

WDCA BY-LAWS

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By Law 1 PROGRAMS OF MATCHES

1.1 DETERMINATION OF PROGRAMS

The clubs shall compete in programs as arranged by the Executive in conjunction with the COM prior to the commencement of the season.

1.2 PROGRAM OF MATCHES

- a) The season shall commence on the first Saturday in October and shall conclude at the completion of the grand-final, which shall be held no later than the last Sunday in March.
- b) Matches will be scheduled in divisions 1 to 4, which shall consist of 8 teams. The lower division(s) may have any number of teams as decided by the Executive; the Executive may change the number of divisions at its discretion.
- c) The Executive shall schedule all matches in all divisions and no club can alter these arrangements unless a request has been approved by the Executive. Where a club wishes to seek approval to alter the scheduled date, time, or venue of a match, the request must be made in writing to the **Secretary or the PlayHQ Coordinator** prior to the match in which the alteration is proposed.
- d) Where it is deemed there are exceptional circumstances, the Executive may waive the above requirement.

By Law 2 MATCH VENUES - NOMINATION APPROVAL AND AVAILABILITY

2.1 NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF VENUES

2.1.1 After the Annual General Meeting and the election of the Executive & COM in each season, each club shall nominate for the coming season their home venue(s).

2.1.2 Such grounds shall be subject to the approval of the Executive.

2.2 AVAILABILITY OF VENUES

Nominated grounds approved by the Executive for all games shall be available for all matches scheduled by the Executive in respect to or in connection with:

- a) The WDCA competition.
- b) All WDCA Competition final matches.
- c) Matches scheduled by the Executive in connection with GCL Competitions.
- d) The GCL Junior Country Week Competitions; and
- e) Such other competitions as the Executive determines.

2.3 CHANGING NOMINATED VENUES

2.3.1 The grounds nominated pursuant to 2.1.1 and approved pursuant to 2.1.2 shall not be changed without approval of the Executive.

2.3.2 Any application to change the nominated venue for any scheduled match shall be lodged in writing with the Executive not less than one week prior to the first date for which approval is sought.

2.3.3 Any such application must nominate an alternative venue for the dates the ground will be unavailable and the reason for the ground being unavailable on those dates.

2.3.4 The Executive shall have no obligation to consider any application received within one week of the date for which approval is sought.

2.4 APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES

2.4.1 The Executive shall have an absolute discretion as to whether to approve an application brought under 2.3.

2.4.2 In exercising its discretion the Executive shall be entitled to take into account the suitability of the proposed alternative venue and the policy of the Executive regarding the use of nominated grounds during the cricket season for purposes other than the playing of cricket.

2.4.3 Notwithstanding the approval of any application made under 2.3, a club changing its nominated venue may be fined a sum to be determined by the Executive.

2.5 REFUSAL OF APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES.

Should approval sought by a club not be granted by the Executive, and the ground subsequently not be available for the playing of any match scheduled by the Executive, the club shall be in breach of these rules and subject to the following penalties (which are cumulative with any penalties which may be imposed by the Executive pursuant to its Articles of Association or its By-Laws):

- a) The club may be fined a sum to be determined by the Executive for each day on which the ground is scheduled for use for the playing of a match or matches and during which the ground is not available for such use; and
- b) The Executive shall have the power to award points to the opposing club.

2.6 NON-AVAILABILITY OF GROUND - ACCEPTABLE REASONS

A club shall not be in breach of the rules by reason of its nominated and approved ground not being available if, but only if:

- a) The weather is such that even with the use of covers the ground has been rendered unfit for play, or
- b) The Executive has, pursuant to 2.8, given approval for the ground not to be available.

2.7 FAILURE TO MEET ENGAGEMENT OR TO HAVE GROUND FIT

Any club failing to meet its engagement or, with due regard to the weather, to have its ground, or a ground to be approved by the Executive, in a proper condition for play, shall be fined an amount determined by the Executive, and/or the Executive shall have the power to award points to the opposing club, unless the Executive accepts the reasons given.

2.8 USE OF GROUND OTHER THAN FOR SCHEDULED MATCHES

2.8.1 If a club wishes to make its ground or grounds available for a use other than the playing of scheduled cricket matches on a day or days during which a match or matches are scheduled for its grounds, the club must make a written application to the Executive not less than **four weeks** prior to the relevant date to obtain approval for such use.

2.8.2 If the application is made less than **four weeks** prior to the relevant date the Executive shall be under no obligation to consider the application.

2.8.3 The Executive shall have absolute discretion as to whether or not to approve the proposed use of the ground. In exercising its discretion, the Executive shall be entitled to take into account the policy of the WDCA regarding the use of grounds during the cricket season for uses other than the playing of cricket.

2.9 DETERMINATION OF SEASONS

Any club that wishes to allow the use of any of its ovals in contravention of the Determination of Seasons must obtain the written permission of the Executive.

2.10 WEEKLY GROUND AND PITCH REPORT - SEPTEMBER

During the month of September each club must report to the Executive on a weekly basis on the condition of the ground and pitch on all ovals, and on the progress being made to have them ready for play on the first Saturday in October.

By Law 3 POINTS & TEAM RANKINGS

3.1 ALLOCATION OF MATCH POINTS

3.1.1 Two Day Matches Result Points

- **Outright Victory**

The side scoring an aggregate of runs which exceeds the total runs made by the opposition side in its two completed innings shall be awarded an outright victory. Points shall be awarded according to the following criteria:

- Ahead after First Innings – 10 points
- First Innings Tie – 8 points
- Behind after First Innings – 6 points

- **Outright Loss**

The side having two completed innings and scoring an aggregate of runs which is less than the total runs scored by the opposition side shall be awarded an outright loss. Points shall be awarded according to the following criteria:

- Ahead after First Innings – 4 points
- First Innings Tie – 2 points
- Behind after First Innings – 0 points

- **Outright Tie**

The side having two completed innings and scoring an aggregate of runs which is equal to the total runs scored by the opposition side in their two completed innings shall be awarded an outright tie. Points shall be awarded according to the following criteria:

- Ahead after First Innings – 7 points
- First Innings Tie – 5 points
- Behind after First Innings – 3 points

- **First Innings Victory**

The side that has a first innings score exceeding that of the oppositions completed first innings score – 6 points

- **First Innings Tie**

The side that has a completed first innings score equal to that of the oppositions completed first innings score – 3 points

- **First Innings Loss**

The side that has a completed first innings score less than that of the oppositions first innings score – 0 points

- **Drawn Match**

The side batting second has not received its entitlement of overs, and a first innings result has not been obtained – 3 points

- **Abandoned Match**

Match is abandoned with less than 20 overs bowled – 3 points

3.1.2 One-Day Matches Result Points

- **Victory**

The side that has a score exceeding that of the oppositions completed innings score – 6 points

- **Tie**

The side that has a score equal to that of the oppositions completed innings score – 3 points

- **Loss**

The side that has a completed innings score less than that of the oppositions score – 0 points

- **Drawn Match**

The side batting second has not received its entitlement of overs, and a result has not been obtained – 3 points

- **Abandoned Match**

Match is abandoned with less than 20 overs bowled – 3 points

3.1.3 T20 Mid-Week Matches

- **Victory**
The side that has a score exceeding that of the oppositions completed innings score – 6 points
- **Tie**
The side that has a score equal to that of the oppositions completed innings score – 3 points
- **Loss**
The side that has a completed innings score less than that of the oppositions score – 0 points
- **Drawn Match**
The side batting second has not received its entitlement of overs, and a result has not been obtained – 3 points
- **Abandoned Match**
Match is abandoned with less than 20 overs bowled – 3 points

3.1.4 Penalty Points Deduction

Premiership Series points gained under 3.1.1; 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 are subject to reduction for any penalties incurred for the contravention of the By-Laws.

