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## **TOOWOOMBA CRICKET INCORPORATED PLAYING RULES**

### **PREAMBLE**

These regulations should be read in conjunction with The Laws of Cricket (2017 code). These regulations govern cricket matches, played under the auspices of Toowoomba Cricket Incorporated (TCI).

It is expected that that Clubs, players, umpires and administrators adhere to the spirit of cricket in applying the TCI playing regulations. The spirit of the laws of cricket can be found at - <http://www.lords.org/laws-and-spirit/laws-of-cricket/>.

Respect for Umpires, opposition players and the game itself will be the underlying factor when interpreting rules.

The Team captain role is significant and attention is drawn to rule 13 as far as ensuring the game is played in the best possible spirit.

### **THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET**

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

- Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.
- Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Extracted from Laws of Cricket – Preamble to the Laws – Spirit of Cricket

<https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/preamble-to-the-laws/>



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## **GENERAL RULES**

### **1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

#### **1.1 DEFINITIONS**

- A. Club means Metropolitan East Cricket Club, Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket Club, Highfields and Districts Railways Cricket Club, Southern District Magpies Cricket Club, University Cricket Club and Western Districts Cricket Club or any other entity that the TCI full committee permits to play in a TCI competition.
- B. Code of Conduct means the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel effective from 25 September 2017.
- C. Competition committee means a committee appointed by the TCI board to administer the running of the TCI competition.
- D. Delegate members means the two nominated members of each Club who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting. If a Club has not nominated two delegate members, the President and Secretary of each Club are the delegate members.
- E. Laws of Cricket means the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code).
- F. MyCricket means any program or structure that the TCI nominates as a record keeping system and adopted by either Queensland Cricket or Australian Cricket.
- G. Playing rules means the rules in this document that are adopted by the TCI full committee.
- H. Spirit of Cricket means the preamble contained in the Laws of Cricket.
- I. TCI means Toowoomba Cricket Incorporated.
- J. TCI board means the management committee appointed or elected by way of preferential voting to be the executive committee of the Toowoomba Cricket Association for the current playing year.
- K. TCI commissioner means the person appointed from time to time to act as the TCI commissioner.
- L. TCI competition means any competition organised or governed by the TCI.
- M. TCI full committee means the delegate members entitled to vote at an annual general meeting.
- N. TCI Judiciary means a committee appointed by the TCI full committee and discharges the obligations in accordance with the Toowoomba Cricket Incorporations Model rules.
- O. TCUA means the Toowoomba Cricket Umpires Association.
- P. TCUA Umpire Report means the report in Schedule 1 to these playing rules.
- Q. Wet Weather Coordinator means Rick Wood.

#### **1.2 INTERPRETATION**

- A. The playing rules are to be read into conjunction with the laws of cricket and if there are any discrepancies the playing rules are to apply.
- B. The playing rules may only be waived or varied in writing by the TCI full committee.

- C. Any obligation by a Club not to do any act or thing includes an obligation not to permit and to use its best endeavours to prevent such act or thing being done.
- D. The singular indicates a plural and vice versa.
- E. Any gender includes the other gender.
- F. Every obligation is a separate independent obligation.
- G. The headings and examples in the playing rules are included for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of the playing rules.
- H. Obligations under the playing rules must be performed punctually and properly.
- I. If the playing rules requires the Club to obtain the consent or approval of the TCI, TCI representative or subcommittee then the Club must obtain the consent or approval in writing before starting to take the action.
- J. At all times, the captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws of Cricket. Captains are expected to set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and take action if a player is failing to comply with instructions from an umpire. Captains are encouraged to be proactive in managing player behaviour.
- K. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the two captains of a match can agree to make changes to the playing rules within the Spirit of the Game and the fairness of the TCI competition. For example, calling an end to play on the second day an hour early. If there is no agreement between the captains involved in a match the playing rules will be relied upon to solve disputes.

## **2. RULES**

The matches shall be played in accordance with the rules of cricket, including experimental laws as recognised for the time being by the Australian Cricket Board and as altered from time to time by the TCI full committee.

## **3. RIGHT OF INTERPRETATION**

At any time, the TCI board may interpret the playing rules.

## **4. RIGHT OF AMENDMENT**

- 4.1 At any time, a Club may, in writing to the competition committee, propose amendments to these playing rules.
- 4.2 Within 14 days of the competition committee receiving a proposed amendment to the playing rules, the competition committee must provide its recommendation to the TCI full committee.
- 4.3 At any time, the TCI full committee may change the playing rules.

## **5. TCI BOARD**

5.1 The TCI board (or its appointed officers) shall deal with the running of the Competition including:

- (a) Preparing for all matches
- (b) Allocating venues for matches
- (c) Maintaining ladders
- (d) Maintaining player and team statistics



(e) Distribute the relevant information (playing rules, draws etc) to all Clubs, TCUA and association officials. This information shall be placed on the TCI website as soon as practical.

5.2 The TCI board shall appoint a competition committee which shall meet as required to administer the running of the competition.

5.3 The role of the competition committee shall include:

- (a) Monitor player performance and grading of players
- (b) Determine player eligibility for the finals
- (c) Resolve player clearance issues
- (d) Resolve disputes
- (e) Resolve breaches of the playing rules

5.4 The TCI board shall appoint a Commissionaire to deal with any breaches of the Codes of Conduct.

5.5 The TCI board shall levy the Clubs an amount as required to administer the competition.

5.6 Any issue raised by a Club should be in writing to the Secretary of the TCI ([secretary@toowoombacricket.com.au](mailto:secretary@toowoombacricket.com.au)) detailing the issue and a proposed solution before it will be considered.

## 6. PLAYERS/CLUB AGREEMENT

6.1 By playing in a TCI competition, players have elected to play under these playing rules.

6.2 By nominating teams in the TCI competitions, Clubs have elected to abide by the playing rules and meet any financial obligations.

## 7. TEAM NOMINATION

(a) Unless otherwise approved by the TCI full committee:

(i) Clubs must nominate teams in the following order:

- (A) A grade;
- (B) Reserve grade;
- (C) B grade
- (D) C grade;
- (E) D grade; and.

(ii) Except for A grade, a Club shall not be permitted to nominate a team in a grade unless the Club has nominated a team in the immediately preceding grade.

(b) If any Club does not wish to comply with 7a) above, it must apply, in writing, to the TCI full committee for its approval to nominate a team in a certain grade. Such application must include:

(i) Reasons why the Club cannot comply with 7a) above; and

(ii) What effect it will have on:

- i. the playing standards of other Clubs; and
- ii. The TCI competition.

(c) Clubs can nominate only 1 team per grade.

If after team nominations there is an uneven number of teams in a particular grade, the TCI board shall call for further nominations from Clubs to field a second team in that competition.

## 8. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All Clubs playing a TCI competition must:

- (a) Register the names and details of all registered players from all grades in MyCricket.
- (b) The player's full details must be entered, including their full name, address, telephone number and a date of birth.
- (c) Each Club must register a contract for each Club on MyCricket.
- (d) Should any Club not comply with either 8(a) or (b), that team shall lose all points gained in that match or matches in which the unregistered player played.

## 9. DUAL REGISTRATION

The objective of dual registration is to allow players to play in two affiliated associations to gain higher competitive experience in one, while still maintaining involvement in the other so as to not cause detriment to the latter and to the sport. If the TCI deems a local or domestic rule of any affiliated association is in conflict with this clause, then Queensland Cricket shall arbitrate, and the decision shall be final and binding. A player may be registered with only two different affiliated associations each cricket season or calendar year under the following conditions:

- (a) All players who take out dual registration shall register on the appropriate registration form, a copy of which shall be kept by each affiliated association involved.
- (b) All dual registration forms shall be forwarded to and registered with Queensland Cricket.
- (c) No player shall take out more than one dual registration in any one cricket season.
- (d) Dual registration shall be permitted only to players registered exclusively in affiliated associations of Queensland Cricket.
- (e) A player shall not be allowed a dual registration to include registration in another State or Territory Cricket Association, except with Queensland Cricket's approval.
- (f) Dual registration shall be permitted only with the agreement of each affiliated association involved, unless overruled by Queensland Cricket on appeal.
- (g) Any player who has dual registration shall, for the purposes of selection in representative teams, indicate on the dual registration form, his or her choice for a primary affiliated association and a secondary Affiliated Association.
- (h) If a dual registration occurs after the season commences, unless exceptional circumstances exist and with the approval of Queensland Cricket, the Association with which the player first registers shall become the primary Association.
- (i) Unless exceptional circumstances exist and with the approval of Queensland Cricket, the nomination of primary and secondary Associations shall not be changed for the duration of the cricket season.
- (j) The primary affiliated association so indicated, shall have first call on that player for representative team selection at all times.
- (k) If a player is not selected for his or her primary affiliated association, the secondary affiliated association may select the player in a representative team, subject to Queensland Country Cricket Association and Australian Country Cricket Committee regulations.



