

BYLAWS FOR SENIOR CRICKET COMPETITIONS

(FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS)

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 In these Bylaws:

(a) "**Code of Conduct**" or "PCA Code of Conduct" means the PCA Code of Conduct set out in clause 4.2.

(b) "**Colts Competition**" means a competition run by the PCA in which all members of each team are Colts Players.

(c) "**Colts Player**" means a player who is under the age defined in the Colts Playing Conditions

(d) "**Competition**" or "**Competitions**" means any Junior Competition or Senior Competition.

(e) "**Competition Referee**" means the person appointed by the management committee who is responsible for adjudicating on breaches against all published Bylaws and laws.

(f) "**Finals**" includes Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand-Final.

(g) "**Independent Member**" means a person not associated with the club in which a matter is being adjudicated on.

(h) **"Junior Aged Player"** means any player 16 years of age or under on, or before the 30th of June in the year the season commences, regardless of whether they are playing in a junior competition.

(i) **"Law"** means the current Laws of Cricket as defined by the MCC

(j) "**Management Committee**" means the duly appointed Management Committee of the PCA.

(k) "**Masters Player**" means a player who is over the age of 40 years on 30 June in the year the Season commences.

(l) "**Operations Manager**" means the person appointed by the PCA with responsibilities that include competition management tasks designated by the PCA under these Bylaws.

(m) "**Overseas Player**" means any player who has been granted entry into Australia under a Visitor or Temporary Activity Visa.

(n) "**Ordinary Conditions**" means the playing out of match with no division of time or overs, but with requirements for the bowling of a minimum of overs."

(o) "**PCA**" means Peel Cricket Association.

(p) "**PlayHQ**" means the Australian cricket competition management system and player database maintained by Cricket Australia for use by cricket clubs and cricket administrators.

(q) "**PPL**" means Peel Premier League

(r) "**Preliminary Round**" means any round of matches in a Competition before Finals.

(s) "**Protest**" means a protest lodged under clause 4.6 of these Bylaws.

(t) "**Registered Player**" means a player registered with a Club in the PlayHQ database in accordance with clause 6.2.

(u) "**Season**" means the cricket playing period from 1 October to 31 March (or such later date for which fixtures are arranged) in any calendar year in which Competition matches are played.

(v) "**Senior Competition**" means any competition between PCA-affiliated Clubs as specified in clause 2.2.1.

(w) "**Senior Player**" means a Competition player who is over the age eligible to play in a Junior Competition and includes a Colts Player.

(x) "**WA Cricket**" means the Western Australian Cricket Association.

1.2 Interpretations

1.2.1 All monetary amounts within this document payable to the PCA exclude GST (e.g. fines, penalties, fees, etc.).

2. PCA ADMINISTRATION, RULES AND CLUBS

2.1 Status of Bylaws

2.1.1 These Bylaws are created under the PCA Constitution and are to be read together with the Playing Conditions referred to in Bylaw 5.5 and Annexures.

2.1.2 These Bylaws may be altered and repealed from time to time, in accordance with the PCA Constitution.

2.2 Competitions

2.2.1 The PCA will organise matches between Clubs in Senior Competitions classified as:

(a) Senior Men's Competitions

(b) Senior Female Competitions

(c) T20 (Senior) Competition;

(d) Colts Competition;

(e) Masters Competition; and

(f) such other cricket competitions as the PCA decides from time to time.

2.2.2 The Senior Men's Competitions will be subdivided into cricket matches between up to seven grades of teams.

2.2.3 The Senior Female Competitions will be subdivided into cricket matches between up to 3 grades of teams

(a) A Grade; and

(b) B Grade; and

(c) such other cricket competitions as the PCA decides from time to time.

2.2.4 The Colts Competition matches will be between teams of 12 players that must be Colts Players.

2.2.5 The Masters Competition matches will be between teams of 12 players that must be Masters Players.

2.3 Club Affiliation with PCA

2.3.1 Subject to its Constitution, the PCA may admit any cricket club to play in the Competitions.

2.3.2 When a club is admitted it shall remain in the Competitions from season to season unless or until it is disaffiliated, and it shall be deemed to have agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the PCA in relation to the Bylaws, Playing Conditions and Code of Conduct.

2.3.3 A cricket club that wishes to be admitted to playing in PCA competitions shall lodge an application in writing to the PCA, which shall include:

(a) a copy of the cricket club's constitution and record of acceptance by the required government bodies;

(b) a copy of the cricket club's most recent financial statement and record of audit (if applicable);

(c) evidence of sufficient membership of the cricket club to viably participate in the competitions;

(d) evidence satisfactory to the PCA that it is the owner, lessee or otherwise has tenure of a cricket ground and facilities (per Bylaw 7.1) of a standard satisfactory to the PCA for the purposes of conducting Competition matches;

(e) proposed nomination of teams for any of the competitions specified in Bylaw 2.2

(f) details of how a club proposes to sustain its existence including membership, financial, and facility needs; and

(g) such other information as the PCA may request or which the cricket club considers relevant.

2.3.4 The PCA may, at its discretion and applying such criteria as it considers appropriate, either accept or refuse an application by a cricket club for admission to Competitions. The decision of the PCA shall be final and binding.

2.3.5 Where a cricket club is admitted to play in the Competitions and has paid its affiliation fees the club shall be deemed to be affiliated with the PCA.

2.3.6 The PCA shall ratify the entry of new clubs on an annual basis no later than 1 July.

2.3.7 All new Clubs shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, logo and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.

2.3.8 The PCA will publish or otherwise supply Clubs with a copy of any relevant Policy or Guidelines upon request.

2.4 Club Representation

2.4.1 The name of Clubs should be representative of the broader geographic area within which the Club is located and must not make any reference to any ethnic or political name.

2.4.2 All Clubs that are affiliated with the PCA must submit their annual return for renewal of affiliation by no later than 31 July with current information specified below, or a note to identify what part of that information previously supplied to PCA is unchanged.

(a) a copy of the cricket club's constitution and record of acceptance by the required government bodies;

(b) a copy of the cricket club's most recent financial statement and record of audit (if applicable);

(c) proposed nomination of teams for any of the competitions specified in Bylaw 2.2

(d) details of how a club proposes to sustain its existence including membership, financial, and facility needs; and

(e) such other information as the PCA may request or which the cricket club considers relevant.

2.4.3 All clubs are to submit final annual team nominations for the PCA Competitions no later than 14 days prior to the commencement date of the season. The PCA may adjust this deadline at its discretion.

2.4.4 All Clubs are required to nominate at least two points of contacts for all communications with the Competition Referee and Tribunal no later than 14 days prior to the commencement date of the season.

2.4.5 To be granted and retain affiliation with the PCA, Clubs must provide the facilities specified in Bylaw 7.

2.5 Duties of Affiliated Clubs

2.5.1 Each affiliated Club will comply with the reasonable requests of PCA in relation to matters concerning or arising out of each Club's Affiliation Agreement, the PCA Constitution and these Bylaws.

2.5.2 All Clubs will comply with the PCA Constitution, any Bylaws prepared in accordance with the PCA Constitution, the Insurance Policy adopted by Cricket Australia and other Policies determined from time to time by PCA. Those Policies may be included in these Bylaws or published separately.

2.5.3 Where the affiliation fee payable to PCA or any other debt to the PCA is overdue for more than 30 days, on written request by PCA the Club's financial information must be made available for review by PCA.

2.5.4 Each Club playing in a PCA Competition for a Season must enter and keep up to date in the PlayHQ database:

(a) the names and details of all registered players for all Competitions; and

(b) the names and contact details of all registered club officials.

2.5.5 Clubs will ensure that they and their players comply with the registration, eligibility and qualification requirements in clause 6.

2.5.6 All Clubs must submit a list of their players owing equipment or fees to their Club by 30 June prior to the opening of registrations for the Season. This list will be used in the administration of player movements, and it is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that this list remains current. Player movement requests cannot be rejected on the basis of monies owing if the player is not on this list.

2.5.7 It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that all registered players are aware of the regulations and policies governing Competition matches, including the Playing Conditions (as modified by clause 5 of these Bylaws), the Laws of Cricket inclusive of the Spirit of Cricket and the Code of Conduct.

2.5.8 Final team nominations are due on the 15th of September each year. All nominated teams are required to be entered into PlayHQ before the 17th of September each year.