3.2 WDCA TEAM AVERAGES

3.2.1 WDCA Ladder

All premiership points obtained in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 count towards the WDCA Home & Away ladder.

3.2.2 Application and Calculation of Team Averages

Should there be equality in aggregate premiership points the team higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better team average. Team averages shall be calculated by:

- a) Dividing total runs scored by total wickets lost (batting average);
- b) Dividing total runs scored against by total wickets taken (bowling average); and
- c) Dividing the batting average (a) by the bowling average (b).

3.2.3 Determination of Wickets Lost

A wicket shall be recorded as lost or taken when an innings terminates with any batsman unable to commence, continue, or resume his innings within the scheduled playing time or compulsory number of overs; but a team declaring an innings closed or having it compulsorily closed or forfeiting an innings shall be deemed to have lost only those wickets which have actually fallen.

3.3 ONE-DAY PROGRAM RANKINGS

3.3.1 One-Day Ladder

A separate one-day ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured one-day matches only.

3.3.2 Team ranking on ladder

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 3.1.2 but if there is equality in points the team to be ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate.

3.3.3 Net Run Rate – definition and calculation

Run rate is the average per over of runs scored in an innings. Net run rate is the difference between the average runs per over scored by a team and the average runs per over scored against it.

3.3.4 Run Rate calculation

The calculation of net run rate must include details of no result matches and include the full entitlement of overs of a team which has been dismissed in fewer overs.

3.4 T20 PROGRAM RANKINGS

3.4.1 T20 Ladder

A separate T20 ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured Mid-Week T20 matches only.

3.4.2 Team ranking on ladder

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 3.1.3 but if there is an equality in points the team ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate (refer 3.3.3 and 3.3.4).

By Law 4 PROGRAMS FOR FINALS

4.1 MEN'S ONE-DAY COMPETITION

Men's One-Day Finals matches shall be played as per One Day Game Rules

4.1.1 Final

The two highest ranked teams will play off in the Final. Should there be a tie, a draw, or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team shall be declared the winner.

4.1.2 The WDCA One-Day Final Scheduling - Divisions 1 to 4 only

The WDCA Executive committee shall decide a date for the One Day final at the beginning of each season:

- a) The highest ranked team is to host final
- b) The home team shall provide Afternoon Tea
- c) If a home ground is unavailable, a venue shall be decided with the approval of both the Executive and the highest ranked team.

4.2 WDCA HOME & AWAY COMPETITION

Note: All WDCA finals matches shall be played under Two Day Rules.

4.2.1 Semi Finals

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the teams finishing first to fourth as per 3.2 shall play semi-finals as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher ranked team in the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner. Semi-finals shall be played under the same rules as two-day matches save for the following:

- i) The hours of play may be extended until 6.30 pm on any days play as necessary to allow a first innings result to be reached.
- ii) Where a reserve day is allocated, it will be used to gain a first innings result, provided none can be obtained on the initial two days play.
- iii) A semi-final cannot become a one-day match if play is interrupted. It must continue under the rules of two-day matches

4.2.2 Grand Final - Two Day Games

- i) The Grand Final shall be played between the two semi-final winners.
- ii) The number of overs shall be the same as stated in the competition rules for each division.
- iii) Hours of Play
 - a. Play shall commence at the scheduled start time for each Division on day 1.
 - b. If time is lost on the first day, play in all Divisions may commence at 12 noon on the subsequent days.
 - c. If more than 30 minutes is lost on Day 1, play may be extended by an additional 90 minutes (to 6:30pm).
 - d. On the second or subsequent days, play can be extended until 6:30pm to make up for time lost on that or previous days.
 - e. If a result appears imminent on the second or subsequent days, the Umpires may extend play by a further 30 minutes to achieve a result (to 7:00pm).
- iv) A maximum of two (2) reserve days shall be set aside to provide every opportunity for an outcome to be achieved.
- v) The reserve days can only be used to achieve a first innings result.
- vi) In the event of a first innings result not being achieved after the completion of play on the final reserve day, the team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the home and away season shall be declared the winner.

4.3 T20 FINAL

The two highest-ranked teams from the scheduled T20 matches (as per 3.4) will contest the Final and play according to the T20 Playing Rules. Should there be a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

4.4 FINALS VENUES

Venues for all finals matches shall be determined by the Executive.

The following criteria shall be used:

The Division 1 & 2 Semi Finals are to be allocated to turf venues selected by the higher-ranked team. If there are not enough turf venues available, then the higher-ranked team may select any venue of their choice.

All other Semi Finals shall be hosted by the higher-ranked team at a venue of their choice.

The Division 1 & 2 Grand Finals are to be allocated to a turf venue selected by the higher-ranked team.

All other Grand Finals shall be hosted by the higher-ranked team at a venue of their choice.

The Executive has the ability to make a change to any nominated venue if it is determined that the ground is not up to the standard required to host a final.

4.5 PRESENTATION TO PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

A pennant and/or shield shall be presented to each winning club. Each winning club shall receive a maximum of 15 medals or badges for distribution to players and such others as deemed appropriate.

By Law 5 PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

5.1.1 At the commencement of a season, any Club that enters a team in Division 1 & 2 competitions, as well as any Club's first XI in any lower grade shall be required to submit a list of players proposed to compete in its first XI.

This list shall comprise the players' names, the season they commenced with the Club and Player type in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.2. This list shall be submitted to the Executive at least 14 days prior to the first match.

5.1.2 Additional players may be added to this list during the season on approval of the Executive. Any such request must be submitted prior to the first match that the player is required.

5.2 PLAYER TYPES

5.2.1 Player types are defined according to the following criteria: with the highest level of playing history over the past five seasons used to determine the points allocated.

Player Category and allocated points:

5.2.1 (i) Base Player – 1 Point

This rule applies to a person who has been registered through the MyCricket/PlayHQ systems as having played juniors at the Club or only ever played seniors at the Club or any player that has not played for 5 years.

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Junior players may be registered at more than one club in their formative years at the under 14 and under 16 levels. When this occurs, the player must be registered through the PlayHQ system to be considered a one-point player with the Club(s) at which he or she played.

5.2.1 (ii) Other Affiliated VCCL Associations, VSDCA & Premier Cricket – 2 Points

This rule applies to a person who has transferred from another Association within Region 7 or another VCCL Region, played VMCU Competition or another State equivalent or has played VSDCA or another State equivalent or has played Premier or another State equivalent in the previous five years.

5.2.1 (iii) Overseas Players – 2 Points

This rule applies to a person who is deemed to be an Overseas Player as per By-Law 7, subject to 5.2.1(iv).

5.2.1 (iv) First Class– 3 Points

This rule applies to any person who has played First Class cricket *in the previous five years*.