- (l) Where applicable the affiliated association that nominates a player for a representative team shall be responsible for ensuring a copy of the relevant Dual Registration Form is attached to the nomination form and to certify that the conditions therein have been met.
- (m) A player accepting dual registration shall pay to each affiliated association in which he or she is registered, the fees so levied.
- (n) A Player who registers for dual registration shall be eligible to represent the State at Country Championships only if registration shows a Country Centre as the Primary Association, subject to Queensland Country Cricket Association and Australian Country Cricket Committee regulations.
- (o) affiliated associations are permitted to set Club quotas on the number of dual registrations.

## 10. FEES

Each Club is responsible for the payment of its players registration, the affiliation and other fees required to be paid to TCI.

## 11. UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

Subject to clause 11.1 herein, no member of a Club who leaves such Club to join another Club will be eligible to play in any fixture until he is qualified under these playing rules to play for such other Club and he is financially clear of all debt with his current Club.

### 11.1 CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

- (a) The MyCricket representative of a Club will request a clearance for the player from the previous Club.
- (b) A player is not eligible to play for a Club until clearance is given by the previous Club through the MyCricket procedures. If the former Club is unable to clear the player online (MyCricket will automatically clear a player 10 days after the initial request) then a verbal clearance from the former Club President would be required to allow the player to play fixtures immediately.
- (c) The final decision will rest with the TCI board, subject also to the appeals procedure laid out in the constitution. Playing an uncleared player will be deemed as playing an unregistered player. Any difficulties in obtaining a clearance should be referred to the TCI.

### 11.2 RESTRICTIONS FOR OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Any player who has not already played in fixtures in the current season from another Association (in which he has played in the current season) is not permitted to play in the fixtures after December 31, unless he is a resident within the boundaries of the Toowoomba Regional Council or has received written approval from the TCI full committee. Any Club which breaches this clause shall be deemed to have played an unregistered player, as well as attracting any other penalty that maybe imposed.

## 12. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING

- 12.1 No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any match of the TCI competition except in accordance with the Liquor Act.
- 12.2 Players, umpires and team officials are not permitted to consume any alcoholic beverages during the hours of play or 1 hour before the scheduled start of play.
- 12.3 If in the opinion of the official umpire (or in the event of no umpire the opposition captain), consider a player to be intoxicated, the intoxicated player will not be permitted to take the field.
- 12.4 All players, officials and spectators are banned from smoking on all school grounds and within 10 metres from the school boundary.

- 12.5 Each Club must use its best endeavours to comply with clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4. If any Club fails to comply, the team involved will be penalised two (2) competition points per occurrence.

### 13. PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

“Chat” and “sledding” is often considered a part of the game but is only permitted if it doesn’t contravene The Laws of Cricket.

- 13.1 The abuse of players, officials and/or spectators through the use of inappropriate language, personal comments and/or threatening body language will not be tolerated. This includes comments from within the field of play directed to those outside the field of play as well as comments from those observing the game directing comments to those on the field of play.
- 13.2 Players, officials and spectators are reminded that many cricket matches are played in public places and that comments, language and actions which might bring the game into disrepute will be dealt with accordingly.
- 13.3 Clubs must ensure all players comply with Code of Conduct.
- 13.4 Where an official umpire is of the opinion that a player has breached the Code of Conduct, he must issue the player with a yellow card. At the completion of the match the umpire will report the name of the player/s issued with a yellow card to the President of the TCUA who shall within three (3) days pass the players name to the TCI commissioner and the TCI secretary.
- 13.5 Any player receiving two (2) yellow cards within a twelve (12) month period, shall be automatically suspended for the next match. Any subsequent yellow card in the same twelve (12) month period will result in a player being cited to appear before the TCI Judiciary.
- 13.6 If any players from the same team are issued with three (3) or more yellow cards within the same season, that team shall be penalised two (2) competition points for each yellow card after the first and second yellow card (first yellow card issued - no points deducted, second yellow card – no points deducted, third yellow card – 2 points deducted fourth yellow card – 2 yellow points deducted and so on).

### 14. COMPETITION

The competition conducted by the TCI comprises of Two-Day fixtures, One Day matches and T20. The TCI reserves the right to invite and/or combine with other associations to participate in the TCI fixtures if it believes doing so will offer benefits to the competition, players, officials and supporters

### 15. PROCESS FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If a dispute arises regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, then the following is to take place to solve the dispute:

- (a) The captains involved in a dispute should attempt to come to a mutual agreement. If this is not possible the Umpire officiating (if applicable) can act as a deciding vote.
- (b) If no umpire is available, the HOME team captain should contact a member of the competition committee as soon as possible. The member of the competition committee will make a ruling based on the playing rules that will be binding for that match.
- (c) The member of the competition committee (If not associated with the teams involved) will make a ruling based on the playing rule that will be binding for that match. If required, an alternate third-party member of the competition committee of TCI board will have authority to make such decisions.
- (d) If a serious breach of the playing rules has occurred, then the Competition Committee will collect all relevant facts and call a meeting of the committee to consider the appropriate penalties under the playing rules. Such decision will be conveyed in writing to the respective Clubs prior to the commencement of the next round.

## 16. GRADING OF PLAYERS

- 16.1 Player gradings apply to all TCI competitions.
- 16.2 Desiring to play with friends or attempting to bolster the strength of a team will not be considered sufficient reason for a player to be a regular member of a lower grade team but genuine cases of an experienced player nurturing a group of younger players, or an individual playing in a lower grade as part of a rehabilitation programme after a serious injury or any other exceptional circumstances will be given due consideration.
- 16.3 The competition committee will regularly review player performances and if they are of the opinion that a player should be playing in a higher grade they will issue a direction, in writing, to the player's Club. A failure to follow the competition committee's direction will result in the loss of five (5) competition points and the player will be ineligible for the TCI awards.
- 16.4 Any Club taking part in the competition may demote any of its players to a lower grade except in the following circumstances:
- If the competition committee rules that a player must be promoted to a higher grade.
  - If a player has scored greater than 250 runs in the current season.
  - If a player has taken more than 15 wickets in the current season.
  - If a player has played 8 weekends in a particular grade prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current season that player will not be eligible for demotion for the remainder of the season.
  - Players that are not permitted to be demoted under (a), (b), (c) or (d) must obtain approval from the competition committee before any demotion can occur. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered.
  - Clubs not complying with a competition committee's ruling will lose five (5) competition points from any match in which a breach has occurred.
  - Any rulings made by the competition committee will apply to all TCI competitions.
  - A player cannot be demoted more than 1 grade from the last fixture match played.
  - For all grading requirements a substitute player that plays different grades in the same round will be credited with the lower grade match.

### For Clubs with Multiple Teams

- 16.5 Once a player has **played 6 days** within a team, that player **CANNOT** move to another team within that grade for a season without receiving approval from the competition committee.
- 16.6 In making any rulings the competition committee may take into consideration a player's performances from previous seasons as well as the current season.

## 17. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS – All formats and all grades

- 17.1 To be eligible to play in finals with any grade players must have satisfied the following Criteria:
- A player must have played in at least **HALF** of the available games in a particular format. Decimal points will be rounded down. Available games will be calculated as the lowest amount available in the grade concerned. For example, if Team A plays 5 matches, Team B plays 3 matches and team C plays 2 matches in a designated format then **ALL** teams will only need to meet Team C's criteria which is 1 match to be eligible.