2.5.9 All club nomination and association/affiliation fees are to be paid as per the below schedule

(a) Nomination Fee – Prior to closure of annual team nominations

(b) 50% of Association Fees – No later than 30th of November

(c) 100% of Association Fees – No later than 31st of January

2.5.10 To Participate in PCA Matches Clubs must:

(a) Have nominated and maintain a minimum of two senior teams with

(b) At least one Senior Men's Competition side;

(c) The highest team in the Senior Men's Competition to be B Grade or above; and

(d) Be affiliated with or incorporated with a Junior Club that has a minimum of two School-Aged Teams and an applicable introduction to cricket program, or be provided with an exemption by the PCA Management Committee

2.5.11 Non-compliance with the requirements of any clause detailed under 2.5 may result in:

(a) a suspension of payments under the WA Cricket/PCA Grants Scheme; and

(b) all teams from the offending Club being unable to compete in any Competitions until the situation is rectified.

2.6 Rights of Affiliated Clubs

2.6.1 Affiliated Clubs may be eligible for WA Cricket and PCA financial assistance and grants, provided:

(a) The Club is complying with the Affiliation Agreement, the PCA Constitution and these Bylaws; and

(b) The conditions in a particular grant are met.

2.7 Team Withdrawal

2.7.1 In the event of a club needing to forfeit a fixture, the lowest grade team within the club will be the forfeited team.

2.7.2 Any team not playing two consecutive matches shall be deemed to have disbanded unless otherwise determined by the Management Committee.

2.7.3 Any club that withdraws a team after 7 days prior to the first fixtured match shall be liable, at the Management Committee's discretion for a fine of $200.

2.7.4 The team to be withdrawn shall be the lowest grade team in the club unless decided otherwise by the management committee.

3. PCA GOVERNANCE

3.1 PCA Management Committee

3.1.1 The Management Committee will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Competitions in accordance with the PCA Constitution.

3.1.2 The Management Committee will be responsible for strategic planning and review of the functions of the PCA under its Constitution and affiliation agreement with WA Cricket and will from time to time provide reports to the WA Cricket and to Clubs inclusive of proposals for strong, well-balanced cricket competitions and financially viable and best quality cricket clubs in the Peel and Rockingham area.

3.1.3 The Management Committee may delegate one or more of its functions under these Bylaws to members outside of the management committee.

3.1.4 Any decision to be made by the PCA under these Bylaws may be made by the Management Committee or by the Competition Referee if the Management Committee has delegated a function or authority to the Competition Referee.

3.1.5 The PCA has complete authority to determine any question arising about the proper interpretation of these Bylaws but may refer a matter to the Tribunal or to legal counsel for legal opinion.

3.1.6 Any matters arising that are not covered by the Association constitution or Bylaws will be dealt with at the Management Committee's discretion.

3.1.7 All financial and strategic information provided by clubs to the PCA shall be treated as confidential and only disseminated to the Executive Management Committee and Operations Manager.

3.1.8 Any Management Committee Member (Elected or Appointed) that vacates their position within the Committee shall return all records (e.g. data, information, emails, intellectual property, etc.) to the Management Committee and provide confirmation they no longer retain any copies of said records.

3.2 Management Committee Decisions

3.2.1 Any decision to be made by the Management Committee under these Bylaws (not delegated under 3.1.4) is to be determined by a majority vote from Elected Committee Members. If an Elected Committee Member is unavailable to vote or should a conflict of interest be present, the member shall be recused and their vote not included in the total votes. No minimum number of votes shall be required.

3.2.2 In the event of a tied decision the PCA President shall have the deciding vote or delegate the deciding vote to an Executive Committee Member.

3.3 Management Committee Sub-committees

3.3.1 The PCA Management Committee will be deemed to have formed the following sub-committees:

(a) The Disciplinary Sub-Committee;

(b) The Tribunal;

(c) The Women's Cricket Sub-Committee and

(d) The Country Cricket Sub-Committee;

(e) The Veteran's Cricket Sub-Committee;

(f) The Junior Representative Cricket Sub-Committee;

(g) Any other sub-committee as deemed necessary.

3.3.2 The PCA Management Committee shall ensure Terms of Reference are maintained for all Sub-Committees. The Terms of Reference shall at minimum include:

(a) Scope of responsibilities;

(b) Structure and rules of the sub-committee including membership count, chairperson, meeting cadence, voting requirements, and primary contact within the PCA Management Committee;

(c) Reporting requirements to the PCA Management Committee;

3.3.3 If it is determined that a Sub-Committee is operating outside of its Terms of Reference, the PCA Management Committee shall be permitted to disband and/or reform the Sub-Committee at its discretion.

3.4 Disciplinary Sub-committee

3.4.1 The Disciplinary Committee will comprise of the PCA Competition Referee and up to two independent members appointed by the Competition Referee as and when required.

3.4.2 Should it not be possible at any time for any Disciplinary Committee members to attend a meeting or hearing or should a conflict of interest be present the Competition Referee will appoint an independent person or persons to act as a proxy and that person or persons is empowered to act as if they were an ordinary member of the Disciplinary Committee until that authority is withdrawn.

3.4.3 The duties of the Disciplinary Committee will include:

(a) to receive all reports of infringements and offences and determine the level of such offence;

(b) raise a complaint against a Club, player or official if it believes an act of omission or offence has occurred under these Bylaws;

(c) to request written responses from all parties involved within a timely manner;

(d) to refer any matter of sufficient seriousness to the Tribunal for determination;

(e) to assess any audio/visual evidence available to assess all reports of infringements, offences or complaints raised against a Club, player or official; and

(f) to decide the appropriate penalty for any matter that is not serious enough to be referred to the Tribunal.

(g) The penalty may be made for a defined specific timeframe or be applicable in a specific grade/competition as the Disciplinary Committee sees fit. Where a timeframe/grade are not defined, the penalty shall take effect from the issuance of the notice, pursuant to clause 6.9 below.

3.4.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to make a decision binding on the player, and if necessary, the player's Club, in respect to any of the matters referred to in clause 3.4.3.

4. SPIRIT OF CRICKET AND CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Spirit of Cricket Points

4.1.1 The PCA will reward those Clubs that are judged to have best upheld the Spirit of the Game, as contained in the Spirit of Cricket, during the Season. In essence, this is respect for a team's opponents, a team's own captain, the roles of the umpires and the game's traditional values. The Club Spirit of Cricket Award is defined in Bylaw 9.5.

4.1.2 The Spirit of Cricket Points will be determined by the officiating umpires who will record Spirit of Cricket Points to be awarded to or deducted from each team at the end of the match in the Senior Men's, Senior Women's and Colts Competitions, as follows:

Category	Points	Criteria
Positive	1 point	Epitomised the true spirit and traditions of the game
Neutral	No points	Neutral atmosphere created
Negative	-1 point	Unacceptable behaviour – captain informed.

4.2 Player Code of Conduct and Offences

4.2.1 The PCA will adopt from time to time and modify as appropriate to its Competitions the Code of Conduct published by Cricket Australia and the International Cricket Council (ICC), which contains details of undesirable conduct. The PCA Code of Conduct is set out in bylaw 4.2.3.

4.2.2 All players, umpires and officials competing in PCA Competitions, or in matches organised by the PCA are bound by and required to comply with the PCA Code of Conduct published in these Bylaws.

4.2.3 The following offences are adopted from the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct and for illustrations of the application of each, reference should be made to the guidelines that accompany the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct (reproduced in the boxed section below each Offence below). The Code of Conduct entries herein are referred to as Rules. The provisions of the Rule itself take precedence over any guidelines.

LEVEL 1 OFFENCES

1.1 Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.

Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of or the contents or any building or structure at the ground.

1.2 Show dissent at an umpire's decision.

Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.

This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captain's report.

1.3 Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.

This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.

The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

1.4 Engaging in excessive or unnecessary appealing.

Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this Rule.

1.5 Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batter.

Includes charging or running up to the batter and "getting in his [or her] face".

1.6 Failure by a team to ensure that the condition of a ball is not changed in breach of Law 41.3.

1.7 Smoking/Vaping within the field of play.

1.8 Consuming illegal drugs or alcohol prior to the start of play or before the match is complete

No player shall enter the field of play if under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Start of play is defined by "upon arrival at the venue of the match".

1.9 Consuming illegal drugs or alcohol prior to the start or during a PCA meeting

No illegal drugs or alcohol are to be consumed prior to or during the following PCA meetings; Committee Meeting, Special General Meeting, Annual General Meeting, Penalties and Dispute Hearing. All other meeting or event types are exempt from this Rule.

Start of a PCA meeting is defined by "upon arrival at the venue of the meeting".

LEVEL 2 OFFENCES

2.1 Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision.

Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the crease.

