

THE 13TH LISMORE WORKERS
**MASTERS
GAMES**

26, 27 & 28
SEPTEMBER 2025



**Far North Coast
Softball Association Inc.**



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Convenors Message

Welcome to the 2025 Lismore Masters Games.

It's hard to believe that the Games have been going for 26 years and we are now playing our 13th game!

A lot has changed in those 26 years. We have new facilities featuring a new fit out to the canteen and some changes to the diamonds and dugout. You will all be pleased to hear we have an extra toilet block, so teams playing out the back, will not have so far to run 😊.

Concrete paths now reach most of the dugouts making it easier to manoeuvre kit bags around when wet. All in all, it's a better facility to host such events.

Enjoy your time with us in Lismore, take the time to explore the area and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in softball
Di McGowen



Meet Our 2025 Legend – Val Dowse

Val started playing softball in 1983 for Rovers, which in 1984 changed names to become known as the Rous Hotel Softball Club, which still operates today.

Both of Val's sisters played alongside her at the time and to top it off her brother-in-law Terry and her now husband Ross coached them.

Val is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the Rous Softball Club and in 2018, was made a Life Member of the Club.



She is also on the Committee for FNCSA as the Scoring Director.

Val has represented Far North Coast Softball (FNCSA) as a player and as a scorer at various State Championships and through Softball, she has been able to travel to many places, including Prague in 2019 & New Zealand 2022 to watch the Australian Men's team compete in the World Championships.

The year of 1994, Val discovered Masters softball.

She has played in the World Masters in New Zealand, Australian Masters in Adelaide and various other Masters Tournaments in Hawaii, Northern Territory, Queensland and in October 2025, she will travel to the ACT competing in yet another Australian Masters Games.

Her passion for Softball is like no other.

The 13th Bi-Annual Lismore Workers Masters Games will see Val playing with her daughter Samantha who is competing in her first ever Masters Games.

Congratulations Val. We look forward to seeing you around the softball fields for many years to come.

Our Legends So Far

The Year	The Legend	The Year	The Legend
1999	Kayleen Shailes	2011	Suellen Pursche
2001	Libby Cramp (Packam)	2015	Dianne McGowen
2003	Chris Eather	2019	Bronwyn Gibson
2005	Beth Baker (Deceased)	2023	Dianne Allen
2007	Merrilyn O'Bryan	2025	Val Dowse
2009	Peter Eyles	2027	

And the Winners Are...

Division	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011
Heat (Div 1)	Hooters	Harlequeens	Dodgers	Rangers	Camira Amigos 1
Decorator (Div 2)	Rebels	Warriors	Redcliffe Rockets	Has Beens	Rebels
Trade (Div 3)	Redcliffe Rockets	Novo Beach Gold	Steelers	Steelers	Lightning Strikes
Lifestyles (Div 4)	Seajades	Aces	Nova Beaches	Lightning Strikes	Firebirds
Leisure	No Comp	No Comp	No Comp	No Comp	Bay Sisters
Men	Tweed Phantoms	Pride	No comp	No Comp	No Comp

Division	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
Division 1	Camira Amigos 1	Camira Amigo 1	Carmia Amigo 1	Camira Amigos 1	No Comp
Division 2	Ligthning Strikes	Double Shots	Redbacks	Fusion White	No Comp
Division 3	Central Coast Fusion	Diamond Divas	Lightning Strikes	I'd Hit That	No Comp
Division 4	Double Shots	Woodburn Whippets	ByronOldsox	No Comp	No Comp

Division	2023	2025	2027	2029	2031
Over 35's	Scorpions				
Over 40's	Harlequeens				



Albert Park Complex



- All diamonds have enclosed dugouts, but please feel welcome to bring along extra shelter for shade, especially for spectators.
- The canteen will be operating over the three days, catering for all your needs.
- Players can bring their own alcoholic drinks to the grounds, as alcohol will not be sold. We ask that you drink responsibly. ***Council rules are, that no glass bottles are permitted at any Council sporting venues.*** Anyone found with glass bottles will be removed from the grounds and the tournament. ***No Alcohol is permitted on the diamonds or in the dugouts.***
- The tournament convenor will be situated in the new canteen complex at the end of the batting cages, while the umpires will be housed in the same building, unless otherwise advised.