- (b) Where a Club has 2 or more teams in one grade, once a player has played three (3) or more games in a team, that player cannot change teams within that grade without prior written approval of the competition committee. This rule is limited to each competition (i.e. D Grade pre-Christmas is one competition and D Grade post-Christmas is a second competition and the three games restarts in the second competition)
- (c) A player that has played two thirds of THEIR available matches for a higher grade or grades in a particular format during the regular season may not be demoted for finals without seeking the competition committee's written approval.
- (d) A player cannot be demoted more than **1 GRADE** from their last fixture match.
- (e) Subject to clause 17.1(c), Clubs with **CONSECUTIVE TEAMS** in finals may select any player eligible for the higher grade in the next lower grade. Any player that is unable to be demoted under Rule 17 shall be excluded from this rule unless paragraph 17(e) has been satisfied.
- (f) Any player who by virtue of (a) is eligible to play in the Semi-Final Match, and does play, shall automatically become ineligible to participate in the lower grade Grand Final Match should the higher grade lose their Semi-Final. For example - a person who is qualified plays for A-grade in the Semi Final. That A-grade team loses and is eliminated. The qualified person is therefore ineligible to return to the Reserve grade grand final unless a special exemption is requested in writing and competition committee has provided its written approval **PRIOR** to the higher-grade Semi Final.
- (g) Any Club that has a team playing in a final must submit its team list to the competition committee by close of business the Tuesday prior to the final commencing. The team list must include:
- i. The name of each player;
  - ii. The number of weeks/games (whichever is applicable) played by each player;
  - iii. A list of dates where that player has played; and
  - iv. Any special circumstances as to why a player should be given an exemption if they do not comply with clause 17 of the playing rules.
- The competition committee shall examine the team list and consider whether each player qualifies for the finals pursuant to the playing rules. If any Club applies for a special circumstance pursuant to clause 17.1(g), the competition committee shall provide its recommendation to the TCI full committee by the Wednesday prior to the final.
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision, the TCI full committee may allow any player to play in a final if it deems that there are special circumstances.

## 18. NUMBER OF TEAMS FOR FINALS

### 6 or less teams in a grade

- (a) Two team finals in One-Day competition (excluding D Grade).
- (b) Three team finals in One-Day (D-grade) and Two-Day competitions.
- (c) Two team finals in D-grade (if a 4 or less team competition) and Over 40s T20 competitions.
- (d) For the Two-Day Competition (and D-grade One-Day competition) the team finishing with the most points from both one-day and two-day fixture rounds (Minor Premiers) will advance straight into the Grand Final. The Semi Final will be played between the teams finishing second and third in both One-Day and Two-Day fixture rounds. The winner advances to the Grand Final.



- (e) In the event of two or more Clubs being equal in competition points, their position shall be decided on averages, which shall be determined by deducting the Club bowling averages from the Club batting averages.

#### **More than 6 teams in a grade**

- (f) For grades that have more than 6 teams competing in two-day format there will be a 4 team final series. Team 1 (Minor Premiers) shall play Team 4 and Team 2 shall play Team 3 in the Semi Final. The 2 winners advancing to the Grand Final.

#### **T20 Competitions**

- (g) In the Over 40s T20 competition Team 1 will play Team 2 in the Final.

### **19. LIST OF FIXTURES AND GROUND**

- (a) At any time, the TCI board shall determine the draw and copies thereof forwarded to the secretaries of all Clubs and affiliated bodies.
- (b) The TCI shall determine upon what grounds matches shall be played, and no alteration of either fixture or ground shall be made except with the approval of the TCI board. Should any portion of any fixture be played on any ground other than that allotted for it, neither Club participating in such fixture shall be awarded any points in the competition table.

### **20. PREPARATION OF PITCH**

A turf pitch must be entirely protected against rain from Friday 6:00pm up to the commencement of play each day, and the covers must be readily accessible. This is the responsibility of the team nominated first in the draw. For the duration of the match, if rain is imminent, the batting team is to be the instigator of covering the wicket. Failure to initiate covering of the wicket is an automatic loss of two (2) competition points, at the discretion of the Umpires.

The team nominated by the TCI is responsible for the preparation of the wicket if required, including the marking of the wicket, the marking of boundaries, and for the provision of protective covers, and for their use in accordance with this rule. Any penalty to be imposed on any Club for failing to comply with this rule will be at the discretion of the TCI.

### **21. FITNESS OF GROUND**

It is the Clubs responsibility to check the Toowoomba Regional Council web-site (<http://toowoombarc.qld.gov.au>) to see if grounds are Open or Closed on the morning of a match and convey a message to its members.

#### **If the grounds are open, the following procedure will apply:**

- (a) The groundsman is responsible for making the judgement as to whether the ground will be fit for play. If there has been wet weather in the lead up to any fixture, as early as possible and no later than 10:00am, the groundsman will inform the Wet Weather Coordinator whether he is of the opinion that:
- (i) Play will commence as per the playing rules (normal start time);
  - (ii) Play will be delayed and when he expects play to commence;
  - (iii) Play will be delayed and when he will review the circumstances (players not required to attend until circumstances reviewed); or
  - (iv) The ground is unfit for play the entire day.

In the circumstance where there is no groundsman, the captains will act jointly as groundsman.

- (b) The Wet Weather Coordinator will inform the president and secretary of the TCUA and each Club of the groundsman's opinion and provide a direction pursuant to clause 22(a). It is the TCUA's and Club's responsibility to convey the Wet Weather Coordinator's direction to its members.
- (c) If the Wet Weather Coordinator does not provide a direction, both teams and umpires shall attend the fixture as per the normal starting times.
- (d) If play is possible the groundsman will inform the Umpires and give an approximate time of when play can commence.
- (e) From this time on, all decisions concerning the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather and light shall be in the sole discretion of the Umpires. The Umpires shall inspect the fitness of the pitch and grounds prior to the commencement of play each day. (In the event of the Umpire being unavailable, this inspection must be undertaken by the two captains.)
- (f) In the event of no umpires and a disagreement between captains, the home captain must immediately contact a member of the TCUA and/or the TCI board for a decision regarding play.
- (g) If TRC (Toowoomba Regional Council) close its grounds, then all other playing fields are deemed closed. ALL games will be called off.
- (h) The TCI board and/or TCI competition committee may from time to time require documentation be filled out to satisfy Insurance requirements. If this is requested from Clubs, then it **MUST** be adhered to. Penalties for failure to comply will be at the discretion of the TCI board.

## 22. Team Lists

Before the toss and in the presence of a match umpire, the two captains shall:

- (a) Give each other a list of players to play in the match, and that having been done; no alteration shall be made to either team without the consent of the opposing captain. Any player that falls within the age groups to which the Bowling Injury Prevention Policy pertains must be clearly marked on the team list showing age if U19 and restricted as per Rule 23 before the exchange of team lists takes place. Team lists shall be retained by the umpires.
- (b) Teams are not required to be named on MyCricket if a match has no play possible and is abandoned.
- (c) Please refer to T20 rule 82(b) for exemption to this rule.

## 23. AGE RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1 A person aged 12 years or younger as at 31 August 2018 is not permitted to take the playing field for a senior fixture in any capacity whatsoever unless the TCI full committee provides prior written approval.
- 23.2 A person aged 13 years or younger as at 31 August 2018 is not permitted to take the playing field for a senior fixture in any capacity whatsoever unless the person has:
  - (a) Represented Darling Downs or equivalent, in the sport of cricket, within the two preceding cricket seasons; and
  - (b) Has applied to the competition committee, in writing, for his or her approval to be permitted to play a senior fixture. Such application must include:
    - i. Name;
    - ii. Date of Birth;
    - iii. Age;
    - iv. Club;
    - v. Proof of representation of Darling Downs or equivalent; and



vi. Intended first playing date.

Any application must be received by the competition committee no less than 3 clear days prior to the intended first playing date unless otherwise agreed by the competition committee; and

- (c) Has received written approval from the competition committee to play senior fixtures; and
- (d) Is a registered member of a Club.