This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpire's performance in their Captain's report.

2.2 Engage in or attempt inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials.

Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder/attempt to shoulder another player, official or match official.

2.3 Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

2.4 Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.

This is not intended to replace Law 41(4) and (5) of the Laws of Cricket.

Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batter while running or attempting to run between wickets.

2.5 Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.

2.6 Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.

This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.

2.7 Change the condition of the ball in breach of law 41.3.

Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball other than perspiration.

2.8 Attempt to manipulate a Match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

Prohibited conduct under this Rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's performance points or net run rate.

LEVEL 3 OFFENCES

3.1 Intimidate or attempt to intimidate an umpire or referee whether by language or conduct.

Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.

3.2 Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator.

3.3 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality, nationality or ethnic origin, disability, sex, gender, marital and/or maternity status or national or ethnic origin.

LEVEL 4 OFFENCES

4.1 Threaten to assault an umpire or referee.

4.2 Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.

4.3 Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.

4.4 Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality, nationality or ethnic origin, disability, sex, gender, marital and/or maternity status or national or ethnic origin.

LAWS OF CRICKET AND 'SPIRIT OF THE GAME'

5. Players must obey the 'Laws of Cricket' and play within the spirit of the game.

This is meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts of, or gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.

Conduct which will be prohibited under the Rule includes time wasting and any other conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket.

This Rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.

Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.

Nothing in this Rule or the Code alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

UNBECOMING BEHAVIOUR

6. Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time in a cricket related situation engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player or official that could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.

This is also meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts or, or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.

It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour, harassment or threats to Umpires or PCA officials outside the hours of play, and cheating during play.

4.3 Recommended Penalties for Code of Conduct Breaches

4.3.1 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Level 1 to 4 offences:

(a) Level 1 - Official reprimand and/or a fine of up to $500 and/or a ban of up to 2 matches.

(b) Level 2 - A ban of 2 or 3 matches and/or a fine of up to $500.

(c) Level 3 - A ban of 3 to 5 matches and/or a fine of up to $500.

(d) Level 4 - A ban of 6 or more matches and/or a fine of up to $500, or a life ban.

4.3.2 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Section 5 (Spirit of Cricket) and Section 6 (Unbecoming Behaviour) offences under 4.2.3 (which may be imposed individually or in combination):

(a) a ban from participating in one or more matches;

(b) a fine of any amount up to $1,000; and

(c) a reprimand.

4.3.3 Any part of a suspension or fine in clauses 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 may be offered as a suspended penalty.

4.3.4 All fines in clauses 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 shall be payable by the player's club only, not the individual.

4.3.5 The PCA encourages clubs to be proactive when made aware of player indiscretions from their members. Should a club initiate disciplinary action against one of their members then leniency may be given with regards to the penalty being imposed by the PCA or acceptance of the penalty being imposed by the club.

4.3.6 Match bans are based on the senior/colts/masters competition fixtures. Any player serving a suspension shall not be permitted to play in any PCA fixture or represent the PCA in any representative fixtures whilst under suspension. The PCA at its discretion recommend to relevant cricketing bodies (e.g. WA Cricket, CA) the suspension is to apply other competitions.

4.3.7 Any penalty that is as a result of an offence against a Junior Aged Player, umpire, official or spectator, or is against a PCA or WA Cricket official or volunteer shall incur a 50% increase above the imposed penalty. This shall be rounded up in all instances and may exceed the recommended penalties.

4.3.8 Should a club be found guilty of multiple Level 2 or higher club or player offences in any one season the Management Committee reserves the right to fine the club up to $1000. This fine shall be on top of any match suspensions and/or fines imposed for the originating offence. Part or all of this fine may be suspended.

4.4 Code of Conduct Offences, Cautions and Reporting

4.4.1 Under these Bylaws, a contravention of the Code of Conduct is an offence.

4.4.2 Umpires are required to warn a Club, player or official for a contravention of the Code of Conduct and report the matter to the other umpire and the player's team captain.

4.4.3 Umpires are required to make best effort to notify a Club, player or official of any intention to lodge a Code of Conduct complaint, and the nature of the offence committed, within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed. Failure by an umpire to comply with this clause does not invalidate the complaint made.

4.4.4 Umpires are required to lodge Code of Conduct complaints with the Competition Referee no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of a match in which the alleged offence occurred. Failure by an umpire to comply with this clause does not invalidate the complaint made.

4.4.5 The Competition Referee and/or Management Committee can lodge a Code of Conduct complaint after reviewing the umpires and captains match reports following any match.

4.4.6 For the sake of clarity, audio/visual evidence taken of a Competition match may be used in conjunction with the Code of Conduct complaint lodged by an Umpire, the Competition Referee or the Management Committee.

4.4.7 The Competition Referee and/or Management Committee can lodge a Code of Conduct complaint after reviewing FrogBox vision, regardless of any reports made by Umpires, captains, or other officials.

4.4.8 Any player reported by an Umpire, the Competition Referee or the Management Committee must have the complaint referred to the Disciplinary Committee who shall:

(a) Consider the complaint and the level of offence, if any, for which the Club, player or official is alleged to have committed; and

(b) Offer the Club, player or official a penalty, open for acceptance for a definite period, in lieu of referring the matter to the Tribunal; or

(c) Refer the matter to the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.11.

4.4.9 A Code of Conduct complaint shall be referred to the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.11 unless the player, Club or official accepts a penalty from the Disciplinary Committee within the time specified in any offer made pursuant to clause 4.4.8(b).

4.4.10 Where an umpire has occasion to speak to a player about his behaviour but does not consider the player's behaviour to be so serious as to warrant a report to the PCA, the umpire shall caution the player.

(a) An umpire shall note a caution on the Umpire's Match Report and shall lodge a record of the caution with the PCA.

(b) The umpire shall notify the Club, player or official in accordance with clause 4.4.3.

4.4.11 Should a player receive three cautions (3) over any two-season duration, the player shall receive an automatic one match suspension, there is no right of appeal for this suspension. Any subsequent caution within the same season will result in the player being referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

4.4.12 Any player in any grade who has been found guilty of a Code of Conduct Offence shall be ineligible for any and all player of the season awards and/or team of the year award in any grade. In the event that a suspension arising from a PCA match 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.

4.5 Use of Social Media

4.5.1 Any club, player or official who is found to have engaged in or is suspected of engaging in the unacceptable use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or any other social networking site, including blogs, may be dealt with by the Competition Referee.

4.5.2 The Competition Referee shall adjudicate the seriousness of such breaches and the Code of Conduct Levels and penalties set out in clauses 4.2.3 and 4.3 shall apply.

4.5.3 Without limitation, unacceptable use may involve the player or official:

(a) criticising umpires, players, the PCA, the PCA Management Committee or any other person involved in the Competition;

(b) engaging in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive or abusive remarks about any person; or

(c) engaging in any other behaviour which the PCA reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.

(d) anything deemed to bring the game or association into disrepute.

4.5.4 It is not relevant that the player or official making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.

4.6 Protests and Calculated Unfair Conduct

4.6.1 A Club may lodge a protest with the PCA against an opposing Club in a match with respect to one or more of the following:

(a) the result, scores, or player statistics of a match;

(b) any conduct which is alleged to have been calculated to obtain an unfair advantage during that match by that opposing Club or any one or more of that opposing Club's members; or

(c) the unfitness of a ground or pitch for play on any match day or part of a match day where the unfitness of the ground or pitch is alleged to have been caused either wholly

or in part by an act or omission of the home club, or circumstances within the control of the home club.

4.6.2 A protest under this clause must be notified in writing to the PCA within 3 days of the match to which the protest relates, comply with clause 4.6.3 and be signed by the President of the protesting Club.

4.6.3 A Protest notice must state:

(a) The date and place of the match;

(b) The name and team of the opposing Club;

(c) The grounds of the protest (with reference to any applicable Bylaws or Laws of Cricket);

(d) A summary of the facts the protesting club will rely upon to support its protest; and

(e) The names of the witnesses the protesting club will rely on at the hearing of the protest.

4.6.4 Failure to comply with clause 4.6.3 does not invalidate the notice, subject to the Tribunal being satisfied the protest has merit.

4.6.5 Upon receiving a protest under this clause, the PCA must refer the matter to the Tribunal, to be heard and determined by the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.7 and applicable procedures under this clause 4.

4.6.6 The PCA may independently refer a matter to the Tribunal as Complainant if it is satisfied that there has been conduct of the kind referred to in clause 4.6.1(b), and shall provide a Protest notice in accordance with clause 4.6.3.