5.2.1 (v) WDCA – 4 Points

This rule applies to a person who has played a minimum 6 days of cricket in a season within the previous five years at another WDCA Club.

5.2.1 (vi) WDCA Junior Players – 6 Points (Under 18 as at 1st September)

This rule applies to a person who has represented the WDCA as a player at GCL or JCW Level in two or more seasons, and transfers to another Club in the WDCA.

5.2.2 Clubs failing to have a player listed on the official player points list prior to a match shall be fined \$200 by the Executive.

5.2.3; Teams whose total player points on any given day exceed the total player points cap as defined in rule 5.2.6 shall lose their match points gained for that match and/or be fined \$200.

5.2.4(i) Points Reduction

All players will have their allocated points reduced by one point following the completion of their first season at a club. Points will be reduced by one point thereafter, until they reach one point.

5.2.4(ii) Points Reduction

For a player to qualify for a season loyalty point reduction, the player must have participated in a minimum of six (6) completed days of home and away cricket in a season.

5.2.5 Returning Players

5.2.5(a) A player who returns to their original Club (refer to Rule **5.2.1 (i) Base Player**) will resume on one point.

5.2.5 (b) If a player returns to a non- original club, that is – a Club at which the player has previously played, the player will resume with the points assigned on leaving that club.

5.2.6 Total Match Points:

The total match points allowable for a Division 1 XI are based on the teams ranking in the previous season:

- Division 1, Top 4 - 21 points
- Division 1, 5th and 6th Position – 22 points
- Division 1, 7th Position – 23 points
- Division 1, 8th Position (if remaining in Division 1) – 25 points
- Promoted Team(s) to Division 1 – 25 points

Division 2

All teams competing in Division 2 are allocated 23 points.

5.2.7 Request:

A club may request an assessment from the Executive to determine the activation points for any new players that do not fit into the guidelines.

By Law 6 ELIGIBILITY & TRANSFER of PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTION RULE, FINALS QUALIFICATIONS & REP CRICKET REPLACEMENT

6.1 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

6.1.1 New player eligibility

A player who has not previously played cricket in the current or previous two seasons shall be eligible to play with any WDCA club.

All other players must obtain a transfer through PlayHQ. The deadline for all player transfers into, and within, the WDCA shall be December 31st each season – subject to 6.9.2.

A person who changes their abode is exempt from transfer deadlines.

6.1.2 Overseas players

A new arrival from overseas requiring a Visa shall not play without a permit from the Executive - see Rule 7 for rules.

6.1.3 Requirement for permit

Every player taking part in the program of matches shall play with the club for which he is qualified under these rules and shall continue to play with that club unless a permit to play with another competing club has been obtained.

6.1.4 Registration of playing members

Lodgement and administration of player registration shall be undertaken via the online system.

- a) It is the responsibility of the club to establish the eligibility or otherwise of a player before they participate in their first match.
- b) To be eligible to participate in matches organised by the WDCA, a player must be registered on the approved WDCA Internet scoring/registration outlet by the end of the day on which they first play.
- c) When a player registers with a club that registration will remain current and binding until they are legitimately cleared to play for another club, or they do not play with that club for two complete seasons.

6.1.5 WDCA Executive Committee's powers re registration

The WDCA Executive Committee shall have power to inquire into and determine the bona fides of any player seeking registration or who is already registered.

Should it be found that a player or an official of a club has knowingly furnished information which is false, the Executive may suspend the player from playing in WDCA matches for such time as is deemed appropriate and/or penalise the official's club in accordance with 6.11.

6.2 TRANSFER TO LOWER XI

6.2.1 A player may only drop down one (1) grade within their club between consecutive home and away matches. NOTE: where the WDCA abandons an entire round of cricket that Round will not count as a round played e.g., Round 6 played, Round 7 abandoned, then Round 6 & 8 become consecutive rounds.

6.2.2 When a club has a bye in any grade other than its lowest grade, a maximum of two (2) players who played in the previous round in that grade may play in the following round with a lower graded team. Forfeit games count as a game played. When this occurs, the club receiving forfeit may enter a selected side and the score recorder will then lock the game.

6.2.3 Notwithstanding the Rules above, Clubs have the right to apply to the Executive for an exemption from these rules if extenuating circumstances arise.

However, The Executive has the right to regrade any player whose ability they feel is playing cricket in an inappropriate grade of cricket. Age, and fitness will be considered.

6.2.4 A Junior Player who plays one game up in any higher Division may transfer back to their previous lower Division in the next applicable round of Cricket.

6.3 TRANSFER TO HIGHER GRADE AFTER ROUND 1 BYE

6.3.1 When a club has a bye in Round 1, a maximum of 2 players who played for a lower Division team in Round 1 can play for the Round 1 bye team in the following WDCA Round.

6.4 SUBSTITUTION RULE

6.4.1 Substitute Rule

a) A player may be replaced in a selected side in all two day matches by another registered player, provided the substitute's name and applicable playing date appear on the nominated team sheet, alongside the name of the player for whom the player is substituting. The player shall be able to complete an unfinished hand or over if required.

b) A player is eligible to act as substitute in multiple divisions within the same round, provided the rules that govern team nominations are followed.

c) For a player to be permitted to play in a lower division in a round in which they acted as the substituted player in a higher division, Executive permission must be sought prior to the commencement of the match.

d) Both players will be recorded as playing one (1) day and one (1) game in that division.

6.5 ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME & AWAY FINAL SERIES

6.5.1 Clubs that have an outstanding debt owed to the WDCA at the end of the home and away season shall not be permitted to play in any finals match. The deadline for payment is 4.00pm on the Monday following the completion of the last home and away match.

The next financial club in order of ladder position will then compete in the finals. Any outstanding debts accumulated after this date shall not affect a club's ability to compete in finals.

6.5.2 To be eligible to play in an end of season finals match, a player must have played a minimum of six (6) days cricket in the WDCA in that home and away season. The player must have been named in the PlayHQ system.

Note: being named as twelfth person does not apply (*Fourteenth person in Div 4, 5 & 6*).

One Day Matches, or the first day of a Two-Day Match, cancelled by the WDCA Executive do not count towards eligibility for finals. Where the second day of a Two-Day Match is cancelled, that day shall count towards finals eligibility.

6.5.3

a) A qualified person shall be eligible to play in a finals match in any Division if the Club has all affiliated teams in the finals. (subject to 6.2.1)

b) Thereafter, eligibility for Finals in a Club's lower Division team is dependent on having played more days in the lower Division.

c) If a person plays an equal number of days in two Divisions, eligibility for finals in a particular Division shall then be determined by games played.

d) If the number of playing days and games are equal, the player shall only be permitted to play in the higher Division.

e) If a Club has two teams competing in the same Division, eligibility to play finals for a particular team in that Division is determined by the days played for each team, unless both teams are playing against each other.

6.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE-DAY FINAL

- a) To be eligible to play in a One Day Final match, a player must have played a minimum of **four (4) days** of cricket in the WDCA in that season and have played in at least one, one day allotted round.
- b) Eligibility for a final in a lower division is dependent upon having played a majority of the scheduled One Day matches in that grade, or any other lower division during the relevant season.
- c) If a player has played an equal number of One Day matches in two Divisions, then total days played across all home and matches in that season may be used as Tie-Breaker. If total playing days are equal then total games played may be used as further Tie-Breaker.