23.3 Any person aged 14 years or over as at 1 September 2018 and is a registered member of a Club is permitted to take the playing field for a senior fixture.

23.4 If any team breaches provision 1 or 2 above, that team will be deducted “5” competition points per occurrence.

- (a) Age-related bowling restrictions, as set by Cricket Australia (CA) will apply. That is, bowlers (medium pace and above only – broadly defined as those to whom the wicketkeeper would normally stand back) are permitted to bowl;

Age	Restriction
Under 12 & 13	Four (4) overs maximum each spell eight (8) overs per match day
Under 14 & 15	Five (5) overs maximum each spell Twelve (12) overs maximum per day
Under 16 & 17	Six (6) overs maximum each spell sixteen (16) overs maximum per day
Under 18 & 19	Seven (7) overs maximum each spell Twenty (20) overs maximum per day

**Designated Breaks between spells are 60 minutes for two-day format and 30 minutes for one day format**

- (b) A bowler who has bowled a spell of less than the maximum may resume bowling prior to the completion of the necessary break, but this will be considered an extension of the same spell and the maximum limit will still apply. Following the completion of the spell, the break will be ignored and the normal break as above will still apply.
- (c) The regulation applies equally for males and females and the restrictions on a player are determined by the age of a player at 31<sup>st</sup> August in the season being played and applies for the whole season. I.e. A player who is 17 year of age at 31<sup>st</sup> August will be considered under 18 for the entire season.

**24. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- (a) A maximum of **four players** from day one of a Two-Day fixture match may be replaced by four other players on day two of that match, provided all substitutions are recorded on the team sheet prior to the toss of the coin, and that the opposing captain and umpires are aware of these substitutions.
- (b) **All Players** selected for TCI representative matches, including juniors, or higher representative matches may be replaced by other players when representative matches clash with one day of a Two-Day fixture match.
- (c) If **further representative** honours result from the representative match being played on the first day of a match conducted by the TCI, a provisional substitute may be declared. The substitution of players may be made in like manner in order in lower grades.
- (d) No player who is not a substitute player may play in more than one match in the same format in any round of fixtures unless extenuating circumstances are approved beforehand by the TCI board.
- (e) All substitutions must be listed as per **section 23 except when 25(c) occurs.**

- (f) If for some exceptional unexpected reason (for example: injury at work, medical reason, emergency call out) a player becomes unavailable for day 2 of a two-day match and no substitute player is named on the team sheet the team captain is to advise the opposition team captain. If the opposition team captain approves the substitution, then both captains are to inform the umpire/s.

## 25. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR LATE PLAYERS

In the event of a player not being present at the start of a day's play and that player arrives after the start of play and the player's Captain has, before the start of that day's play, advised the umpire/s of the reason for the player's late arrival and that reason is acceptable to the umpire/s (such as work commitments), the player shall be allowed to take part in the game as from the start of the next over. This includes bowling and wicket keeping but, in the event of such player being a batsman who is to resume his/her innings, the player may only resume his/her innings at the fall of the next or any succeeding wicket.

## 26. FORFEITS

- (a) A Club shall not commence a TCI competition match unless it has a minimum of seven players in attendance at the time set down for commencement of play.
- (b) Once play has commenced, a Club can continue the match with any number of players not exceeding eleven. Any Club unable to list seven players at the start of a match shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.
- (c) Any Club failing to field a side of eleven players in each of two consecutive matches in the grades in which it is competing shall be reported to the TCI, and that body, after hearing the Club's explanation, shall take any action it sees fit.
- (d) Any team forfeiting a match shall pay all umpires' fees (including those of the opposing team), and any levies of the TCI applicable to that match.
- (e) The forfeiting team shall not gain any points resulting from the match.
- (f) A forfeiting team shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars to the TCI before the Club concerned is allowed to play another match in the grade of the forfeiting team.

## 27. HELMETS

### Junior Players (Under 18s)

- 27.1 Any person under the age of 18 years old must wear a batting helmet when they are:
- (a) Batting;
  - (b) Wicketkeeping up to the stumps; or
  - (c) Fielding within 10 metres of the batsman except when fielding in the slips or gully region.

### Senior Players

- 27.2 Cricket Australia also strongly recommends that all senior cricketers wear a helmet when batting, wicket-keeping up to the stumps and fielding in close (or in a zero-reaction time position).

At the commencement of the 2019-2020 cricket season, all community cricketers (whether junior or senior) will be required to wear BS7928:2013 compliant helmets at all times when batting, wicket keeping up to the stumps and fielding in close.

For further information refer to: <http://community.cricket.com.au/Clubs/well-played>

## 28. PLAYERS' DRESS

No player shall be allowed to play in any match unless they appear in the proper cricket costume and dress properly, which shall consist of the following: -

### Two-Day competitions:

- (a) A shirt of the type known as Cricket Shirt or woven wool, wool or cotton, or similar material of white or cream colour. A team sponsor's "pocket" may be worn. The allowable size of the logos on the playing shirts/trousers will be 65mm X 70mm (square, rectangle, or circle). The back of the playing shirt can have a logo size equivalent to 200mm X 300mm (square, rectangle or circle). A "Club Sponsor" shirt cannot be worn in a representative match and vice versa. The logo must be registered with the TCI and the TCUA so that all are aware and informed.
- (b) Long trousers shall be white or cream in colour, except that players under the age of 16 may wear white or cream shorts.
- (c) Socks worn shall be white or cream. Should more than one pair of socks be worn, the ones showing shall be white or cream in colour.

### T20 and A-grade One-day competitions:

- (d) Clubs/Teams are permitted to wear a coloured playing shirt and trousers displaying sponsors logos. No size restrictions will be placed on logos however any changes to shirt configurations from previous seasons should be referred to the Management Committee for approval. The logo must be registered with the TCI.
- (e) The shirts and long trousers should not contain any dominant colour in such a position that it will impair players and umpires view given the balls used.
- (f) All players must wear the same playing uniform.

### General:

- (g) Boots or shoes of any material, coloured white shall be worn. Spikes shall not project more than 3/8 of an inch (10mm). Training shoes of any colour shall be accepted apparel in the synthetic or concrete wicket competition. In matches on turf wickets, all batsmen and bowlers must wear spikes.
- (h) The cap worn (if a cap is worn) shall be the cap of the Club which the player represents. A white hat may be worn in place of the Club cap. A sweater may be worn provided it is white or cream in colour. Club colours may be included and a sponsor's "badge" may be worn.

The enforcement of this rule is in the hands of the Umpire/s officiating at the match. Where this regulation conflicts with any policy given by CA on the matter of dress, the CA policy shall take precedence.

## 29. APPROVED BALLS

The Platypus brand cricket ball have been approved by QCCA (Queensland Country Cricket Association, Darling Downs & Southwest Queensland Zone and the TCI.

- 29.1 Each team will be responsible for providing their own balls, which will be 4 piece Platypus leather "Special Turf" (red for day matches or white for night matches) for A-grade and Reserve grade and a 2 piece Platypus leather "Googly Long-Life" for B, C and D-grades as approved by QCCA DDSWQ & TCI, to be used in all matches. Each fielding team shall have one new ball for its innings.
- 29.2 The TCI may approve a different brand of ball to be used in T20 matches.
- 29.3 In the event of a ball becoming wet and soggy as a result of play continuing in inclement weather or it being affected by dew and in the opinion of the umpires being unfit for play, the ball shall be replaced for a ball

that has had a similar amount of wear and improved colour. Either bowler or batsman may raise the matter with the umpires and the umpires' decision as to replacement or otherwise will be final.

- 29.4 The umpires shall retain possession of the match ball(s) throughout the duration of the match when play is not actually taking place. During play, umpires shall periodically and irregularly inspect the condition of the ball and shall retain possession of it at the fall of a wicket, a drinks interval or any other disruption in play.
- 29.5 If it's discovered that the incorrect the ball is being used it will be replaced immediately with the correct ball of a similar (but no better) condition
- 29.6 The TCI may deduct competition points for the failure to use the correct Brand of ball.