4.7 Orders that may be made after Protests

4.7.1 If a Protest is upheld, the Tribunal may make one of the following orders:

(a) the result of the protested match be varied (but not in the case of a protest related to the unfitness of the ground or pitch for play);

(b) the protested match be replayed; or

(c) the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club and the result awarded to the other club.

4.7.2 If the Tribunal orders the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club, then the Tribunal may also:

(a) cancel or vary any points previously awarded with regard to that match;

(b) award points appropriate to the altered result of the match according to the scale of points available; and

(c) impose a fine upon the respondent Club.

4.7.3 If a Protest relating to the unfitness of a ground or pitch for play is dismissed, because the unfitness of the pitch or ground relates to a matter outside the control of the home team or its curator, the Tribunal must still order:

(a) the result of the match stand; or

(b) the match be replayed at a place, date and time to be notified by PCA within 3 days of the Tribunal's determination.

4.8 Tribunal Jurisdiction

4.8.1 The Tribunal will hear any matter referred to it by the PCA in relation to:

(a) Appeals from penalties imposed by the Competition Referee for infringements;

(b) Offences for breach of the Code of Conduct;

(c) Offences for breach of the Use of Social Media; and

(d) Protests under clause 4.6 of these Bylaws.

4.8.2 The Tribunal will not hear:

(a) any eligibility complaints based on the information contained in PlayHQ;

(b) any clearance or permit disputes; or

(c) any complaints regarding the application of the Playing Conditions for any Competition.

4.9 Tribunal Membership

4.9.1 The Tribunal will be comprised of three members.

4.9.2 The PCA shall select the persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting and shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal.

4.9.3 A person shall not sit on the Tribunal if that person or that person's Club is involved in the complaint or matter before the Tribunal, has any financial and/or business relationship or is related to any of the parties.

4.10 Powers of Tribunal

4.10.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:

(a) require the attendance of any person before it;

(b) administer an oath and hear evidence (whether in person or through electronic communication such as telephone or video conferencing);

(c) view video evidence and/or listen to audio evidence, taken of

(d) re-open or rehear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;

(e) if any person fails to answer any questions or acts in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding $1,000 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of cricket administered by PCA for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;

(f) impose a fine not exceeding $1,000 on any person or Club who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;

(g) suspend any person from playing in a game of cricket, acting as a coach of a team or acting as a team official for any period and/or impose a fine not exceeding $1,000 on any person or Club who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened these Bylaws, contravened the Constitution of PCA, contravened any Laws of Cricket, brought the game of cricket into disrepute or failed to comply with any order or direction of the Tribunal;

(h) order the forfeiture of a game of cricket;

4.10.2 In imposing a suspension or disqualification, the Tribunal may impose that penalty by reference to:

(a) a number of cricket games in a particular Competition or grade; or

(b) a time-period suspension or disqualification.

4.11 Tribunal Pre-Hearing Procedures

4.11.1 The PCA shall give notice of a Tribunal hearing if:

(a) the Disciplinary Committee decides to refer a Code of Conduct complaint to the Tribunal directly; or

(b) a player does not accept the penalty offered by the Disciplinary Committee; or

(c) another complaint or Protest is made under these Bylaws in respect to a matter for which the Tribunal has jurisdiction.

4.11.2 Prior to giving notice of a Tribunal hearing, the PCA shall:

(a) arrange a date for the Tribunal to hear the matter in accordance with these Bylaws, if possible, no later than the next fixture; and

(b) cause copies of the complaint or Protest and the notice to be provided to the Tribunal members, the parties and to the originator of the Complaint (e.g., umpires or Clubs).

4.11.3 In the event of a player not accepting the decision offered by the Disciplinary Committee then a non-refundable appeal hearing fee of $300 is payable with the lodgement of the notice of appeal.

4.11.4 In any protest relating to the abandonment of a match, the PCA shall arrange and ensure that a thorough investigation of the circumstances into the abandonment of the match is conducted and that a report be presented to the Competition Referee or Tribunal for decision and penalty if appropriate. The purpose of the report is to set out facts to establish whether there was any failure by the Club to ensure:

(a) the pitch was properly prepared; or

(b) the pitch was properly protected against the elements, vandalism or foul play, machinery or equipment failure or other reasonably foreseeable events.

(c) For the purposes of this clause, a grounds person who is responsible for the preparation of the pitch and who is employed by a body other than the local Club, is deemed to be a contractor or agent of that Club.

4.11.5 Notices shall be given to:

(a) a player by forwarding to the player and his or her Club; and

(b) a Club by forwarding to the secretary of the Club.

4.11.6 The notice advising of the Tribunal hearing shall include:

(a) A copy of any notice, complaint or Protest;

(b) A copy of any offer made by the Disciplinary Committee;

(c) Details of the date and place of the Tribunal hearing.

4.11.7 Tribunal Members will be given a copy of the notice, a briefing paper by the PCA and, if requested, a copy of these Bylaws.

4.12 Tribunal Hearing Procedure

4.12.1 In respect to a complaint with regard to a Code of Conduct offence, a PCA representative will present the case on behalf of the PCA as Complainant. The PCA may be represented by a member of its Disciplinary Committee, its Management Committee or the Competition Referee.

4.12.2 The PCA shall appoint a person to minute the hearing procedure and record the result of the hearing.

4.12.3 In the case of a Protest, the protesting Club will present the case as Complainant and the opposing Club will be the Respondent.

4.12.4 In the case of a Code of Conduct Complaint or a Protest:

(a) a player Respondent may appear at the hearing or be represented by a person other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.

(b) a Club that is a Complainant or a Respondent may be represented by a member of its committee other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.

(c) If the respondent does not appear at a tribunal hearing, his non-attendance forfeits his right of appeal.

4.12.5 The Complainant and the Respondent may call witnesses to support the case. For the avoidance of doubt, the person representing a player or Club may not give evidence: at the hearing they must appear as a witness or a representative of a party, but not both.

4.12.6 For clarity to all parties the civil standard of proof, known as a 'Balance of Probabilities', is applicable to Tribunal Proceedings.

4.12.7 The Tribunal procedure is as follows:

(a) the Complaint will be presented by a member of the Disciplinary Committee, or a person delegated authority by the PCA, and witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;

(b) if the Tribunal is of the opinion that the respondent has a case to answer, then the respondent's case may be presented, witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;

(c) at the conclusion of the hearing, the Complainant's representative may address the Tribunal, and then the Respondent or its representative may address the Tribunal in Reply.

4.12.8 For a Protest, the Tribunal may dismiss the protest or uphold the Protest.

4.12.9 For a Code of Conduct complaint, the Tribunal must consider whether the Complainant has proved an offence under these Bylaws.

4.12.10 For a proven Code of Conduct offence, the Tribunal:

(a) may impose such penalty or make such order as it thinks fit; and

(b) in making its order, must have regard to any recommended penalty or order in clause 4.3 and 4.7 of these Bylaws, as applicable.

4.12.11 When imposing a fine or penalty, the Tribunal may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including:

(a) the seriousness of the breach;

(b) the harm caused by the breach;

(c) the person's seniority and standing in the game;

(d) the remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;

(e) the person's prior record; and

(f) the impact of the penalty on the person.

4.13 Tribunal Decisions

4.13.1 All decisions of the Tribunal must be reported to the PCA Management Committee, and the Management Committee must give effect to the decision. Each decision shall be recorded in the competition Code of Conduct Register.

4.13.2 PCA must notify all persons and Clubs concerned of the Tribunal's findings and publish the nature of the complaint and the decision, unless the Management Committee considers this is undesirable.

4.14 Appeals

4.14.1 In the event that:

(a) the Disciplinary Committee refers the matter directly to the Tribunal under clause 3.4.3(d) of the Bylaws,

(b) the Tribunal hears the matter in accordance with the Tribunal Hearing Procedure process set out in the Bylaws; and

(c) the Tribunal makes a decision,

4.14.2 Either the Disciplinary Committee or the Respondent may, subject to compliance with clauses 4.14.2 and 4.14.3, lodge an appeal with the Operations Manager, within 24 hours of the completion of the Tribunal Hearing and the Tribunal making a decision, outlining the reasons why it is appealing the Tribunal Decision.

4.14.3 A Tribunal Decision may only be appealed on one or more of the following grounds that:

(a) there was an error of law;

(b) the decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it;

(c) the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive or inadequate

4.14.4 In the event that the Defendant wishes to appeal a Tribunal Decision, a non-refundable appeal hearing fee of $300 is payable with the lodgement of the notice of appeal.