6.7 ELIGIBILITY FOR MID-WEEK T20 FINAL

To be eligible to play in any midweek T20 finals match, a player must have played in at least 1 of the qualifying games. A player shall not be eligible to play in a finals match with a lower grade team unless he has played the majority of his matches in that, or any other, lower grade during the relevant season. This shall not apply if the club's higher grade is also playing in a final on that same weekend.

6.8 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER REPLACEMENT

6.8.1 Representative Player

Definition: For this rule a representative player is:

- a) A player selected to take part in a Pathway Cricket or other match controlled by, or under the sanction of Cricket Victoria; and/or
- b) A player representing the VCCL; or
- c) A player Representing Gippsland Cricket (example U21).

6.8.2 Replacement of Representative Player

A player selected to participate in a Representative Cricket Match as per definition above, may be replaced by a player approved by the Executive.

The notification should be made as follows: - By 6:00pm on the day prior to the start of the scheduled day's play; or by such time as the Executive Committee deems reasonable in the circumstances.

- a) Thereafter, notification to the umpires and the opposing captain is to be made prior to the start of play.
- b) All replacements pertaining to the match shall be noted on the team sheets.
- c) A player who is injured while on representative duties within the timeframe of a scheduled WDCA match may be replaced on the second day in accordance with the rule hereunder:
- d) The coach or manager of the representative side provides a report of the injury stating that it was sustained in the course of duty as a representative player.
- e) The statement is provided to the Executive prior to resumption of play in the WDCA match.

6.8.3 No alteration allowed after notification

In all circumstances once notification has been given, no alteration shall be made without approval from the Executive prior to the WDCA match involved.

6.8.4 Requirements of replacement player

A replacement player shall be subject to the provisions of the Executive Rules and Laws of Cricket as would have applied to the player he replaced if that player had continued playing in the match.

6.8.5 Lower XI

The principle and provisions of the foregoing shall apply to allow consequential replacement or retention in Div 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

6.8.6 Substitute fielder

Where a replacement player has not been requested a substitute fieldsman shall be allowed.

6.8.7 Representative Player role in the game

A player who, due to representative match duties,

- a) Arrives late on a day of a WDCA match in which he is nominated to play or is playing, shall not be limited as to when and how that person may take part or resume in the match.
- b) Is not out and is unable to resume an innings, shall be treated under The Laws of Cricket as retired owing to unavoidable cause and recorded as “retired, not out”.
- c) has an unfinished innings shall be replaced by a nominated replacement player at the crease.
- d) has returned from duties may resume their place in the game.

6.9 TRANSFERS TO AND FROM WDCA CLUBS

6.9.1 Definition of a WDCA player

A WDCA club cricketer is a player who has played at Senior, Under 17, Under 15 or Under 13 level for a WDCA affiliated club in either of the previous two (2) seasons, or the current season.

6.9.2 Transfer Applications – Timeframe & Procedures

Internal WDCA Transfer applications will only be accepted by the WDCA between July 1st and December 31st each season.

Notwithstanding the above rule, a person who has not played in the current season may apply for a transfer post the 31st of December deadline.

Transfer applications within the WDCA shall be submitted using the approved online transfer system. The club to which the applicant is registered must respond to the transfer application within five (5) days of the date that the application was submitted. Failure to respond will result in the automatic approval of the clearance application.

6.9.3 – Eligibility for Transfer

All financial players are eligible for a Transfer.

All minors shall be eligible for a Transfer.

6.9.4 – Non-Financial Players

Players are deemed to be non-financial if their name appears on the Non-Financial Register submitted in writing by the Secretary of each club by July 31st of the current season.

A player is deemed to be non-financial if there is a substantiated debt incurred for Membership Fees, Clothing or Raffle Money.

Note: A debt incurred by a minor shall be deemed to be an unsubstantiated debt.

6.9.5 Eligibility to play for more than one club

A player shall not play with more than one WDCA club during the season unless they are expressly authorised by these Rules or by the Executive.

6.9.6 Special Permits

A permit may be granted to a player who requests in writing to play with another club when they wish to play Division 1 whilst currently playing with a club that does not have a Division 1 team. Unless formally cleared this player is ineligible to play finals.

6.9.7 Hardship Rule

- a) If a club has a shortage of players a permit may be granted for a player to play for another club in their lowest grade even after the close of clearances; player's ability will be considered.
- b) PROCESS, apply through WDCA Secretary or appointed officer, the club in which player is registered to has the final say.
- c) This player will not be able to play in any other grade except the lowest team with which club the player is gaining a permit to play.
- d) Days played under permit will not count as games played for either club towards finals qualifications.
- e) The Club with a shortage of players must convince the Executive that they have exhausted all avenues; this rule is designed solely to give both teams a game of cricket.
- f) In the event of covid, death or serious accident/injury during a round of cricket, a club may apply for a substitute player through the Executive. A comparable replacement player will be determined after submission to the Executive for approval.

6.10 TRANSFERS BETWEEN REGION 7 CRICKET ASSOCIATIONS & PREMIER CRICKET

"The WDCA has adopted and shall abide by the Region 7 rules as detailed in this Bylaw hereunder when Registering Players for WDCA Competitions and selecting players for representative matches against other Associations. However, with respect to both Premier and Sub -District Cricketers, The WDCA Executive reserves the right to register such players in its domestic competition at its discretion."

6.10.1 Transfer applications within Region 7

- a) All player transfer applications between Associations within Region 7 shall commence on September 1st and cease on December 31st.
- b) Transfers are required for all players who wish to transfer from one Association Club to another Association Club within Region 7 when that player has played in a Region 7 Association in the previous or current season.
- c) The Secretary of the Association, which registers such player, is required to bring the player's name to the attention of the secretary of his previous Association so that a check on the player's financial status can be determined.
- d) A financial player shall be automatically transferred to play with that player's Club of choice in a new Association unless it is proven that such player has a legal contract to play with the previous Club.
- e) Financial Status A player shall be deemed to be financial if.
 - 1) The membership fee and other legitimate subscriptions due in any given season have been paid.
 - 2) Raffle ticket money collected on behalf of the Club in any given season has been paid to the Club.
 - 3) Payment for Club apparel provided by a Club in any given season has been made.

f) For a player to be deemed non-financial from a previous season, the player's name must appear on the list of that Club's non-financial members. For the list to be valid, it must state the nature of the debt and be registered with that Club's Association secretary by September 1st in any given year.

1) Players whose names do not appear on such list will be deemed to be financial.

2) A non-financial person must pay all outstanding debts before the player can be transferred and registered to play for a new club in a different Association. Where a dispute arises under any of the above, a) to e), the matter shall be referred to the VCCL – Region 7 Member Protection Officer.

g) A fine of \$200 will be imposed on those Associations who do not comply with the Region 7 procedures in relation to player transfers within Region 7.

h) A person who changes their abode is exempt from rule a) that governs transfer deadlines.

6.11 PENALTY FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYER

6.11.1 Penalties

Any club playing a player not possessing the requisite qualification shall, subject to the discretion of the Executive, be declared to have lost the match or matches in which such player took part and may be liable to a fine. For each match in which the club did not gain points a fine of a sum determined by the Executive may be imposed.