### **30. PROVISION OF A NEW BALL**

The fielding side shall provide a new ball in the first innings of a match, a second new ball will be available after a minimum of eighty (80) overs. At the beginning of the second innings, the fielding side shall provide a new ball, or a ball that is considered to be playable ball in the sole opinion of the batting captain. This clause should be read in conjunction with the laws of cricket.

### **31. BATS**

The TCI has no restrictions on the thickness of the edges and the overall depth of cricket bats.

### **32. DRINKS**

- 32.1 Drinks shall not be taken onto the field unless:
- (a) Approved by the umpires (or otherwise agreed to by the on-field captain); or
  - (b) There is a stoppage of play.
- 32.2 Before the start of a match, the captains and umpires (if applicable) shall decide on specific times at which drinks shall be taken, and these times shall be strictly adhered to except if there is a stoppage of play within 10 minutes of the agreed time.

### **33. USE OF RUNNERS FOR INJURED BATSMAN**

As per Law 25 of The Laws of Cricket, Runners shall be allowed in all fixtures as follows:

- (a) If the umpires are satisfied that a nominated player has been injured or become ill since the nomination of the players, they shall allow that player to have:
  - (i) a substitute acting for him in the field;
  - (ii) a runner when batting.

Any injury or illness that occurs at any time after the nomination of the players until the conclusion of the match shall be allowable, irrespective of whether play is in progress or not.

- (b) The umpires shall have discretion to allow, for other wholly acceptable reasons, a substitute fielder or a runner to act for a nominated player, at the start of the match, or at any subsequent time.

### **34. GAME RESULTS (MyCricket) AND UMPIRE REPORTS**

#### **34.1 UMPIRES VOTES**

In A and Reserve grades Umpire voting of the year points are to be completed by each team captain in each game accessing the appropriate form on the TCI web site (<http://www.toowoombacricket.com.au/forms/umpire-of-the-year-points/>) by the Tuesday evening following the game.

### **34.2 PROCEDURES/PENALTIES (MyCricket.com.au)**

#### **(a) Entering Players Team List into MyCricket**

The player's team list is to be entered into MyCricket by midnight on day following the completion of the match. This applies to all game formats and must include all players who have taken part in the match, including substitutes (This is to allow all players to be in MyCricket for entering scores etc)

#### **(b) Entering the Games Result**

It is the responsibility of the HOME team to enter the result of the game into MyCricket. This must be done by midnight on the day following the completion of that round.

(This includes one day games and not to wait until the completion of other 2 day games)

#### **(c) Confirmation of the Game Results**

It is the responsibility of the opposing Club (AWAY team) to confirm or dispute the results of the completed game. This confirmation must be done by Midnight on the Tuesday following the completion of that round.

#### **(d) Entering Players Scores**

It is the responsibility of the HOME team to enter in their player's scores for batting bowling and fielding. The opposing team (AWAY team) is responsible for the entering of their player's scores for batting, bowling and fielding.

The entering of the player's scores is to be done by Midnight on the Tuesday following the completion of that round.

#### **(e) Unregistered Players**

All 'UNREGISTERED PLAYERS' must be registered in MyCricket prior to the commencement of the next round.

#### **(f) Disputes**

Any result disputes should be referred to the TCI management committee as soon as possible, with one (1) week to appeal after game declared as per MyCricket.

#### **(g) The MyCricket Scoring Application**

The MyCricket scoring application can be used to score a match. However, a manual scorebook must still be used and be present at the ground at all times in case of failure of the electronic system.

#### **(h) MyCricket Updates**

No changes may be made to MyCricket after the date of the TCI Banquet.

(The data entered for the players batting, bowling and fielding etc will be used to determine the trophy winners for the end of season presentations. To be fair to all players, it is important that this information is entered and entered correctly)

### **34.3 PROCEDURES FOR PLAYER AWARD NOMINATIONS**

#### **(a) Player's Award Nominations**



Player's nominations for A grade 321 and Father Graham (for all grades) are to be entered into the 321 program which is located on the TCI web site. You will need access to this program to be able to enter in this data. (If you need access click on the link under 'Login Today' menu)

**(b) A grade 321**

The HOME team is to enter into 321 Vote the A grade players 3:2:1 votes who are nominated by the Captains. These are to be entered by midnight of the day following the completion of that round/game. The opposing team (AWAY) is to confirm these nominations by midnight on the following Tuesday.

**(c) Father Graham Awards**

All Father Graham nominations are to be entered in to the 321 program by midnight on the Tuesday following the completion of that round.

**(d) Abandoned/Washed out Games**

Where a game is washed out or abandoned 321 Vote still needs to be entered by ticking the Washout/Abandoned box. This is to be completed by the HOME and AWAY teams by midnight of the Tuesday following the completion of that round/game.

**(Failure to comply with the above playing rules will incur an automatic loss of Two (2) competition points. A Team that does not enter their Father Graham Nominations may have their own players nomination removed from the voting list at the discretion of the TCI board)**

## 35. MISCONDUCT REPORT

- 35.1 Umpires and/or Captains shall submit written reports of any misconduct by players, and or complaints regarding Umpires to the TCI Secretary after the completion of a match forthwith.
- 35.2 At any time, the TCI board may examine any matter or incident that relates to any breach of the Code of Conduct or complaints regarding umpires and refer the matter to the TCI commissioner.

## 36. UMPIRES

- (a) The TCUA shall grade and appoint the Umpires to all competition matches, and to other fixtures on request by the TCI. Such grading and appointment of umpires is subject to approval by the TCI.
- (b) At the conclusion of each match, each Umpire must send his TCUA Umpires Report to the competition committee if:
- (i) the minimum overs are not bowled within the permitted time; or
  - (ii) a yellow card is issued; or
  - (iii) there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct; or
  - (iv) if the umpire is of the opinion the report is required.
- (c) The TCUA, or its Selector's Committee and the TCI or its representatives shall meet together at least once in the first half of the season, at least once in the second half of the season and at least once more before semi-finals and finals to discuss umpire appointments and policy for making such appointments.

## 37. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Players who have nominated their availability for selection shall form the basis of the selection, and on having been selected, and who do not notify the selectors of their unavailability within the time stipulated by the TCI, **(BY 6.00PM, THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE GAME)** and withdraw, or do not attend the game on time shall be suspended for one fixture game conducted by the TCI. Players claiming extenuating circumstances may appeal in writing within three days of the game in question when the matter will be reviewed by the TCI. If no appeal is lodged, or the appeal is dismissed, the secretary of the player's Club shall be notified of the suspension, and the games in which the suspension shall apply.



### 38. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) As from the beginning of the season, there shall be a TCI Club Championship for A grade, Reserve grade, B grade, C grade, D grade, which is determined by adding the points secured (including incentive points) by each team in each Club in the before mentioned grades.
- (b) Where a Club is fielding more than one team in any grade, points allocated for the Club Championship shall be computed as above, and divided by the number of teams in the grade.
- (c) The Champion Club will be the Club gaining the most points by the end of the competition rounds. All Points accumulated from the One - Day format (including the Harding Madsen Shield A-grade competition) and Two - Day format are to be included in calculating the Club Championship. In the event of two or more Clubs being equal, the Club Championship shall be shared.
- (d) The T20 format and Over 40s competition points are not included in the Club Championship calculations.

### 39. MARKERS & STUMPS

Each team is to supply a minimum of 8 soft plastic boundary markers, 3 stumps and 2 bails. Failure to do so will incur a loss of 2 competition point for that match.

Teams are encouraged to have at least one spare stump and bail with them.

Stumps with steel tips are not permitted to be used in TCI matches.

### 40. Lightening POLICY

Umpires, Officials and Players must follow the “30/30” rule when lightning is about.

The “30/30 Rule” states that when lightning is followed by thunder and the time difference between the lightning and the following thunder is 30 seconds or less, play must be suspended and all participants must leave the field of play and moving to a safe area. Play must not be resumed until 30 minutes have elapsed after the last lightning being sighted. On each occasion that lightning is seen, whilst off the field, the 30 minute period is to recommence.