4.14.5 The Appeal Hearing shall be held under the same procedure as a Tribunal Hearing laid out in clause 4.12 of these Bylaws.

4.14.6 The Tribunal Members from the Tribunal Hearing cannot hear the Appeal.

4.15 Grievances

4.15.1 If a matter does not fall within the powers of the Tribunal to determine, each Club may refer one such matter to the PCA Management Committee to determine a decision or further referral to a tribunal within any calendar year. The right of referral is retained if the matter is decided in favour of the referring Club.

4.15.2 To refer an issue to the PCA Management Committee under this Bylaw, a non-refundable referral fee of $100 is payable, together with a $300 fee for hearing. The hearing fee is refundable to the Club if the matter is decided in its favour.

4.16 Code of Conduct, Tribunal and Appeal Timelines

4.16.1 Applicable times lines for all code of conduct offences, tribunal and/or appeal hearings shall be detailed in the following documents

(a) Match Day Offence Timeline

(b) Outside of Match Day Offence Timeline

(c) Social Media Breach Timeline

4.16.2 Should there be a delay in the Competition Referee requesting information, the timeline for the relevant club/player to respond to the information request shall be extended by an equal amount of time as the delay.

4.16.3 The timelines stated in 4.16.1 are based off a Saturday fixture, timelines shall be adjusted to the applicable days/times for Sunday/Tuesday fixtures

4.16.4 Clubs can request an extension to any timeline, this may be approved at the discretion of the PCA Committee and/or Competition Referee. All related timelines will be adjusted accordingly. However, no player will be permitted to participate in any fixture that falls within the extended period

4.17 Infringements and Penalty Schedule

4.17.1 Under these Bylaws, contravention of the following clauses are infringements, and the penalties are specified in the clause to which the infringement relates:

(a) Forfeiture of a match prior to 11.59pm Thursday (clause 5.2) – *max $100;*

(b) Forfeiture of a match after 12.00am Friday (clause 5.2) – *max $200;*

(c) Failure to use PCA approved match balls (clause 5.6.1) – *max $100*;

(d) Playing an ineligible player or an unqualified player (clause 5.12.1) – *match points and/or max $250*;

(e) Playing an ineligible player or an unqualified player in a Finals match (clause 5.12.1) – *match forfeit and/or max $250;*

(f) Failure to provide facilities at home ground (clause 7.1) – *max $250*;

(g) Failure to lodge match reports (clause 9.2) – *loss of points and/or max $100*;

(h) Failure to lodge scores via PlayHQ and/or via prescribed process for inclusion in newspapers on time (clause 9.1) – *max $50*;

(i) Failure to comply with Junior Aged Player Bowling Restrictions (clause 5.9.5) – max $250 and a caution for the offending captain;

(j) Failure for a club to meet its reporting timelines to the PCA for any bylaws not explicitly set out in clause 4.17.1 - *loss of points and/or max $100*

4.17.2 For any of the above infringements, the PCA may penalise the club by not awarding match points or a fine of up to $2,000, having regard to any maximum penalties specified in this clause.

5. LAWS OF CRICKET AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

5.1 Application of Laws of Cricket to Competitions

5.1.1 The current MCC Laws of Cricket and the Spirit of Cricket in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket will apply to all Competitions but may be modified, supplemented or excluded by these Bylaws and the Playing Conditions

5.1.2 These Bylaws shall apply to the management of all matches under the control of the PCA and to any other matches to which the Management Committee directs.

5.1.3 Only PCA appointed official umpires may apply the use of Penalty Runs and Player Over Suspension under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket and must only be used in accordance with Law 42.

5.2 Forfeits

5.2.1 If a Club is unable to play in a match arranged by the PCA the Club must give notice to the Operations Manager and to the Secretary of the opposing Club no later than 24 hours before the match is to commence and will forfeit the match and may be subject to the penalty for an infringement as per clause 4.17.

5.2.2 In the event of a club needing to forfeit a fixture, the lowest grade team within the club will be the forfeited team.

5.3 Teams, Overseas Players and Replacement Players

5.3.1 Unless specified in the applicable playing conditions a team shall consist of a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 12 players, but there is no requirement to specify any player as the actual 12th player. Only 11 players are allowed on the field at any one time. Only 11 players are allowed to bat. All of the twelve nominated players may bowl. All clubs shall enter their teams for the Senior Grade Competition in PlayHQ by 6.00pm on the day before the start of a match. If at the commencement of play and/or at any point during a match a team has less than the minimum number of players required, the match shall be stopped and that team shall forfeit the match

5.3.2 In the event a match is abandoned after the Cut-Off, players may be added or removed from the affected team list provided clubs adhere to all bylaws stated in 6.7.

5.3.3 The only team changes allowed after the scheduled start of a match will be for the removal of non-active participants per Bylaw 6.8.4. It is the intent this is limited to accidental team list errors.

5.3.4 Teams must be nominated in writing to the other team and to the umpires before the toss. If the toss is delayed, teams must still be nominated no later than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for the match. No player other than those named will be allowed to play in the match unless participating as a substitute fielder.

5.3.5 A Club shall not play more than two Overseas Players per team in a match in any PCA Competition unless the prior approval of the PCA has been obtained. A player who meets the definition of an Overseas Player at the time of registering with a Club shall be classed as an Overseas Player for the purposes of this clause until such time as they meet the criteria to be classed as a local player.

5.3.6 In the case of a replayed match from a set of fixtures for a Competition a Club wishing to make any alterations to the team in the replayed fixture must first obtain PCA approval.

5.4 Match Fixtures

5.4.1 PCA will prepare fixtures for all teams nominated by Clubs for the Competitions in the current Season. The PCA will determine the scheduled playing time for all matches.

5.4.2 There will be a break over the Christmas period, the length of which will depend on the public holidays within the Season, to allow for adequate matches during the Season as determined by the PCA.

5.4.3 The PCA will publish all official fixtures using the PlayHQ system prior to the commencement of the Season and these will be updated from time to time as necessary.

5.4.4 All matches will be conducted on Club grounds or otherwise as arranged by the PCA for both preliminary rounds and finals.

5.5 Applicable Playing Conditions

5.5.1 All Senior Competition and Colts Competition cricket matches will be as fixtured by the PCA for the Season, or as required by these Bylaws, and will be played in accordance with the:

(a) One Day (Limited Overs) Senior Men's Competition Playing Conditions;

(b) One-Day (Limited Overs) Senior Women's Competition Playing Conditions;

(c) T20 Competition Playing Conditions;

(d) Colts Playing Conditions;

5.5.2 All PCA Masters Competition matches will be played in accordance with the One Day (Limited Overs) Senior Competition Rules, but the PCA may decide that the number of overs for the Masters Competition matches be reduced in any Season.

5.6 Approved Equipment

5.6.1 Only cricket balls approved by the PCA may be used in the Competitions.

5.6.2 The approved balls for the Competitions are (unless otherwise notified by the PCA):

(a) **A and B Grade -** Kookaburra Club Match or Kookaburra Regulation Reject

(b) **C to G Grade -** Kookaburra Tuf Pitch unless played on a turf wicket in which case balls approved under (a) shall be used;

(c) **Colts Competition -** Kookaburra Club Match or Kookaburra Regulation Reject;

(d) **Female A Grade -** Kookaburra King - 142g ball;

(e) **Female B Grade -** Kookaburra King - 142g ball

(f) **Female C Grade -** Kookaburra Softaball (Item Code 1B5287S02BP - Not Junior)

5.6.3 In all grades, a new ball must be used in the innings of each team.

5.6.4 The colour of the cricket ball shall be defined in the associated Playing Conditions as listed in clause 5.5.

5.6.5 The PCA reserves the right to change to colour of the ball for any specified round/s and grade/s. Any proposed change is required to be communicated to the member clubs prior to the commencement of the season. The type of ball shall remain consistent with what is detailed in 5.6.2.

5.7 Ground Weather and Light procedure

5.7.1 In general, Law 2.7 of the Laws of Cricket will apply, and it will be for the Umpires to decide if grounds are unfit for play in a match.

5.7.2 Clubs must advise the PCA no later than 12pm on the day prior to a Competition match if there are any problems being experienced in the preparation of a pitch to a condition as perfect as possible.

5.7.3 Matches will proceed unless the PCA have called off the round prior to the schedule day of fixtures. If there has been no general cancellation by PCA, umpires shall determine fitness for play when they assume control of matches.

5.7.4 The PCA may relocate grounds or re-fixture any match due to the unfitness of the ground or wicket prior to 9am on the morning of the match. After such time no reallocation or refixturing shall occur.