- First aid will be supplied and will be setup near the batting cages. ***PLEASE DO NOT RING AN AMBULANCE – CONTACT THE FIRST AID PERSONNEL WHO WILL ARRANGE IF NEEDED.***
- At the end of the competition, a medal presentation will be held.



Lismore Workers Club Master Games



Softball Regulations

1. Eligibility:

- 1.1 Only registered competitors of the Lismore Workers Club Rainbow Region Master Games 2025 shall be eligible to participate.
- 1.2 All players must turn 35 years or older by 31 December 2025.
- 1.3 Participating Coaches, Scorers, Managers and Umpires do not have to meet the age restriction. To receive the player benefits; all officials must register as an “Social Registration”.
- 1.4 Any game in which an ineligible player/official participates shall be declared a forfeit to the non-offending team.
- 1.5 Players must play three (3) games to qualify for the final rounds.

2. Team Entry:

- 2.1 Each team must be registered via the Games website listing all players.
Please Note: No individual player entry form will be accepted after the closing date. However, another player can replace players who cannot attend for various reasons.

3. Team Composition:

- 3.1 Teams shall consist of a maximum of sixteen (16) players and no less than 11 players plus a non-playing Umpire.

4. Uniforms:

- 4.1 All team members must wear matching uniforms as per the Rule book, unless special arrangements have been made with the Convenor.
- 4.2 **Metal cleats and/or screw in stops are not to be worn by players.**

5. Umpires:

- 5.1 Each team must nominate a **non-playing umpire and pay a \$300.00 bond direct to FNCSA by direct debit prior to the close date.** The bound will be returned after the completion of the games. Failure to supply an umpire could see that team disqualified from the competition. **Bank Details: Summerland Credit Union, BSB: 728728, Account: 25806612.**

- 5.2 Umpires must have at least a Level 1 Accreditation and be available for every timeslot for the duration of the competition, unless special arrangements have been made with the Convenor.
- 5.3 Teams may also be required to supply base umpires as requested. A roster of upcoming duties will be given out at the Managers meeting prior to the start of competition.
- 5.4 Umpires must report to the Lismore Workers Club Master Games Tournament grounds one hour prior to the first game of each day, unless otherwise advised by the UIC.

6. Travel and Accommodation:

- 6.1 Travel and accommodation are the responsibility of the participating teams.

7. Format:

- 7.1 The format to be used will be determined by the number of team entries received.

8. Team Entries:

- 8.1 Team entries must be made on the relevant Entry Form.
- 8.2 Entry forms, together with the Entry Fee, must be received by the Lismore Workers Club Rainbow Masters Games committee by the nominated closing date.

9. Managers Meeting:

- 9.1 A Managers meeting will be held an hour prior to the start of the first and second game on the first day of competition.





Lismore Workers Club Master Games



Softball Game Rules

1. The Game:

- 1.1 All games shall be played in accordance with the latest Australian Softball Federation Inc rules as adopted by Softball NSW Inc unless otherwise specified in these rules.
- 1.2 All games will be one hour and fifteen minutes.
- 1.3 Result cards are to be completed and presented to the umpire ten minutes before each game commences.
- 1.4 The team first named in the draw shall occupy first base bench and bat first. Each team shall be entitled to five (5) minutes warm-up on the diamond prior to the scheduled starting time.
- 1.5 The pitching distance for all grades will be 40ft.
- 1.6 At Albert Park, the ball is live off the fence/net for all grounds.
- 1.7 Each team will supply their own tournament balls. All balls will be an **Easton 12" (888) Polycore Centre Australian Softball approved**

First Game:

- (a) The team named first in the draw shall occupy the first base bench and bat first.
- (b) Fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, each team scorer will have the other teams' line-up.
- (c) Bats and helmets belonging to both teams will be checked. The Tournament Umpire in Chief (T.U.C) will hold illegal/altered bats and rejected helmets for the duration of the tournament. Teams are to ensure they collect confiscated equipment at the end of the tournament.
- (d) Players will be checked regarding shoes and jewellery
- (e) **Players will be required to show their identity badge.**

Subsequent Games:

- (a) The team named first in the draw shall occupy the first base bench, bat first ***and will be required at the end of the game to rake the homeplate area.***
- (b) Fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, each team scorer will have the other teams' line-up.
- (c) The team batting first in the game has first use of the diamond and its time shall expire six (6) minutes prior to the start time.
- (d) The second team warming up stays on the diamond for the start of the game.

- (e) Shoes and jewellery are the responsibility of the team manager.
 - (f) Players may be asked to show their identity badge.
- 1.7 All games shall be one hour and fifteen minutes and shall commence and finish at the times specified in the draw unless delayed by the previous game, except for in the playoff games where the following will apply:
- (a) if the team second at bat is at bat and is equal or behind, the game will continue until a result is obtained or the innings is completed.
 - (b) the top of an innings shall not commence with less than five (5) minutes to play.
- 1.8 If any team is not ready to play at the appointed time, this will result in a forfeit to the non-offending team.
- 1.9 During round games, should a regulation game be completed before the time has expired and the result is a draw, the game will continue with the **TIE BREAKER** referred to in **clause 1.16** being played until a result is achieved or time expires, whichever occurs first.
- 1.10 During an elimination game, if the final score is a draw, the game will continue until a result is obtained with the **TIE BREAKER** referred to in **clause 1.16** commencing at the beginning of the next inning.
- 1.11 All games shall be regulation game or timed games of one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes, whichever occurs first. The top of an innings shall not commence with less than five (5) minutes to play.
- 1.12 A **DESIGNATED RUNNER**, referred to as a “DR”, may be used during the game for any baserunner *provided it is made known prior to the start of the game* and their name appears in position number eleven (11) on the bench list.
- 1.12(a) The DR may enter the game once in an inning for any baserunner.
- 1.12(b) A base runner replaced by the DR returns to the game upon completion of the inning, or at their next turn at bat, whichever is the sooner.
- 1.12(c) The DR may not enter the game either defensively or offensively.
- 1.12(d) The DR may be substituted at any time by a pinch runner who then becomes the DR. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game.
- 1.12(e) The DR substituted by a pinch runner, as above, may not return to the game.
- 1.12.1 A COURTESY RUNNER FOR CATCHER/PITCHER.** A temporary runner (TR) is legal for a catcher or pitcher, who is listed in the starting line-up in the top of the first inning or is the catcher or pitcher of record from the previous half inning who is on base with two (2) outs. The following provisions apply:
- a) the use of a temporary runner is optional for the offensive team;
 - b) the temporary runner may be used any time after the second out occurs; and
 - c) the temporary runner is the player scheduled to bat last and who is not on base at the time the option is taken.

If an incorrect runner is used as a temporary runner, the runner shall be called out if a proper appeal made by the defensive team after a pitch or play is made and the appeal is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base.

If the offense places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.

- 1.14 **PICK-UP PLAYERS** can be used to prevent a forfeit should a team be unable to field nine of their own registered players. Teams are eligible to pick-up two (2) players from another team provided those two players are registered in the same or a lower division as the team requiring pickups.

1.14(a) Pick up players cannot play in the positions of pitcher and/or catcher.

1.14(b) Pick up players can only be used when a team's own registered players are too ill or injured to participate further in the tournament or aren't in attendance at the grounds for that game. ***The CONVENOR must be informed PRIOR to the use of a pickup player to ensure the team is eligible to use that player.***

1.14(c) Pick up players are permitted for finals provided teams do not use the pick-up players and leave their registered team members on the bench.