Be alert to changes in sky conditions foreshadowing thunderstorm development directly overhead. When lightning threatens, go immediately to a safer location. Do not hesitate. Lightning casualty statistics are full of stories where persons who were just about to make it to safety, when they were struck. Even an extra few minutes lead time can be life-saving.

### 41. COMPETITION POINTS

#### (a) Open Cricket (2 Day Format) – All grades

Win on first innings and subsequent outright win	16 points
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright win	16 points
Win on first innings and no further result – two day match	10 points
Win on first innings and subsequent outright loss	10 points
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright loss	0 points
Loss on first innings and no further result	0 points
Drawn match	5 points
Abandoned match (no play takes place)	5 points
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright win	16 points
Tie on first innings and no further result	5 points
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright loss	5 points
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright tie	8 points
Win on first innings and subsequent outright tie	13 points
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright tie	13 points
Forfeit	Equal to Maximum Points achieved in the grade in that round
Bye	3 points



## (b) One (1) Day Format – All grades

Win in a ONE DAY match	5 points
Abandoned ONE DAY match (being a match in which NO play Takes place, or the minimum overs ARE NOT achieved)	2 points
Tie in a ONE DAY match	3 points
Forfeit	5 points
Bye	3 points

## (c) All Incentive points will apply to all formats (Two-Day and One-Day) shall be allocated as follows:-

Each wicket taken	0.20 point
Each run	0.01 point

## RULES FOR TWO DAY MATCHES

### 42. HOURS OF PLAY

<b>A, Reserve, B, C &amp; D grades</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Session:	12.30 – 2.50pm
	Tea:	2.50 – 3.10pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session:	3.10 – 5.30pm

### 43. MATCH FORMATS

- (a) A, Reserve, B, C and D grade      Two Day Format - Open Cricket (minimum of 75 overs per day)

NOTE – from time to time the TCI may need to conduct a combined draw of grades. In this case the format for that combined grade will be advised however Open Cricket will apply to all two-day format cricket.

### 44. MATCH CONDITIONS

**The following rules apply to all grades**

- (a) In the event of the first day's play in a two day fixture being entirely prevented by adverse weather conditions, the game shall be played in the format as described in Rule 44 (a) for day 2.
- (b) Except on the final day, when a wicket falls during the last minimum over of the day and within two minutes of (or any time after) the scheduled end of play, stumps shall be drawn immediately. The over shall be completed the following day, but not count towards the total number of overs for that day.
- (c) In all grades play will cease at 5:30pm on the first day and at the completion of the required number of overs on the second day (or time – whichever is the later) as determined by the Umpires. In the event of an Umpire not being available by the agreement of both Captains. (If over rates are unsatisfactory penalties may be applied as outlined in 46 below.).

### 45. OVER RATE

- (a) Teams shall bowl an average of **16 overs** an hour for the duration of their innings. Time shall be reduced for a player leaving the field due to serious injury, interruptions caused by unfit ground, weather or light conditions and anything else unforeseen that the Umpire deems reasonable.
- (b) In calculating numbers of overs remaining after an unscheduled break or end of innings, an over that has begun shall be regarded as a completed over. After the first over, fractions of an over shall be ignored in the calculation at the end of an innings.
- (c) If any team does not bowl its required overs within the permitted time the following shall apply:

- (i) On the first occurrence, the competition committee shall issue the respective team with a written warning;
  - (ii) On any other occurrence within the same season, the respective team shall be penalised 2 competition points per occurrence.
- (d) The umpires shall be responsible for calculating the number of overs which should have been bowled and shall complete and deliver the TCUA Umpires Report to the competition committee by 5:00PM on the Tuesday following the conclusion of the match, notwithstanding that failure to do so shall not mean that the penalty will not be applied.
- (e) The objective is to complete the daily minimum over requirement for each grade subject to weather and match conditions.

#### 46. ADJOURNMENTS

Unless otherwise provided herein, an afternoon tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken from 2.50 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. except in the following circumstances:-

- (a) Should an innings terminate between 2.20 p.m. and 2.50 p.m., in which case the afternoon tea adjournment shall be taken immediately after the close of the innings. Should there be a break of match play within 30 minutes of a set adjournment, such adjournment shall be taken forthwith. However, no tea adjournment shall be taken if play commences for any reason later than 2.00 p.m.
- (b) Should a batting side be nine wickets down at 2.50 p.m., play shall continue until either the batting side's innings has been completed or a further 30 minutes have passed, whichever is the shorter.
- (c) In Finals matches this ruling shall also apply to the lunch adjournment.

#### RULES FOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS - 2 DAY MATCHES

**Rules for 2 day Finals are the same as those set out in the 2- day fixture above except for the following.**

#### 47. RESULT

All Semi-finals and Finals shall be decided by an outright or first innings win. In the event of a draw, the team leading at the completion of the fixture rounds will be deemed the winner.

#### 48. HOURS OF PLAY

- (a) For Semi-finals and Finals, the hours of play in **A grade** shall be:-
  - Saturday and Sunday: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m;
  - 1.10 p.m. - 3.10 p.m;
  - 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Play shall cease at the latter of time OR 96 overs in the days play.

- (b) For Semi-finals and Finals, the hours of play in **Reserve, B, C and D grades** shall be:
  - Saturday: 12.25pm – 2.55pm; 3.15 – 5.45pm
  - Sunday: 9.30am – 12.40pm; 1.20 – 5.00pm (A 10 minute break shall be scheduled in each session.)

#### 49. FORMAT

- (a) **In A, Reserve, B, C - GRADE, FINALS** are OPEN cricket.
- (b) In the event of weather conditions interrupting play at any time, the umpires may adjust the playing times to make up for any time lost by reducing either/both lunch breaks to a minimum of twenty minutes, extending play on either/both days up to maximum of one hour, until the light is deemed unplayable and/or commencing play on the second day at any time before the scheduled starting time but not earlier than 9.00am.

- (c) Unless an outright result has been achieved, the winners in Semi-finals and Finals will be decided by the team scoring more runs in the first innings.
- (d) Note that in Semi-finals and Finals the penalty for not bowling the required number of overs in the available shall be \$200.

### **ONE DAY COMPETITION PLAYING REGULATIONS – 40 OVER MATCHES**

Clauses 50 to 63 only apply to one day matches.

#### **50. HOURS OF PLAY AND INTERVALS**

(a) Reserve, B, C & D-grade:	First Session:	12.15 pm to 2.50 pm
	Tea Break:	2.50 pm to 3.10 pm
	Second Session:	3.10 pm to 5.45 pm

#### **51. INTERVALS FOR DRINKS**

At the half way point of each innings (after 20 overs of a 40 over innings)

#### **52. LENGTH OF INNINGS AND OVER RATES**

The required number of overs per innings shall be as follows:

- (a) Reserve, B, C, D grade 40 overs;
- (b) Team batting second is NOT entitled to bat for entire number of overs if a result has been achieved earlier.

#### **53. LENGTH OF INNINGS – UNINTERRUPTED MATCHES**

- (a) Each team shall bat for the number of overs outlined in **Section 53** unless all out earlier. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.
- (b) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first session, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled. The umpire will note number of overs bowled at cessation time and advise bowling team captain. Part overs are included. The Team batting second will have only the number of overs calculated at cessation to achieve the total of the target. E.g. if Team A bowls 38 overs by cessation time they will still bowl 40 overs. Team B scores 200 in the 40 overs. Team A will need to score 201 in 38 overs (max).
- (c) Subject to clause 53(b) not being invoked, if the team batting first is dismissed in less than its maximum overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the maximum amount of overs (40) unless a result is obtained prior to this occurring.
- (d) If the team fielding second fails to bowl its required overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result achieved.
- (e) Deliberate failure to bowl the required number of overs will result in points penalties being imposed.

#### **54. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED MATCHES**

- (a) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed. **A minimum 15 overs has to be bowled** to the side batting second to constitute a match.
- (b) The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average rate of 16 overs per hour in the total time available for play.



- (c) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
- (d) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.