5.8 Umpires

5.8.1 PCA will appoint Umpires to matches in all Competitions.

5.8.2 Umpires will be appointed prior to the commencement of each match by the Umpiring Manager and appointments entered into the PlayHQ system.

5.8.3 If only one PCA appointed umpire is present at the time appointed for the commencement or resumption of play, the captains may by mutual consent, appoint another Umpire to fill the vacancy. Failing such mutual consent, the PCA umpire may appoint any other person to act as umpire with them for the match. If a dispute arises with regard to the fitness for play of ground or wicket, the PCA appointed umpire alone shall decide that question unless the temporary umpire has been appointed by the captains, in which case the two umpires shall decide the question. If no PCA appointed umpire is present at the time appointed for the commencement or resumption of any match, the captains may agree to appoint umpires, and in such case, if a dispute arises with regard to the fitness of the ground or wicket, the dispute is to be resolved by the captains.

5.8.4 Umpires must wear competition attire approved by the PCA, as notified by the Umpiring Coordinator prior to the commencement of the Season.

5.8.5 Umpires shall lodge match reports using the PlayHQ system no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of a match. Match reports must contain the following information:

(a) The time of commencement and of drawing of stumps of each day of the match and the cause of any variations between those times and the scheduled times for start and close of play;

(b) Any infringement of Disciplinary Matters or Code of Conduct.

(c) Any other remarks or observations the umpire may wish to report.

(d) List any cautions issued to players or officials.

5.8.6 If an Umpire proposes to lodge a complaint against player, Club or official under these Bylaws, the Umpire must:

(a) notify the player, Club or official of the nature of the complaint within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the incident occurred; and

(b) submit an Umpire Complaint Notification as well as entering the report into the PlayHQ system by no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of the match in which the offence is alleged to have occurred.

5.8.7 If only one appointed umpire is present, that umpire alone shall determine questions of fitness for play of the ground, weather and light (GWL).

5.9 Junior Aged Player Playing Senior Cricket Policy

5.9.1 The following bylaws shall apply to all players aged 16 or under as of the 30th of June immediately prior to the applicable season. It is the responsibility of the captain of any side wishing to play a Junior Aged Player to inform the umpire, or if no umpire is present the opposition captain, the number of Junior Aged Players within their team and their corresponding age group. This should be written next to their names on the team list when presented to the umpire or the opposition captain.

5.9.2 All batsmen must wear cricket pads, batting gloves, protectors and a helmet with a grill. It is also recommended a thigh protector is worn.

5.9.3 No player is to field within 2m either side of the playing surface (wicket).

5.9.4 No hat no play, all players eligible to play U/17's or younger must wear a hat when fielding.

5.9.5 Junior Aged Players competing in Junior Competition or Senior Competition must comply with the Pace Bowling restrictions.

5.9.6 Bowlers who are Junior Aged Players shall be limited to a maximum number of consecutive overs in any one spell and to a maximum daily quota as follows:

	U / 11	11 - 13	14 - 15	16- 17	18 - 19
Max Overs per day (Pace bowling)	4	8	12	16	18
Max Spell Overs (Consecutive, Pace bowling)	2	4	5	5	6
Rest Between Spells (minutes)	Rest between spells should be the same number of overs from the same end as the completed spell (Minimum of 20 minutes)				

5.9.7 It is the responsibility of the Umpires to calculate the number of overs that may be bowled by a Junior Aged Player, to inform the fielding team when the maximum number of overs has been bowled or this clause is being breached, and when the relevant rest period has been completed. It is the responsibility of the captains, Junior Aged Players and Umpires to ensure this clause is complied with.

5.9.8 This clause applies to any Junior Aged Player playing in a Junior Competition or a Senior Competition. In Senior Competition, captains shall indicate on the team sheet who is a Junior Aged Player and the number of overs the Junior Aged Player has already bowled in a Junior Competition on that day, if any.

5.9.9 If this clause is not complied with, the PCA may impose a penalty as per clause 4.17.

5.9.10 In this clause:

(a) "Pace Bowler" means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand back, and "Pace Bowling" has a corresponding meaning. An over of Pace Bowling is any over in which one or more balls of Pace Bowling occur.

(b) "Slow Bowler" means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand up to the wicket and "Slow Bowling" has a corresponding meaning.

(c) "Spell" means a consecutive period of overs bowled. A bowler who has bowled less than the prescribed number of overs may resume bowling prior to the elapse of 20 minutes but this will be considered a continuation of the same bowling spell, and the limit of the prescribed overs in that spell shall still apply. Following the continuation of

the spell the normal requirement for a break of 20 minutes shall apply; a break of less than 20 minutes between the two spells has no effect on the subsequent 30 minutes break being required.

(d) Rest between spells is inclusive of any intervals or breaks.

5.9.11 All juniors playing seniors are required to have the Parental Permission Consent Form signed off by all parties and lodged with the PCA Operations manager prior to the player participating in a senior match including as the 12th player or as a substitute fielder.

5.9.12 The age restrictions and assessment requirements detailed in 5.9.6 apply to any Junior Aged Player under the age of 16 participating in any PCA senior competition as a listed player, the 12th player or substitute fielder.

5.9.13 The below table details the grades in which Junior Aged Players are eligible to play in.

		Grade								
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Female A	Female B
Age (On 30th June)	11 or Under	☒	☒	☒	☒	After Assessment	After Assessment	After Assessment	☒	☒
	12	After Assessment	After Assessment	After Assessment	After Assessment	☑	☑	☑	After Assessment	After Assessment
	13	After Assessment	After Assessment	After Assessment	☑	☑	☑	☑	After Assessment	After Assessment
	14	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
	15	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
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5.9.14 For a player to be assessed contact the PCA Operations manager to arrange an assessment and at least one weeks' notice will be required.

5.10 Procedure for Handing Suspect Bowling Action

5.10.1 As at the date of these Bylaws, the following Law 21 (No Ball) contained these provisions regarding the role of the arm in a valid delivery:

> *For a delivery to be fair in respect of the arm the ball must not be thrown (excerpt from Law 21.2); and*
>
> *A ball is fairly delivered in respect of the arm if, once the bowler's arm has reached the level of the shoulder in the delivery swing, the elbow joint is not straightened partially or completely from that point until the ball has left the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from flexing or rotating the wrist in the delivery swing (Law 21.2).*

5.10.2 In all PCA Competitions this Law is modified so that a "no-ball" will only be awarded for a breach of Law 21 if it is considered by the umpire that the bowler deliberately threw the delivery, but not because of doubt about the player's general bowling action for which the player has not received a warning under clause 5.10.3.

5.10.3 In the interests of the player concerned and PCA Competitions, the umpire may issue a warning to the bowler, captain or coach that he considers the bowler's action to be unfair and that the club must undertake remedial work as per PCA Suspect Bowling Actions Policy if required. The umpire must also note it on the match report and advise the Umpiring Coordinator.

5.11 Heat Policy

In exceptionally hot weather, the Management Committee will take measures to ensure the well-being and safety of all participants. These measures may include but are not limited to;

(a) Directing umpires and/or captains that additional drinks breaks are to be taken as frequently as required

(b) A delay in the commencement of matches

(c) A reduction in overs for matches

(d) Abandonment of matches

5.11.2 These general considerations apply to all Peel Cricket Association Competitions:

(a) The welfare of players and umpires is paramount.

(b) The primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of individual participants are the players and Clubs.

(c) Individuals have a responsibility to withdraw from participating if their particular circumstances place them at an unacceptable level of risk. Clubs also have a responsibility in this regard.

(d) On days of extreme heat coaches, players, umpires and officials should be aware of the possible risks and carefully monitor all players and umpires. If any show signs of distress from the heat, swift and appropriate action should be taken.

(e) Special attention should be given to junior players, as they are more susceptible to heat injury and may also be playing in senior matches on the same day.

(f) Ensure there are sufficient shaded areas at grounds for both players and spectators where possible.

5.12 Player Grade Review Policy

5.12.1 Senior players participating in the Senior Men's E or lower and Female C Grade Competitions may be subject to review where there is reasonable belief that the player is competing significantly above the standard of the grade in which they are participating in.