- 1.15 The run ahead rule, seven (7) runs after the fifth (5th) innings, ten (10) runs after the fourth (4th) innings and fifteen (15) runs after the third (3rd) innings, will apply to all games, including the finals.

- 1.16 If after seven (7) innings the score is equal and time has not elapsed, the following “**tie-breaker**” will be played to determine the result of the game. Commencing at the beginning of the eighth (8th) inning. “Each half inning, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat 9th in the respective half inning, being placed on 2nd base”.

- 1.17 The practice of chewing gum and or spitting will not be permitted.

2. **Participants:**

- 2.1 Only registered members of the Lismore Workers Club Master Games may participate.
- 2.2 Teams must only use those players and officials as submitted on the Tournament Entry Form. Changes to the original sheet are permitted up until the Thursday prior to the Tournament. ***Please Note: No individual player entry form will be accepted after the closing date. However, another player can replace a player who cannot attend for various reasons.***
- 2.3 Teams may only field players who are eligible by the Tournament Rules. An ineligible player taking part will automatically result in forfeiture of the game.

3. **Result Cards:**

- 3.1 Result cards will be supplied by the FNCSA and must be completed by both teams and handed to the Plate Umpire prior to the start of the game. It is the responsibility of the plate umpires to return the result card to the Tournament Convenor.
- 3.2 The name of every participant must be legibly printed on the result card. ***No pencil, felt or gel pens are to be used to complete the card.***

4. **Points:**

- 4.1 Points for games will be awarded as follows:

5 Determining Tied Positions:

- 5.1 In the event of teams being tied for any position following the completion of the round games, **runs against** shall be used to determine the placement.
- 5.2 Should the teams still be tied after calculating the runs against the higher seeding shall be determined by runs for.
- 5.3 Should the teams still be tied after calculating the runs for and against the higher seeding shall be allocated to the winner of the round game between the two (2) tied teams.
- 5.4 Should this game be a **draw**; the following procedure shall be followed until the “tie” is broken.
 - 5.4.1 The higher seeding shall be allocated to the team with the highest total number of runners left on base in the game referred to in 5.3.
 - 5.4.2 Should the number of runners left on base be equal, the higher seeding shall be allocated to team who scored first, after equal innings, in the game referred to in 5.2.

6. Forfeits:

- 6.1 Any team using an ineligible player as defined in these Regulations shall forfeit all games in which that ineligible player has participated.
- 6.2 Games shall commence and finish on time. These times will be determined by the Plate Umpire’s watch.

If a game starts late due to either of the teams not being ready to play on time, the game will **still finish on time.**

If a game starts late due to lateness of an umpire, the umpire will start the game immediately upon **arrival and the game will go for the full-allotted time.**
- 6.3 Any team that does not have the required number of players to begin or continue a game will forfeit to the non-offending team. However, if any player is injured during the tournament, then teams may take the field with eight (8) players.

7. Umpires:

- 7.1 Each team competing must supply one (1) umpire for the duration of the Tournament. The umpires must have at least a Level 1 Accreditation.
- 7.2 Umpires dress shall be as section 12.3 of the Softball NSW State Championships Regulations. (Minimum dress dark blue shorts/pants and light blue shirt).
- 7.3 All umpires are required to report to the grounds one hour prior to the start on the first game of the tournament for a umpire’s meeting.

8. Protest:

- 8.1 The T.U.C. and /or appointed Deputy shall adjudicate on all protests, on playing rules, which shall be resolved on the spot.

9. Disputes:

- 9.1 The FNCSA shall appoint a Disputes Committee, comprising no less than three (3) persons, who shall adjudicate on all disputes involving an interpretation of the tournament rules or on any matter that may arise at the Tournament not otherwise covered by these rules and shall be resolved on the spot.