#### **55. DELAY OR INTERRUPTION TO THE INNINGS OF THE TEAM BATTING FIRST**

- (a) If the number of overs of the team batting first is reduced, a fixed time will be specified for the completion of the first session.
- (b) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first session, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled.
- (c) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the time normally allowed to bowl the overs, they will be required to complete the required number of overs but will then be entitled to receive only the number of overs they had bowled by the time normally allowed to bowl the overs. If circumstances are out of the control of the bowling team the umpires will revert to conditions for delayed or interrupted matches and divide the time evenly so both teams have the opportunity to face the same number of overs.

#### **56. DELAY OR INTERRUPTION TO THE INNINGS OF THE TEAM BATTING SECOND**

If there is a suspension in play during the second innings, the overs shall be reduced at a rate of 16 overs per hour for time lost, except that, when the innings of the team batting first has been completed prior to the scheduled or rescheduled time for the interval between innings, the reduction of overs will not commence until an amount of time equivalent to that by which the second innings started early has elapsed.

#### **57. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED MATCHES – CALCULATION OF THE TARGET SCORE**

This revised target is to be calculated using average run rate. Team batting first scores 200, the run rate = 5. Rain interrupts play and the team batting second only has the opportunity to bat for 25 overs. They will need to score 126 runs. 25 (overs) multiplied by 5 (average runs per over) + 1.

#### **58. NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER**

- (a) No bowler shall bowl more than 8 overs in an innings of a **FORTY OVER MATCH** in Reserve, B, C and D grade.
- (b) In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed.
- (c) Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.
- (d) In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, another bowler will bowl the remaining deliveries. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

#### **59. RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF FIELDSMEN**

At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fieldsmen on the leg side.

#### **60. FIELDING RESTRICTIONS**

- (a) Two semicircles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semicircles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 27 metres). The semicircles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous line of **plastic markers**. Each marker should be placed at approximately 5 – 8 metre intervals.

- (b) The Umpires are responsible for bringing the markers to all matches and marking out the field. **If no umpires are appointed then it is the responsibility of the two team captains to bring and set out the markers. Umpires / captains should ensure that the markings remain consistent throughout the course of the match and should take seriously any attempts by players to intentionally move the domes.**
- (c) In **Reserve grade** matches for the first **12 overs only 2 fieldsmen** are permitted to be outside the fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery. **Overs 13 to 24 only 3 fieldsmen** are permitted outside the fielding restriction area. For the **remaining overs only 5 fieldsmen** are permitted to be outside the field restriction marking at the instant of delivery.
- (d) In **B, C and D-grade** matches **only 5 fieldsmen** are permitted to be outside the field restriction marking at the instant of delivery.
- (e) Where, in an interrupted innings, on resumption of play the recalculated number of Fielding Restriction Overs (as set out above) is no longer achievable, the actual number of Fielding Restriction Overs for that innings will be the closest achievable whole number.

**NOTE: If field markings are nonexistent or incorrect, the umpires shall take responsibility of assessing the correctness of fielding positions throughout the day's play. Games are not to revert to limitless fielding restrictions.**

## **61. NO BALL – SHORT PITCHED DELIVERIES**

A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one fast short pitched delivery per over.

- (a) A fast short-pitched ball is defined as a ball, which after pitching, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batsman standing upright in his normal guard position at the crease but not clearly above his head.
- (b) The umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when one fast short pitched delivery has been bowled.
- (c) In addition, for the purpose of this regulation, a ball that passes clearly above head height of the batsman, other than a fast short pitched ball as defined in 61(a) above, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a Wide and will also count as the one allowable ball above shoulder height for that over.
- (d) In the event of a bowler bowling more than one fast short pitched delivery in an over as defined in clauses 61 (a) or 61 (c) above, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No ball on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify a No ball for a fast-short pitched delivery. The umpire shall call and signal No ball and then tap the head with the other hand. In addition, when the ball is dead, the umpire shall caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning, and inform the captain of the fielding team, the batsmen at the wicket and the other umpire of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings. Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead, direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over or part thereof nor be allowed to bowl the next over or part thereof.
- (e) Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the batsman standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. If the bowler bowls such a delivery the umpire shall immediately call and signal No ball. When the ball is dead, the umpire shall caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning. The umpire shall also inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings. Should there be any further such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall:
- (i) call and signal No ball;



- (ii) when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling;
  - (iii) inform the other umpire for the reason for this action. The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings; and
  - (iv) If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.
  - (v) report the occurrence to the batsmen and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.
- (f) The warning sequence in clause 61(e) is independent of the warning and action sequence in 61(d).
- (g) If the umpire considers that a bowler deliberately bowled a non-pitching delivery, deemed to be dangerous and unfair as defined in clause 61(e) then the caution and warning in clause 61(e) shall be dispensed with and the umpire shall:
- (i) immediately call and signal No ball;
  - (ii) when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling and inform the other umpire for the reason for this action;
  - (iii) The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings;
  - (iv) If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.
  - (v) report the occurrence to the batsmen and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.
- (h) A No ball/Dead Ball shall be called on a concrete surfaced pitch if a ball delivered by the bowler lands on the grass area on the edge of the concrete pitch area. The ball shall be recorded as a No ball however the ball is dead upon pitching meaning no runs/wickets can take place after pitching.

#### **No Ball Free Hit in one-day fixtures (applies to ALL grades).**

- (i) The delivery following a NO BALL (called under any circumstances eg fielding placement No balls as well) shall be a free hit for which ever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of NO BALL or WIDE), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the batsman may only be dismissed under the normal circumstances for a No ball even if the delivery is called a wide. Changes to fielding positions are only permitted if a different batsman is on strike for the free hit delivery OR if the NO BALL is called due to fielding law contravention (eg. 3 behind square on leg side can be adjusted so as not to create the same infringement).

## **62. WIDE BOWLING – JUDGING A WIDE**

### **62.1 RESERVE AND B-GRADE**

- (a) Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket in Reserve and B-grade.
- (b) Any off side or leg side delivery that in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a Wide.
- (c) As a guide, on the leg side a ball landing clearly outside the leg stump going further away shall be called a Wide. In the interest on completing matches on time Umpires in B-grade can apply a slightly more liberal ruling as to leg side wides. This shall be consistent across both innings.

- (d) As a guide, a ball passing the batsman on the off side more than 75cm wide of the off stump shall be called a Wide. Lines shall be drawn from the popping crease to the bowling crease, parallel with the return crease, measured 17 inches (43.18 cm) from the return crease on both sides of the wicket.

### **62.2 C & D-GRADE**

- (a) Any off side or leg side delivery that in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a Wide.
- (b) In C & D-grade bowlers are allowed to bowl 2 deliveries down the leg side in the one over to either batsmen, when a third delivery is bowled down the leg side in the one over it shall automatically be called a wide by the umpire.

### **63. THE RESULT**

- (a) A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for **at least 15 overs** (preliminary matches) unless one team has been all out in less than 15 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 15 overs.
- (b) All matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 15 overs, shall be declared No Result.
- (c) Tie, in matches in which both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the agreed number of overs, subject to the provisions of sections **54-58** the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be a Tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets that have fallen. If two teams finish on equal points, a decision is to be made by the run rate.

### **ONE - DAY COMPETITION RULES – HARDING MADSEN SHIELD (A - GRADE ONLY)**

See the separate playing rules for the Harding Madsen Shield 1-day Competition.

### **T20 COMPETITION RULES**

Clauses 64 to 75 only apply to T20 matches.

### **64. LENGTH OF INNINGS AND OVER RATES**

The required number of overs per innings shall be 20 (twenty) overs.

### **65. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED MATCHES**

- (a) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs within the 3 hour time limit for each game.
- (b) If the number of overs of the team batting first is reduced, a fixed time will be specified for the completion of the first session.
- (c) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first session, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled.
- (d) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the time normally allowed to bowl the overs, they will be required to complete the required number of overs but will then be entitled to receive only the number of overs **they** had bowled by the time normally allowed to bowl the overs. If circumstances are out of the control of the bowling team the umpires will revert divide the time evenly so both teams have the opportunity to face the same number of overs.
- (e) If the team fielding second will complete their overs regardless of time.

