players, **will not be covered by Player Accident Insurance** unless appropriate arrangements have been made.

Before these players participate in any SAWBA game, the nominated club must:

- Arrange appropriate Player Accident Insurance for the player (at the club's expense)

Clubs are responsible for ensuring this requirement has been met before the player takes the field.

We appreciate that these changes represent a departure from previous seasons and thank all clubs for their understanding and cooperation. These requirements have been introduced to align with Baseball SA's updated registration and insurance processes while ensuring players are registered within the required timeframes.

If you have any questions regarding player registrations or these changes, please contact the SAWBA Winterball Secretary.

Thank you for your continued support of SAWBA and for helping make the 2026 Winter Baseball season such a positive one.

SAWBA Committee