10. Wet Weather/Bad Light:

- 10.1 The Plate Umpire shall suspend a game if conditions are dangerous or unplayable. It is solely the responsibility of the Plate Umpire and does not require the consent of the T.U.C. The Plate Umpire may resume the suspended game if the conditions warrant.
- 10.2 The T.U.C. may direct a Plate Umpire to suspend a game
- 10.3 Once the game is suspended by the Plate Umpire, the T.U.C may abandon the game if the conditions remain dangerous or unplayable.
- 10.4 When any game in progress is called off, it shall be considered a regulation game provided 50% of allotted time has elapsed or a minimum of three (3) innings has been played. Any game called off before such time and which cannot be re-scheduled shall be declared a draw. A re-scheduled game shall be played from the point of abandonment.

11. Play offs:

- 11.1 The team named first in the draw shall occupy the first base bench.
- 11.2 A toss is to be taken fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time by the team captain/manager.

12. Grand Final:

- 12.1 A Grand Final will be played between the two (2) top teams in each division to determine the overall winners.
- 12.2 The Grand Final Shall be a regulation timed game (1 hour 15 minutes).
- 12.3 The “tie-breaker” referred to in 1.16 shall come into operation should the score be equal at the completion of time.
- 12.4 In the event of the Final not being completed due to inclement weather the winner of the game shall be determined as follows:
- 12.4.1 If three (3) or more innings have been completed or the team second at bat has scored more runs than the other team has scored in three (3) or more innings, and meets the criteria of a Regulation game, then the winner shall be the winner **of this regulation game.**
- 12.4.2 If **less than** three (3) innings have been completed **OR** the score is tied at the end of the three (3) completed innings **joint winners** shall be declared.

12. Presentation:

- 12.1 The Presentation will take place at the conclusion of the Tournament.



The Draw

1	Byron Oldsox	6	I'd Hit That
2	Caboolture Angels	7	Lightning Strikes
3	Condors	8	The Benchwarmers Pink
4	Fusion	9	The Benchwarmers Teal
5	Harlequeens	10	Wild Turkeys

Friday, 26 September 2025

Time	Diamond	Teams		
8.00am – 9.15am				
(R3)	D2B	The Benchwarmers Teal	V	Condors
(R3)	D2C	Harlequeens	V	Lightning Strikes
(R3)	D3A	The Benchwarmers Pink	V	Wild Turkeys
(R3)	D3C	Fusion	V	Byron Oldsox
9.45am – 11.00am				
(R1)	D2B	The Benchwarmers Teal	V	Wild Turkeys
(R2)	D2C	Byron Oldsox	V	Condors
(R2)	D3A	Caboolture Angels	V	Fusion
(R2)	D3C	I'd Hit That	V	The Benchwarmers Pink
11.30am - 12.45pm				
(R2)	D2B	Harlequeens	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R2)	D2C	Lightning Strikes	V	Wild Turkeys
(R3)	D3A	Caboolture Angels	V	I'd Hit That
(R4)	D3C	The Benchwarmers Pink	V	Fusion

12.00pm – Lunch for Byron Oldsox & Condors				
12.45pm – Lunch for Everyone Else				
2.00pm – 3.15pm				
(R4)	D2B	Byron Oldsox	V	Harlequeens
(R4)	D2C	Caboolture Angels	V	Condors
(R4)	D3A	Lightning Strikes	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R4)	D3C	I'd Hit That	V	Wild Turkeys
3.45pm – 5.00pm				
(R1)	D2B	Byron Oldsox	V	Caboolture Angels
(R1)	D2C	Condors	V	Fusion
(R1)	D3A	Harlequeens	V	I'd Hit That
(R1)	D3C	Lightning Strikes	V	The Benchwarmers Pink