## 66. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED MATCHES – CALCULATION OF THE TARGET SCORE

This revised target is to be calculated using the lowest scoring overs deduction method. The scoring team is required to keep a tally of the number of runs each over of the innings being played. Scorebooks should have an appropriate box for recording the score at the end of each over.

EXAMPLE - Team batting first scores 200 runs in 20 overs. They have faced 1 maiden over, 1 over that only 1 run was added and 1 over that 5 runs were added as the lowest scoring overs in the innings. Rain interrupts play and the team batting second only has the opportunity to bat for 17 overs. They will need to score 195 runs calculated as (Team A Total - lowest scoring overs + 1) i.e.  $200 - 6 + 1$ .

## 67. NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER

- (a) No bowler shall bowl more than 4 overs in an innings.
- (b) In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed.

## 68. RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF FIELDSMEN

At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fieldsmen on the leg side.

## 69. FIELDING RESTRICTIONS (All grades)

- (a) For the **first 6 overs, only 2 fieldsmen** are permitted to be outside the fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery. For the **remaining overs, only 5 fieldsmen** are permitted to be outside the field restriction marking at the instant of delivery.
- (b) Where, in an interrupted innings, on resumption of play, the recalculated number of Fielding Restriction Overs (as set out above) is no longer achievable, the actual number of Fielding Restriction Overs for that innings will be the closest achievable whole number.

## 70. NO BALL

The penalty for ANY NO BALL will be one runs.

## 71. NO BALL – SHORT PITCHED DELIVERIES

A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one fast short pitched delivery per over.

- (a) **A fast short pitched ball is defined as a ball, which after pitching, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batsman standing upright in his normal guard position at the crease but not clearly above his head.**

## 72. NO BALL – FREE HIT

The delivery following a NO BALL (called under any circumstances e.g. fielding placement No balls as well) shall be a free hit for which ever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of NO BALL or WIDE), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

For any free hit, the batsman may only be dismissed under the normal circumstances for a No ball even if the delivery is called a wide. Changes to fielding positions are only permitted if a different batsman is on strike for the free hit delivery OR if the NO BALL is called due to fielding law contravention (e.g. 3 behind square on leg side can be adjusted so as not to create the same infringement).

## 73. WIDE BOWLING – JUDGING A WIDE

### 73.1 RESERVE AND B-GRADE

- (a) Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket in Reserve and B-grade.
- (b) Any off side or leg side delivery that in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a Wide.
- (c) As a guide, on the leg side a ball landing clearly outside the leg stump going further away shall be called a Wide. In the interest on completing matches on time Umpires in B-grade can apply a slightly more liberal ruling as to leg side wides. This shall be consistent across both innings.
- (d) As a guide, a ball passing the batsman on the off side more than 75cm wide of the off stump shall be called a Wide. Lines shall be drawn from the popping crease to the bowling crease, parallel with the return crease, measured 17 inches (43.18 cm) from the return crease on both sides of the wicket.

### 73.2 C & D-GRADE

- (a) Any off side or leg side delivery that in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a Wide.
- (b) In C & D-grade bowlers are allowed to bowl 2 deliveries down the leg side in the one over to either batsmen, when a third delivery is bowled down the leg side in the one over it shall automatically be called a wide by the umpire.

## 74. TIMED OUT (LAWS OF CRICKET, LAW 40)

Law 31 will apply except that the incoming batsman must be in position to take guard or for his partner to be ready to receive the next ball within one minute and thirty seconds of the fall of the previous wicket. The incoming batsman is expected to be ready to make his way to the wicket immediately a wicket falls, and is expected to jog to the wicket.

## 75. THE RESULT

- (a) A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for **at least 6 overs** (fixture matches and finals) unless one team has been all out in less than 6 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 6 overs.
- (b) All matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 6 overs, shall be declared No Result.
- (c) Tie (fixture matches only), in matches in which both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the agreed number of overs, subject to the provisions of sections **66** the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be a Tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets that have fallen. If two teams finish on equal points, a decision is to be made by the run rate.
- (d) In designated Semi Final and Final Matches should a Tie occur as per Rule 77(c) a “Super Over” shall be played. Each team will nominate 3 batsmen to face an over from a nominated bowler. If 2 wickets are taken the over is completed. The winning team will be the team that scores more runs in the Super Over. Should a tie occur in the Super Over then the winning team is the one that has hit the most sixes for the match (including Super Over). If this is also tied then the team hitting the most fours will be the winner.

# SCHEDULE 1

## TCUA UMPIRES OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT

ROUND:	GRADE:	v
DATES:		PLAYED AT:
UMPIRES: 1.		2.
TIMES: DAY 1 : START		FINISH
DAY 2 : START		FINISH
COMMENT : Late start, interruptions to play etc. :		
OVERS BOWLED: DAY 1 : DAY 2 :		

<b>OVER RATE</b>		
Did both teams complete the minimum overs?		YES/NO
If NO	Did you speak to Captains about over rate?	YES/NO
If Yes please complete		
Name of Club(s)		
Name of Captain(s)		
Number of Incomplete Overs		

<b>OTHER CONDITIONS:</b>		
Where the junior requirements complied with (helmets and bowling restrictions)? YES/NO		
If No Name of Junior		
Name of Club(s)		
Name of Captain(s)		
Was there a breach of the playing rules?		YES/NO.
If Yes	Name of Club	Details:

<b>PLAYER CONDUCT:</b>		
Did a report arise for misconduct or yellow card issued during from the match?		YES/NO
Is a detailed report attached (see below)?		YES/NO
Name of Player(s).....Law.....		
Player listed for.....		
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SIGNED: .....SIGNED:.....DATE:...../...../.....		

**TO BE EMAILED TO COMPETITION COMMITTEE @ [jeremy@jensenlawyers.com.au](mailto:jeremy@jensenlawyers.com.au) BY 5 PM TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATCH.**

# SCHEDULE 1

## SLOW OVER RATE TO BE NOTIFIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS REPORT

CALCULATION OF OVER RATE				
NAME OF BOWLING TEAM				
Innings Number	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
A. Actual Batting Time				
B. On-field Delays Allowance (including G below)				
C. Adjusted Batting Time (A - B)				
D. Overs Required for C				
E. Overs Bowled				
F. Penalty Overs (D - E)				
NAME OF BATTING TEAM				
G. Time Wasted				
H. Unbowled Overs				

Minutes Lost/Rem	Overs	Minutes Lost/Rem	Overs	Minutes Lost/Rem	Overs
1 – 4	1	113 – 116	31	224 – 227	61
5 – 7	2	117 – 120	32	228 – 230	62
8 – 11	3	121 – 124	33	231 – 234	63
12 – 15	4	125 – 127	34	235 – 237	64
16 – 19	5	128 – 131	35	238 – 241	65
20 – 22	6	132 – 135	36	242 – 244	66
23 – 26	7	136 – 139	37	245 – 248	67
27 – 30	8	140 – 142	38	249 – 252	68
31 – 34	9	143 – 146	39	253 – 256	69
35 – 37	10	147 – 150	40	257 – 259	70
38 – 41	11	151 – 154	41	260 – 263	71
42 – 45	12	155 – 157	42	264 – 266	72
46 – 49	13	158 – 161	43	267 – 270	73
50 – 52	14	162 – 165	44	271 – 273	74
53 – 56	15	166 – 169	45	274 – 277	75
57 – 60	16	170 – 172	46	278 – 281	76
61 – 64	17	173 – 176	47	282 – 285	77
65 – 67	18	177 – 180	48	286 – 288	78
68 – 71	19	180 – 183	49	289 – 292	79
72 – 75	20	184 – 186	50	293 – 295	80
76 – 79	21	187 – 190	51	296 – 299	81
80 – 82	22	191 – 194	62	300 – 304	82
83 – 86	23	195 – 198	53	305 – 308	83
87 – 90	24	199 – 201	54	309 – 313	84
91 – 94	25	202 – 205	55	314 – 317	85
95 – 97	26	206 – 208	56	318 – 322	86
98 – 101	27	209 – 212	57	323 – 326	87
102 – 105	28	213 – 215	58	327 – 331	88
106 – 109	29	216 – 219	59	332 – 335	89
110 – 112	30	220 - 223	60	336 - 340	90

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