6.11.2 Awarding of points

The awarding of points to the opposing club or clubs under 6.11.1 shall be at the discretion of the Executive.

6.11.3 Player incorrectly identified as eligible

Where a club is notified under 6.11.1 that a player is eligible and that player is subsequently found to be ineligible, the club shall not be penalised for any match in which the player participated prior to the ineligibility being brought to its attention.

By Law 7 REGULATIONS OF OVERSEAS PLAYERS

7.1 Overseas Players

7.1.1 Maximum Player quota

Each WDCA Club is allowed to have a maximum of 2 deemed overseas players playing in their highest Division in any given round, including finals, in any given season.

7.1.2 Definition

An overseas player is a person who holds a VISA as a condition of entry into Australia.

7.1.3 Exemption

A person who holds a VISA as a condition of entry into Australia shall be deemed to be a local player for any season(s) commencing after they have resided in Australia for four (4) consecutive years. Clubs requesting an exemption under this rule shall be required to produce evidence of the player's residency status over the previous four years, prior to the players first match in the season that the exemption relates to.

7.1.4 Club responsibilities

Clubs are responsible for gaining approval from the WDCA Recorder for any player who may be considered an overseas player.

7.1.5 Fines

The Executive has the power to fine & award the games result to the opposition team where these rules have been breached.

By Law 8 INVESTIGATIONS, DISPUTES/PROTESTS, CONTRIVED RESULTS, & APPEALS

8.1 WDCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS

8.1.1 Powers

The Executive shall have power to investigate and adjudicate upon all matters arising out of, or in connection with, WDCA matches, including social media that it considers derogatory, insulting or brings the game into disrepute. Whether against a WDCA Official, opposing player/official or his current club.

8.1.2 Representation qualification - WDCA Executive Committee

If a member of the Executive is a representative of a club involved in an investigation, he/she shall cease to have any involvement for the duration of the investigation with executive members or investigation officer involved.

8.2 DISPUTES/PROTESTS

8.2.1 Lodgement requirements

Any club referring a dispute to the Executive shall give notice to the Executive within 48 hours of a dispute.

The Club shall lodge a statement in writing of the matter in dispute with the Executive, together with a fee of \$300.00 (to be returned unless the dispute/process be deemed frivolous). A copy of such statement shall be sent to the Secretary of the other club involved with the 48 hours timeframe.

8.2.2 Meeting

The Executive shall call on the disputing clubs to submit a report to it. The Executive shall decide thereon as to the action necessary.

8.2.3 Representation qualification

WDCA Executive Committee: In the event of a member of the Executive being a representative of either of the clubs involved, the member shall cease to act on the Executive for the hearing of the dispute/protest.

8.3 CONTRIVED RESULTS

8.3.1 Powers of investigation

The Executive shall have power to investigate a match, or the actions of the captains of the clubs or any players involved in a match, if it reasonably suspects that the competing clubs with or without the assistance or collusion of any other person or club have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the Executive decides to carry out an investigation it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or the conduct of either captain or any player and will give any person, the opportunity to be heard.

8.3.2 Outcome

If the Executive finds that the clubs, captains, or players have colluded to contrive the outcome of a match the Executive may in its absolute discretion do one or more of the following:

- a) Fine a club, captain or player.
- b) Suspend a captain or player from playing in any match or matches.
- c) Disallow any points earned by a club in respect of the match.

d) Amend any points earned by a club in the match; or take any other action it deems appropriate.

8.4 APPEALS AGAINST WDCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS

8.4.1 Procedure

Clubs may appeal against any Executive decision. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the WDCA Secretary together with a fee of \$300 (to be returned unless the appeal be deemed frivolous) within 48 hours after receipt of the decision.

8.4.2 WDCA Executive Committee Appeals Process

All appeals against the Executive decisions shall be heard by a WDCA Member Panel consisting of one representative per Club. The decision of the panel shall be final.

By Law 9 Reports of Players, Officials, Members and Employees

9.1 Misbehaviour and Bringing the Game into Disrepute.

Preamble: The Laws of Cricket place the responsibility for the conduct of the game firmly on the captain. As such, captains are always responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game, as well as within the Laws.

Therefore, Clubs are required to officially take charge of Player Behaviour and Deliberate on Reports of Player misbehaviour.

However, the WDCA Executive may use an appeal process if deemed necessary.

9.1.1 Expectations

Moreover, it is expected that **WDCA players and officials** conduct themselves in accordance with **the Spirit of Cricket and respect the integrity of the Umpires.**

It is also expected that Umpires will officiate free of harassment and apply zero tolerance to any form of unacceptable behaviour.

9.1.2 Unacceptable Conduct

9.1.2 is a summary of Cricket Law 42 only – This By-Law does not replace or amend the application of that Law.

Level 1 Offences

Any of the following actions by a player shall constitute a Level 1 offence:

- wilfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground, equipment or implements used in the match
- showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- using language that, in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive, or insulting
- making an obscene gesture
- appealing excessively
- advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 1 offence.

Penalty

First offence – Warning to the player and team via the captain.

Subsequent offence (by any member of the team) – a five runs penalty shall apply

Level 2 Offences

Any of the following actions by a player shall constitute a Level 2 offence:

- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action,
- Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with another player.
- Throwing the ball at a player, umpire, or another person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner.
- Using language or gesture to another player, umpire, team official or spectator that, in the circumstances, is obscene or of a seriously insulting nature.
- Or any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 2 offence.

Penalty

A 5 run Penalty shall be awarded to the opposing team

Level 3 Offences

Either of the following actions by a player shall constitute a Level 3 offence:

- intimidating an umpire by language or gesture
- threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire.

Penalty

A 5 run Penalty shall be awarded to the opposing team, AND;

The offending player shall be suspended from the field of play for the LESSER of one fifth of the number of overs allocated to the current innings at its commencement, or 10 overs.

A player serving such penalty shall not have a substitute fielder.

Level 4 Offences

Any of the following actions by a player shall constitute a Level 4 offence:

- threatening to assault an umpire
- making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire
- physically assaulting a player or any other person
- committing any other act of violence

Penalty

A 5 run Penalty shall be awarded to the opposing team, AND;

The umpires shall direct the captain to remove the offending player immediately from the field of play for the remainder of the match

A player serving such penalty shall not have a substitute fielder.

9.1.3 Reports of Misbehaviour

A player or person connected with a Club who engages in conduct that brings the game of cricket into disrepute shall be reported to the captains or relevant Club Officials on the day concerned. Such report is to be lodged with the Executive by the Club/s concerned after receiving notification of a report.

9.1.4 Notification of Report

Incidents reported by Umpires or Club Captains, or Club Officials are required to be dealt with by the Club to which the offending player or person is registered.

When a report has been lodged with the Captain of the Club or Clubs concerned on the day, the Clubs concerned shall notify the person concerned and the Executive within 48 hours of the cessation of play on the day on which the misbehaviour occurred.

When an official Umpire is present, the umpire concerned shall notify the umpire coordinator of the report who in turn shall notify the Executive that a report has been made.

9.1.5 Process for Handling Misbehaviour Reports

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match from which the report arises, the Executive shall:

- a) Confirm with the Club of the reported person as well as the opposition Club that a report has been made against a particular person; and
- b) Require the nominated Club/s to investigate the issue, deliberate on a course of action and impose a sanction if deemed necessary.
- c) The Club is required to inform the Executive in writing of the process undertaken and the decision reached.