Saturday, 27 September 2025

Time	Diamond	Teams		
8.00am – 9.15am				
(R5)	D2B	Fusion	V	Harlequeens
(R5)	D2C	Byron Oldsox	V	I'd Hit That
(R5)	D3A	Caboolture Angels	V	Lightning Strikes
(R5)	D3C	Wild Turkeys	V	Condors
9.45am – 11.00am				
(R5)	D2B	The Benchwarmers Pink	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R6)	D2C	Lightning Strikes	V	Byron Oldsox
(R6)	D3A	Condors	V	Harlequeens
(R6)	D3C	Wild Turkeys		Fusion



11.30am - 12.45pm				
(R6)	D2B	I'd Hit That	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R7)	D2C	Fusion	V	Lightning Strikes
(R8)	D3A	Harlequeens	V	The Benchwarmers Pink
(R8)	D3C	Wild Turkeys	V	Caboolture Angels

12.00pm – Lunch for Byron Oldsox & Condors

12.45pm - Lunch for Everyone Else

2.00pm – 3.15pm				
(R7)	D2B	The Benchwarmers Pink	V	Byron Oldsox
(R7)	D2C	The Benchwarmers Teal	V	Caboolture Angels
(R7)	D3A	Condors	V	I'd Hit That
(R7)	D3C	Harlequeens	V	Wild Turkeys
3.45pm – 5.00pm				
(R6)	D2B	The Benchwarmers Pink	V	Caboolture Angels
(R8)	D2C	Byron Oldsox	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R8)	D3A	Fusion	V	I'd Hit That
(R8)	D3C	Condors	V	Lightning Strikes

Sunday, 28 September 2025

8.00AM – 9.15AM				
7.50am – 9.05am (R9)	D4B	Fusion	V	The Benchwarmers Teal
(R9)	D2B	Condors	V	The Benchwarmers Pink
(R9)	D2C	Wild Turkeys	V	Byron Oldsox

(R9)	D3A	Caboolture Angels	V	Harlequeens
(R9)	D3C	I'd Hit That	V	Lightning Strikes

Final Rounds

9.45am – 11.00am	Semi - Final			
Division 1 – (G1)	D2B	1 st Place	V	2 nd Place
Division 1 – (G2)	D2C	3 rd Place	V	4 th Place
Division 2 - (G3)	D3A	5 th Place	V	6 th Place
Division 2 – (G4)	D3C	7 th Place	V	8 th Place
11.30am – 12.45pm	Final			
Division 1 – (G5)	D2C	Loser of G1	V	Winner of G2
Division 2 – (G6)	D3A	Loser of G3	V	Winner of G4
	D2B	9 th Place	V	10 th Place
1.15pm – 2.30pm	Grand Final			
Division 1	D2C	Winner of G1	V	Winner of G5
Division 2	D3A	Winner of G2	V	Winner of G6

A Presentation will be held at the conclusion of the Grand Final at FNCS Hub

Team Contacts

Byron Oldsox Tracey Johnson 0413 682 469 Umpire: Paul May	Caboolture Angels Deslee Taylor 0421 029 763 Umpire: Ethel Walpole
Condors Kate Nott 0412 404 696 Umpire: To be Advised	Fusion Heather Chester 0416 164 081 Umpire: Kayleen Shailes
Harlequeens Angie lacey 0414 630 091 Umpire: Paul Harris	I'd Hit That Val Dowse 0409 663 654 Umpire: Danielle Mathie
Lightning Strikes Heather Brown 0413 301 353 Umpire: Heather Brown	The Benchwarmers – Pink Denise Pullman 0407 187 822 Umpire: Janette Berry

Semi-Finals

Division 1 – (G1)	1 st Place	V	2 nd Place
Division 1 – (G2)	3 rd Place	V	4 th Place
Division 2 – (G3)	5 th Place	V	6 th Place
Division 2 – (G4)	7 th Place	V	8 th Place

Finals

Division 1 – (G5)	Loser of G1	V	Winner of G2
Division 2 – (G6)	Loser of G3	V	Winner of G4
	9 th Place	V	10 th Place

Grand Finals

Division 1	Winner of G1	V	Winner of G5
Division 2	Winner of G2	V	Winner of G6