5.12.2 Refer to Annexure H - Player Grade Review Policy for further detail and applied processes.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION

Note 1: *In general, to play in a PCA Senior Competition match, players must be:*

1. *Registered in PlayHQ to play with a Club for PCA Competitions (and if necessary, cleared by PCA in PlayHQ to transfer Clubs);*
2. *Meet qualification requirements to play for a Club or has obtained a PCA permit (also in PlayHQ);*
3. *Eligible to play in the PCA Competition (e.g., age requirements, finals); and*
4. *Not disqualified from playing (breach of Code of Conduct, financial).*

6.1 Player qualification for PCA Competitions

6.1.1 Registered Players are qualified to play in Senior Competition matches if they satisfy the following:

(a) they have satisfied any PCA registration requirements to play for the Club for which they play (as per clause 6.2), or have obtained a clearance to change Clubs (clause 6.3) or have obtained a PCA permit (as per clause 6.4);

(b) they satisfy all age and gender eligibility requirements to play in the PCA Competition match (as per clause 6.6);

(c) they are eligible to play in the particular Competition match (as per clause 6.7 and 6.8); and

(d) they are not disqualified (as per clause 6.9).

6.1.2 The Management Committee, at its discretion, may refuse, cancel, suspend or review the registration of any player. The Management Committee's decision shall be final and binding unless the players club files a grievance under bylaw 4.15 in which case a tribunal shall determine the players registration status.

6.1.3 The Management Committee shall, as soon as practicable, notify the player and his club in writing of the refusal, cancellation, suspension or review. The player shall, within 14 days of receipt of the Management Committee's written notice, have the right to file a grievance under bylaw 4.15 to have the registration status determined by the tribunal.

6.2 Player Registration with a Club using PlayHQ

6.2.1 Each season Clubs must register all their players in the PlayHQ system after PCA has notified Clubs that the PlayHQ system has been activated for the present Season.

6.2.2 Any player of a Club that wishes to change Clubs must apply for a clearance in accordance with clause 6.3.

6.2.3 To play in a PCA Competition, a person must be registered with a club in the PlayHQ system prior to the team match details being entered into PlayHQ, no later than the scheduled start of the match.

6.2.4 Any player providing false, misleading or incorrect information when registering to a club shall be charge with a level 2 offense (4.2.3 Unbecoming Behaviour) and shall receive a 2 match ban.

6.2.5 Players must be registered to a Club and not a Representative Association. Players can be permitted to a Representative Association from a Club but not from a Representative Association to a Club.

6.3 Player Movement and Clearances using PlayHQ

6.3.1 A club ("New Club") cannot play a player who has previously played for another club ("Former Club") in any Competition unless the Former Club or PCA has granted a clearance prior to the player's first game for the New Club.

6.3.2 An application to a Former Club for a clearance to play for a New Club must be made in PlayHQ no earlier than 1 July and no later than 5pm on 31 January using the following process:

(a) The New Club, on behalf of the player, will make the application for a clearance to the PCA and the Former Club in PlayHQ.

(b) No later than 4 days after the clearance application is lodged in PlayHQ, the Former Club must respond in PlayHQ whether it grants or refuses the clearance.

(c) If the Former Club grants the clearance, the PCA will finalise the player's movement to the new Club in PlayHQ as soon as possible.

(d) If the Former Club refuses to grant a clearance, it shall include in its PlayHQ response the reasons why the clearance has been refused, including details of why the player is unfinancial under clause 6.5 (if applicable), and any other reasons that the Club relies upon. PCA may request further information using PlayHQ. For the avoidance of doubt the only grounds on which a player can be refused a clearance by a club are the financial (owes registration and ball fees) status of the player, the player has club property, the player has club intellectual property.

(e) No later than 14 days after the application for a clearance was made, or 7 days after the Club notified its refusal (whichever is earlier), the PCA will confirm the Former Club's decision to refuse to grant the clearance, or PCA will grant the player a clearance, in accordance with clause 6.3.4.

6.3.3 For the purposes of clause 6.3.1 and 6.3.2:

(a) any financial player applying for clearance to a Club under clause (b) will be granted clearance by PCA; and

(b) the PCA will apply clause 6.5 and make use of the clause 2.5.6 list of un-financial members provided by Clubs.

6.3.4 Where a clearance has been refused by the Former Club under clause 6.3.2(d), PCA will enquire into the reasons, and decide whether it will grant the clearance applying these principles:

(a) The main principle to be applied is one of fairness to both the player and the Club from which he requires to be cleared.

(b) Fairness, considered from the player's point of view, means a consideration of what the player considers is best for them. If the application is made after the start of the Season, the player must also take into consideration that they have registered with the Club for all practical purposes to play for that Club for that Season and a clearance will only be granted in special circumstances, being circumstances which are considered by the PCA to be unusual, exceptional or atypical.

(c) Fairness to the Club should take into account that the player has agreed to play for that club for the Season upon agreeing to register with the Club for that Season only, and the Club has an expectation that the player will play the entire season for that Club.

(d) If a doubt exists, then the benefit of that doubt should be given to the Club.

6.3.5 Any player owing funds directly to the Association 30 days past the stated due date shall have any season permit or transfer request declined until the amount owed is settled in full.

6.4 Permit Players

6.4.1 Clubs wishing to play players in any PCA Competition fixture that are registered with Clubs who are aligned or affiliated with any other Association shall apply to the PCA for a 'Permit to Play' for each player. The player is to comply with all PCA Bylaws and be made aware of the PCA Code of Conduct. The Management Committee shall take into account the players current and historical behaviour when approving permits.

6.4.2 Each Permit shall be valid for a single PCA Competition season. Players wishing to play across multiple competitions will need a permit per competition.

6.4.3 Similarly, any player from the PCA who plays in another Association under a similar Permit to Play basis will comply with the rules of the other Association and notify the PCA of their intention to play in another Association.

6.4.4 The Management Committee reserves the right to investigate any such Permit to Play arrangements and take action concerning them should the need arise.

6.4.5 The Management Committee reserves the right to cancel permits for players found guilty of Level 3 or higher offences, or multiple Level 1/2 offences.

6.4.6 Permits will not be approved after the 31st January. Any extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Management Committee at its discretion.

6.4.7 Players can only be permitted to 1 club in the same competition. The only exception is the female and colts competitions where the player is playing for another club due to their registered club not having a team in that grade. Any player can be approved at the PCA's discretion, and with the approval of the players affiliated club. Once the player has played enough games to qualify for finals for any club under bylaw 6.8.1, they shall not be allowed to play for another club.

6.5 Unfinancial Members

6.5.1 No member of a Club who leaves such Club to join another Club shall be eligible to play in any Competition, until they are financially clear of the Club of which they were originally a member.

6.5.2 No player who has been playing in the competition of another cricket association affiliated with the WA Cricket shall be eligible to play in any Competition until they satisfy the PCA that they are financially clear of such an affiliated association.

6.5.3 A player shall be deemed to be financially clear of a Club if, up to the time of leaving the Club, they have paid their annual subscription, special levies in the nature of subscription, wicket fees, and any debt or penalty validly imposed by the Club in accordance with the rules thereof. The final decision on eligibility shall be left to the discretion of the PCA.

6.5.4 Any player owing funds directly to the Association 30 days past the stated due date shall be deemed ineligible to play in all competitions including representative cricket competitions.

6.6 Age and Gender Eligibility for Competitions

6.6.1 Players who are playing in Junior Competition whilst registered with a Club may also play in the Senior Competitions but must comply with bowling restrictions in accordance with clauses set out in 5.9.

6.6.2 Players participating in the Colts Competition must be under the age of 21 on, or before the 30th of June in the year the season commences.

6.6.3 Players participating in the Masters Competition must be a minimum of 40 years of age on or before the 30th of June immediately preceding the season.

6.6.4 The PCA will allow female players of Clubs to play in the male PCA Competitions, for playing opportunities and skill development. Any such female players must otherwise comply with these Bylaws. At all times Clubs must ensure that the skill and ability of the female player are appropriate for the grade concerned.

6.7 Movement of Players between Senior Grade Competition Grades

6.7.1 Restrictions to movement of players between grades shall only be applicable to grades across all formats of Senior Men's Competitions as listed in clause 2.2.1. Movement between grades is not restricted between other Competitions, except under clause 6.7.3.

6.7.2 A player may transfer to any higher grade at any time during the qualifying round matches. A player may also transfer to a lower grade at any time during the season but may only do so one grade at a time, with the exception of Junior Aged Players covered under Bylaw 6.6.1. In the event a club does not have a team in the next lower grade, the player must transfer to the next subsequent lower grade team available within that club.

6.7.3 Any player under suspension cannot transfer to any grade (higher or lower) during the time of the player's suspension.