9.1.6 WDCA Executive Deliberation

- a) The Executive shall endorse decision – if it agrees with the decision reached by the Club.
- b) The Executive may modify the decision or negotiate with the Club if it considers the course of action to be inappropriate.
- c) The Executive may reject the decision of the Club if agreement on the course of action cannot be met.
- d) In the event of rejection of the Club's decision, the matter shall be referred to the WDCA Appeals Panel.

9.1.7 WDCA Appeals Panel

The Panel shall be chaired by the WDCA President who shall preside over the process but shall not participate in debate.

The Executive shall provide a recorder.

One Member of the Executive shall act on behalf of the Association.

The Appeals Panel shall consist of one member from each of the affiliated WDCA Clubs; excluding members from the two Clubs concerned.

9.1.8 Appeal: Notification

The Executive shall notify the Club of the reported person, the umpire or person involved in the report and any other relevant persons that they are required to attend the appeal process and shall also notify them of the time and place of the appeal.

9.1.9 Attendance

The persons and umpires involved in the report and any other persons as deemed necessary by the Executive shall attend the Appeal Hearing.

9.1.9 Inquisitorial and Informal Hearing

The hearing before the WDCA Appeals Panel shall be:

- a) Inquisitorial in nature.
- b) Conducted with as little formality and with as much expedition as is deemed warranted by the Executive Chairperson and
- c) Conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice.

9.1.10 Rules of Evidence

The WDCA Panel may hear evidence from any person present at the hearing. The hearing before the Panel is not bound by the laws of evidence which apply to Courts of Law, rather the balance of probability.

9.1.11 No Reasons Required

The WDCA Panel is not obliged to give reasons for any determination which it makes.

9.1.12 Legal Representation

A legal practitioner is not permitted to represent a person at any hearing of the WDCA Tribunal unless such representation is with the leave of the Panel Chairperson.

9.1.13 Power to Impose Penalties on Players

Where the WDCA Panel is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute, it may endorse the original penalty, reprimand or suspend or disqualify the Player from playing in such matches or for such time as the WDCA Panel deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge.

9.1.14 Power to Impose Penalties on Non-Players

Where the WDCA Panel is reasonably satisfied that a member, official or employee of a WDCA club has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute, the WDCA Panel may reprimand or fine or suspend the reported person and/or reprimand or fine his club or may recommend to the Executive that the club be suspended or impose upon the reported person or his club any other penalty as the WDCA Panel deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge, the circumstances and the reported person's status in the club.

9.1.15 Plea on Penalty

Where the WDCA Panel is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute the person shall be provided with a reasonable and separate opportunity to make representations with respect to any penalty to be imposed by the WDCA Appeals Panel.

9.1.16 Suspension: Applicable to Next Match

Unless the Panel stipulates otherwise, a suspension penalty shall apply to the next WDCA match played for premiership points or WDCA Finals match in which the player's club competes.

9.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

Any player in any grade who has been suspended for misbehaviour during a WDCA cricket game shall be ineligible for a WDCA award in any grade. If a suspension arising from a home & away or final series match extends into the final series or ensuing season or seasons, the player shall not be precluded from winning an award in the ensuing season or seasons.

By Law 10 Reports of Ground Conditions, Match Results, & Live Scoring

10.1 Match Day Grounds Conditions Report

Where there is any doubt regarding the possibility of play, clubs shall provide a detailed grounds report via text to the WDCA Secretary prior to 8am on each match day. If no report is received, it will be assumed grounds are ready for play to commence on time.

10.2 Match Report

All clubs shall lodge on PlayHQ scores of each day's play for each game.

10.3 Live Scoring

It is mandatory that all Division 1 and 2 matches be live scored. Failure to live score a match will result in a fine to the offending team(s).

By Law 11 Umpires: Appointment and Payment of Fees

11.1 Umpires for all matches shall be appointed by the Umpires Panel Committee.

Umpires' fees shall be fixed by the Executive. Umpires shall be paid by the WDCA at seasons end, with clubs to be invoiced sporadically throughout the season for their share of umpire payments. Clubs are to be invoiced on a 'User Pays' basis.

By Law 12 Captains' Report & Appraisal on Umpires

12.1.1 Captains' Report

Captains' Reports on OfficialsHQ cover appraisal of umpire performance and ground conditions. All clubs are to ensure that captains in grades where an appointed umpire officiates complete and lodge the Captains' Reports on OfficialsHQ within 48 hours of the completion of each match.

12.2 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

A club failing to comply with any regulation requiring submission of a report or submitting an incomplete or incorrect report may be fined a sum to be determined by the Executive.

By Law 13 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF WDCA RULES

13.1.1 Amendments to Rules

Clubs may lodge any suggested amendments or alterations to the WDCA rules and By Laws with the Executive 24 days before the Annual General Meeting.

13.1.2 Repeal of Rules

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any rule may be created, repealed, or altered by the Executive. Such decisions stand until a majority of the WDCA Committee of Management at a scheduled Meeting endorse or reject the decision, or has been considered at a Special Meeting of the Association called for the purpose.

By Law 14 GROUND AND PITCH PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE

14.1 PREPARATION

The ground may be rolled, watered, mown, or beaten prior to each day's play except for matches played on consecutive days as stated in 14.3, and the pitch may also be rolled, beaten and/or swept for seven minutes before the commencement of each innings.

14.2 MAINTENANCE OF PITCH DURING PLAY

During play on any day, a batsmen may beat the pitch with their bat and players may secure their footholds using sawdust provided that no damage to the pitch is caused.

14.3 MATCHES ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS

14.3.1 Pitch care between days

a) Between the completion of play and the start of play on the immediately following day the pitch may be rolled for seven minutes, beaten, swept, and mown at any time but under no circumstances is the pitch to be watered.

b) If a turf pitch is found to be in a questionable condition on the second day's play, the host club may be given a "show cause notice" why the game should not be awarded to the opposing club. The Executive will contact the host club within 72 hours of the completion of the match in question.

14.3.2 Mowing of outfield between days

In all matches the outfield shall not be mown between the completion of play and the commencement of play on the immediately following day. In a Div 1 & 2 Final the outfield can be mown completely between the completion of play and the commencement of play on each consecutive day but if this is not possible because of weather and ground conditions, the umpires may allow play to proceed after partial mowing or without mowing.

14.4 CHANGING OR RE-USING PITCH DURING MATCH

14.4.1 Changing Pitch during Match

The pitch used for the commencement of a match shall be used until the match is completed unless the approval to change the pitch is obtained from the Executive. In such an event the opposing club shall be notified of the change as soon as possible. Any club changing a pitch during a match without approval shall be fined and/or the Executive shall have the power to award points to the opposing club.

14.4.2 Re-using Pitch during Match

A current WDCA match pitch in use may be re-used for another match up to and including Tuesday, providing prior approval of the Executive is obtained.

14.5 USE OF COVERS

The pitches for all turf matches shall be covered subject to the conditions laid down for the use of covers.

14.5.1 Cover Measurements

Turf Covers dimensions shall be as follows: - Turf ovals: sufficient covers to cover the entire wicket table. The Executive in conjunction with the home club must approve all covers.

14.5.2 Covering Prior to Match Day

- a) The approved covers properly laid and pegged COVERING THE ENTIRE TURF WICKET AREA shall be laid by dusk on the day preceding a match day. The use of underlay material shall be optional, but its use shall be the same in the period prior to each day of a two-day match.
- b) At all other times the curator shall be permitted to use the cover at his discretion to obtain the best possible conditions for play on a match day.
- c) The Executive shall have power to waive the provision in 14.5.2(a) and instruct clubs regarding the laying of covers on any specific day.

14.5.3 Removing Covers on Match Day

In good conditions the cover shall be removed no later than 9.30am. Otherwise removal shall be at the discretion of the curator or ground manager having regard to prevailing weather conditions and may be re-laid if necessary.

14.5.4 Umpires' Control of Covers

The umpires shall assume control immediately after the toss or 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each day's play, whichever is the earlier, and make all decisions regarding the use of the cover until the end of play. At all interruptions they shall direct and supervise the laying and removal of covers and report any failure of either side to comply with 14.5.5.

14.5.5 Labour for Laying or Removing Cover

After umpires have assumed control, both teams shall assist with the laying or removal of covers and any other measures deemed necessary by the umpires to expedite the start or recommencement of play.

14.5.6 Conditions for Finals Series Matches

The provisions of 14.5 shall apply to finals series matches in the absence of any specific direction from the Executive. The executive shall be empowered to inspect finals venues and monitor prevailing and predicted weather conditions and to direct the home or host clubs to use covers at any time in the week proceeding any day of a match.

14.5.7 Failure to Comply with Directions

A team that fails to comply with the directions set out in 14.5 may be referred to the Executive and required to explain its actions.

14.6 HARD PITCHES:

14.6.1 Approval Hard Wickets

All Association matches will be played on a type of pitch approved by the Executive and clubs shall improve their standard of pitch when directed to do so by the Executive.

14.6.2 Covering – Hard wickets

Clubs with hard wickets must cover their pitch when inclement weather is predicted on the day before play. Covering must be sufficient to cover 2 metres each side of wicket and substantial area of run ups.

First offence: Maximum \$50

Subsequent offence: Maximum \$50 and a loss of points.

14.6.3 Covering – Hard wickets during Finals

Hard wickets are to be covered during all finals matches. Covering must be sufficient to cover 2 metres each side of wicket and substantial area of run ups

14.6.4 Spikes – Hard Wickets

Spikes may only be worn when the match is played on a turf wicket.

14.7 Boundary markings where obstacles come into play (3 metre rule)

14.7.1 All grounds that have fencing must have boundary line marked 3 metres inside fencing,

14.7.2 Objects e.g., Goal/behind posts, coaches' boxes, Roller must not be any closer than 3 metres from boundary line

14.7.3 Grounds with steep banking must have a marked boundary line 3 metres in from these occurrences

14.7.4 Boundary lines can be marked by a painted line or plastic cones; pegs are not to be used at any time. If painted line is not used with cones, then the boundary is a direct straight line from cone to cone

By Law 15 ADVERSE PITCH & GROUND

15.1 DETERMINING FITNESS FOR PLAY

15.1.1 All matches - Non cancellation

If the WDCA Wet Weather Committee has not cancelled all matches by 10:00am, the fitness of ground conditions shall be determined as below.

15.1.2 Umpires sole judges

The umpires together shall decide whether either the conditions of ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

- a) Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal.
- b) Conditions shall be regarded as dangerous if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.
- c) Conditions shall be regarded as unreasonable if, although posing no risk to safety, it would not be sensible for play to proceed.

15.1.3 Improvement of ground and pitch

Before commencement of play on any day the umpires shall ensure all possible steps are taken to improve the ground or pitch to expedite play and shall not abandon play before the scheduled cessation time unless, in their opinion, the conditions make play impossible.

15.1.4 Suspension of play

The umpires shall suspend play when they consider that conditions are dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

15.1.5 Inspection of ground on improvement of conditions

After any suspension of play, the umpires, unaccompanied by any of the players or officials shall, on their own initiative, carry out an inspection immediately the conditions improve and shall continue to inspect at intervals. Immediately the umpires decide that play is possible they shall call upon the players to resume the game.

15.1.6 Grounds with No Umpires

Where games have no umpire/s, both captains will be given the powers to consult with each other to regulate these rules. Safety for all players MUST be the sole reason for games to not go ahead

15.1.7 Disputes

In the absence of an Umpire and where both captains disagree, the Executive shall hear any grievance related to the game in question; for a grievance to be heard, an attached letter must be received via email by the WDCA Secretary no later than 48 hours after the scheduled close of play.

15.2 FITNESS OF GROUND

The umpires shall consider the ground as unfit for play when it is as wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fieldsmen of the power of free movement, or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets. Play should not be suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet and slippery.

By Law 16 EXTREME WEATHER- SENIORS

The cancellation of play at Senior Level, on any given day, may take place under the following circumstances:

16.1 Wet Weather

16.1.1 Operational

In circumstances that arise from wet weather, The Weather Committee shall have the Power to cancel scheduled play on any given day.

16.1.2 Notification

In such circumstances, the notification of the cancellation of the day's play shall be posted on the WDCA website & WDCA Facebook Page no later than 10:00am on the day in question.

16.2 Hot Weather

16.2.1 Operational

Members of the Weather Committee shall check The Warragul forecast temperatures on the Bureau of Meteorology website.

16.2.2 Forecast

The Weather Committee shall have the Power to cancel a day's play if the forecast for that day's temperature is expected to reach 38 degrees Celsius as determined above in 16.2.1.

16.2.3 Notification

In such circumstances, the notification of the cancellation of the day's play shall be posted on the WDCA website & WDCA Facebook Page no later than 10:00am on the day in question.

16.3 Extreme Circumstances

16.3.1 In Extreme Circumstances, such as a serious bushfire threat, the Executive shall have the power to cancel a day's play.

16.3.2 In such circumstances, the Executive has the power to authorise the notification of the cancellation of the day's play. The notification shall be posted on the WDCA website & WDCA Facebook Page.

By Law 17 RESULTS — FORFEITS —FINES

17.1 RECORDING OF RESULTS

The WDCA shall use PlayHQ as the official recording system for results of all matches.

The following timeline shall be adhered to for all data entry on the system:

- A minimum of 11 players must be entered by each team by 9.00 am on the first morning of each match. Any change to the team entered must be made within 2 hours of the scheduled completion of the first day's play.
- The home club must enter the match score and result (where applicable) by 9.00 pm each day's play.
- Competing clubs must enter complete player scores by 11.00 am on the day following each day's play.
- Sunday games - all score results and player scores must be entered 9.00 pm Sunday night
- All Finals matches shall be live scored.

Failure to comply with any of the deadlines above, without a satisfactory reason, shall incur a \$200 fine for any single breach of above deadlines (note if not fixed by Thursday after notification of breach, a further \$50 fine will be incurred and if not fixed by following weekend, further action (points or fines) will be sanctioned).

17.2 FORFEITS

a) Any club which is unable to participate in a match must advise both the opposing club and the WDCA secretary before 9.00 am on the day of the match.

b) Where a club must forfeit a match, it must forfeit their lowest grade. Should this not be the case, any lower grade teams will be deemed to have forfeited as well

17.3 FINES & PENALTIES

The Executive shall have the power to levy any fine it considers reasonable for any breach of the WDCA By-Laws, Laws of Cricket or WDCA Playing Conditions. In all cases the fine shall be discretionary, but the maximum penalty that can be imposed shall not exceed \$400.00

All fines incurred by clubs must be paid within 30 days of the date of invoice. Failure to meet this deadline will result in all senior teams for the club in question becoming ineligible to receive match points until payment has been received by the association.

17.4 SMOKING & ALCOHOL

a) Under no circumstances must any player or umpire smoke whilst on the cricket field and play will cease until the offender stops smoking.

b) An intoxicated player must not be allowed to participate in any match. If a player is found guilty of consuming alcohol while participating in any match his club shall be fined. Offending players are to be reported to the Executive.

By Law 18 CLOTHING REGULATIONS

18.1 Two Day Clothing

a) Playing Shirts

Shall be collared, either standard or polo style, and shall be plain white/cream, and MUST BE 70% predominantly White.

b) Sweaters

Shall be plain white/cream save that coloured piping and stripes are permitted subject to the following restrictions:

- i) Piping is restricted to the 0.5cm in width
- ii) Only one colour of piping is permitted on any sweater
- iii) Piping is restricted to the sweater arms
- iv) Stripes in team colours are permitted to be carried around the wrist cuffs, waist and neck (traditional V-shape)

c) Trousers

Shall be plain white/cream save that coloured piping and trim are permitted subject to the following restrictions:

- i) Piping is restricted to the 0.5cm in width
- ii) Only one colour of piping is permitted on any pair of trousers
- iii) Piping is restricted to the edge of the pockets and the outside seam of the leg of the trousers
- iv) The inside of the pocket may be of a plain colour other than white/cream

d) Shoes and Boots

Shall have a predominantly white upper, tongue and laces. NO BLACK SHOES. Spikes may only be worn when a match is being played on a turf wicket. A fine of \$25 will be imposed for incorrect footwear in the Div 1 & 2 Competitions. This principally applies to black footwear.

e) Socks

Shall be white, cream, or light grey.

f) Logos

The following logos are permitted on players' upper clothing only, provided they conform to the size and positioning regulations below. Multiple logos can be placed in the same position, provided the combined size does not exceed the allowed size for that position:

- i) Club logo;
- ii) WDCA logo and/or WDCA sponsor logo;
- iii) Club's sponsor/s logo.

g) Size and Positioning of Logos

Logos may be displayed on playing shirts in the following positions and dimensions:

- i) Club Logo may be displayed in the centre just below the v on Jumpers
- ii) Upper left chest - not exceeding 64.5cm² (10² inches)
- iii) Upper right chest - not exceeding 64.5cm² (10² inches)
- iv) Left sleeve - not exceeding 64.5cm² (10² inches)
- v) Right sleeve - not exceeding 64.5cm² (10² inches)
- vi) Back. – not exceeding 206.45cm (32 sq inches)
- vii) Midriff – not exceeding 206.45cm (32 sq inches)

18.2 One Day & T20 Clothing

a) Coloured Shirts

Players are permitted to wear coloured shirts in One Day and T20 games provided that:

- i) Such shirts are collared, either standard or polo style.
- ii) All players in a team must be similarly attired (“one-in, all-in”);
- iii) Mixtures of traditional and coloured shirts within a team are not permitted, and all team shirts must be identical in colour and style.

b) Coloured Pants

Players are permitted to wear coloured pants in One Day and T20 games provided that:

- i) All players in a team must be similarly attired (“one-in, all-in”);
- ii) Mixtures of traditional and coloured pants within a team are not permitted, and all team pants must be identical in colour and style.

c) Footwear

Coloured Shoes may be worn in One Day and T20 games.

d) Design

Clubs are free to design their One Day and T20 uniforms as they see fit, provided the design is not offensive in any way.

e) Names and Numbers

- i) Numbers are permitted on the back of playing shirts.
- ii) Names are permitted on the back of playing shirts, provided only first initial and surname are used.

18.3 Approval of Shirts and Logos

All white shirts displaying logos other than the manufacturers, must be approved by the Executive or its representative prior to being worn in any WDCA match.

By Law 19 WDCA AWARDS

19.1 Batting Awards

In All Senior Divisions the batting average qualifications will be set at a minimum of 300 runs for 14 rounds and 250 runs for 12 rounds of cricket after the completion of the home and away season. An aggregate award will be awarded in all grades; where a player wins both average and aggregate awards, a single trophy will be awarded.

19.2 Bowling Awards

In All Senior Divisions the bowling average qualifications will be set at a minimum of 25 wickets for 14 rounds and 20 wickets for 12 rounds of cricket after the completion of the home and away season. An aggregate award will be awarded in all grades; where a player wins both average and aggregate awards, a single trophy will be awarded.

19.3 Voted Awards – Player of the Year

All Divisions – Appointed umpires and/or the captains shall allocate votes on a 3,2,1 basis.

19.4 Champion Player

In all Divisions, the points for the Champion Player Award shall be allocated as follows:

1 Run – 1 point

Unassisted Wicket – 15 points

Assisted Wicket – 10 points

Catches – 5 points

Stumpings – 5 points

Unassisted Run Outs – 15 points

Assisted Run Outs – 7.5 points

By Law 20 REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET SELECTION OF WDCA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS & SQUADS

20.1 All clubs within the WDCA are required to provide a list of Under 18 and Under 16 players within the club that have the necessary ability to represent the Association at representative level.

20.2 The appointed WDCA Association selectors shall select the senior representative squad. The appointed team manager and coach of the underage teams shall be responsible for selecting their squads.

20.3 The Executive will appoint a Senior Coach, Manager and Senior Captain; these three will then assemble a selection panel of up to 5 selectors; the captain will not automatically be a part of the 5-man selection panel, however the (coach if applicable) captain and manager will be responsible for any late changes

20.4 The WDCA Junior Sub Committee will appoint an Under 18 coach and Manager. The Under 18 coach will liaise with the Senior selection panel when selecting team

20.5 The WDCA Junior Sub Committee will select a coach and selection panel for all underage competitions in which the WDCA participates.

20.6 Clubs will be notified of a player's selection no later than the Tuesday prior to the upcoming round of GCL. It is the responsibility of the player's member club to notify a player of their selection.

20.7 The players club must notify the Team Manager and/or Coach of the player's availability by the Wednesday prior to the next GCL round.

20.8 All clubs and players are reminded that players are expected to make themselves available for GCL selection, and failure to do so or withdrawal from a selected team may be dealt with by the association under the applicable guidelines.

By Law 21 GRADING OF TEAMS

21.1 Clubs' team nominations will be allocated to divisions at the discretion of the Executive each year. All clubs have the right to field at least one team in the top two Divisions. In the event of a club wishing not to field a team in the top two divisions they must apply to the Executive for an exemption on grounds of hardship.

21.2 The Executive in grading teams may at its discretion waive promotion and/or relegation for the good order of the WDCA.

21.3 The Executive will decide the composition of Division 1 and 2 by the end of April each year for the coming season.

21.4 The Executive may appoint a Grading Sub Committee each season to determine the Gradings for senior competition and to report to the Executive.