6.7.4 When any team is not playing a fixture due to a bye, an abandoned match, or forfeit, the club may drop only 2 players, from the most recently played fixture, from the team not playing into the next lowest grade team available within the club. Any number of players can be promoted to a higher grade team if the lower grade team has a bye, an abandoned match, or forfeit.

6.7.5 If a club has more than one team registered to compete in the same grade, once a player has participated in sufficient matches to qualify for finals as per Bylaw 6.8 in the applicable grade for one team, that player shall not be permitted to transfer to the club's other team/s in the applicable grade.

6.7.6 No player shall be permitted to play across 2 grades of cricket on the same day.

6.7.7 A player in breach of any part of Bylaw 6.7 shall be deemed a disqualified player and the club shall be liable for penalties under Bylaw 4.17.

6.8 Eligibility for Finals

6.8.1 In order for a player to be eligible for finals the player must be listed in one third (1/3) of the maximum PCA home and away matches, for that club, in the applicable season and competition (rounded up). This includes Abandoned Matches and Matches won on Forfeit, bylaws detailed in 5.3 shall apply.

6.8.2 Providing a team list for players in a side at fault for a forfeit will not constitute a game played for finals qualification criteria.

6.8.3 Team lists need to be supplied for any abandoned matches in order to constitute a game played for finals qualification criteria, bylaws detailed in 5.3 shall apply.

6.8.4 Any player not actively participating in a game must have their name removed from the match team list and will not have the game count as a qualifying game.

6.8.5 During the finals series Players registered in a Junior Cricket Association may only move down 1 Grade per week and follow the standard eligibility criteria in clause 6.8.1.

6.8.6 The lowest grade a player is eligible to play finals in, is based on playing the number of matches per the eligibility criteria in clause 6.8.1 for that grade or lower and for that club.

6.8.7 If a Club has consecutive teams playing finals on the same weekend, then the Club can select players in a maximum of **ONE** grade lower than that which they qualify for in 6.8.6.

6.8.8 Once a player has been deemed eligible to play in the lower grade under 6.8.7, they will remain eligible for all finals matches in that grade as long as the lowest grade team they qualified for under 6.8.6 remains in the competition.

6.8.9 Consecutive teams are based on the nominated teams of that particular Club.

6.8.10 Where clubs have multiple teams playing in any one grade, a player's finals eligibility shall be limited to the team in which they play their first final in. No transfer between teams in the same grade shall be allowed during the finals series.

6.8.11 In the event that there is a differing number of matches played across grades, a player must have met the minimum requirement as stated under 6.8.1 for the grade they are selected for.

6.9 Ineligible or Disqualified Players

6.9.1 If the PCA is satisfied on complaint to the PCA that a Club has played a player that is ineligible or disqualified, the Club is liable to a fine, forfeit, and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.17 applies.

6.9.2 A player that is serving a suspension or disqualification to play issued by the PCA, the Tribunal, Cricket Australia or any member association of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia is automatically disqualified from participation in all PCA Competitions and any representative matches for the duration of that suspension or disqualification.

7. CLUB FACILITIES

7.1 Host Club Ground Facilities

7.1.1 At grounds on match days Clubs shall provide before the start of play:

(a) a set of stumps and correct crease markings;

(b) All required boundary and inner circle markers

(c) Access to toilet facilities within a reasonable distance to the playing facilities

(d) Access to drinking water within a reasonable distance to the playing facilities

(e) Suitable shade for teams and officials

(f) Suitable scoring facilities

7.1.2 Umpires or opposition captains shall report to the PCA if a club fails to meet any of the requirements of this clause.

8. CLUB COLOURS, PLAYER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

8.1 Standard Cricket Attire

8.1.1 Attire for all competitions is defined within the applicable Playing Conditions Annex and shall comply with Bylaw 8:

(a) Coloured clothing worn by players shall be of a consistent style/design across all players;

(b) caps, hats, and helmets are to be in Club colours, or white (or otherwise by agreements by captains if no other helmet is available for a player)

8.1.2 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from the PCA. A Club must advise of any change to its registered uniform to the PCA by 31 July each Season.

8.1.3 The PCA will give priority to clubs that have previously registered club colours, in the event of any conflict.

8.1.4 No Player may take part in any match except in the registered uniform of their Club that has been approved by PCA, for the particular Competition concerned.

8.2 Safety Equipment

8.2.1 It shall be compulsory for all players, in all hard ball competitions, to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet when batting, wicket-keeping up to the stumps and fielding close to the batter (within 7m, forward of the batter).

9. MATCH AND COMPETITION RESULTS

9.1 Scoring and PlayHQ Score Entry

9.1.1 Scoring on an electronic tablet or laptop through the PlayHQ application is compulsory for home teams in all grades. The use of a hard copy scorebook is required by the away team to supplement the tablet or laptop.

9.1.2 Scorers should record the following information:

(a) the name and age of any under-age player competing in a Senior Competition match; and

(b) the number of overs any under-age player has already completed in a Junior Competition match on the same day.

9.1.3 Full Match Scores must be entered via PlayHQ by 11.59pm the following day.

9.2 Post-match Reports

9.2.1 Both Club captains must submit and confirm match details and a Captain's Report by the Monday 12pm following the match, using the PlayHQ system. Reports are required for every Senior match where play has commenced, even though a result may not have been achieved.

9.2.2 Clubs that have not complied with this Bylaw and then the failure continues for more than 24 hours after the PCA demands entry of the match reports, will be ineligible to receive points for the match until it is complied with. If match results are not entered before the next fixture in the Competition the PCA may refuse to allow the team to be awarded points for the match.

9.3 Ladders

9.3.1 Ladders for each Competition shall be calculated in PlayHQ by setting the points system equal to the points designated in the relevant Competition Rules for win, draw, tie or loss.

9.3.2 To determine the ranking of teams otherwise equal on points, in Ladder setup in the PlayHQ system, the following PlayHQ quotient calculation will be selected for Senior Grades:

$$\boldsymbol{Quotient} = \frac{\boldsymbol{Total\ Runs\ Scored}}{\boldsymbol{Total\ Runs\ Scored\ Against}} \times \frac{\boldsymbol{Total\ Wicket\ Taken}}{\boldsymbol{Total\ Wickets\ Lost}}$$

9.4 Club Championship

9.4.1 The Club Championship shall be awarded to the club with the highest Club Championship Points.

9.4.2 The Club Championship Points shall be determined using the below formulas:

$$\boldsymbol{Points\ for\ Grade} = \frac{\boldsymbol{Match\ Wins\ in\ Grade}}{\boldsymbol{Number\ of\ Matches\ Played\ In\ Grade}} \times \boldsymbol{Grade\ Multiplier}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Points\ for\ Club} = \frac{\boldsymbol{Sum\ of\ Points\ for\ Grade}}{\boldsymbol{Number\ of\ Grades\ Played}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Club\ Championship\ Points} = \boldsymbol{Points\ for\ Club} - \boldsymbol{Penalties}$$

9.4.3 Points per match shall be allocated as per below

Result	Points
Win	1 to winning team
Draw, No Result, Abandoned Match	0.5 to each team
Loss	0 to losing team

9.4.4 Finals matches in any format are not included in the calculations.

9.4.5 The Club Championship Grade Multipliers shall be as per below:

Grade	Multiplier
Senior Men's A	60
Senior Men's B	50
Senior Men's C	40
Senior Men's D	40
Senior Men's E and lower	30
Female A	40
Female B and lower	30
Colts	40

9.4.6 If a Club has teams in less than 3 grades the club is still eligible to compete for the Club Championship, however the value for 'Number of Grades Played' in the Club Championship calculation shall be set to 3.

9.4.7 If a Club withdraws a team prior to the completion of the regular season, that team's results shall not be included in the Club Championship calculations.

9.4.8 Penalties - points shall be deducted from the Club Championship for the following penalties issued by the PCA under any circumstance (e.g. Match, Social Media, Out of Match offences).

(a) Player Suspensions – 0.15 points per match suspension to be served.

(b) Club/Player Fines – 0.005 point for every dollar the club or the player from a club is fined by the PCA. Excludes fines for team forfeits, withdrawal of teams and for submissions of match results, player scores, and captain's reports.

9.4.9 Penalties by players and clubs that occur outside of the calendar period of regular season (e.g. during Finals or off-season) shall be applied to the following season's Club Championship points. Penalties from Mid-Year Finals shall be included in the current season's calculations.

9.4.10 Any part of a penalty that has been suspended under 4.3.3 is not included in the Penalties calculations under 9.4.8, unless the conditions of the suspended penalty is breached. If breached, the penalties from the suspended sentence shall be applied to the Club Championship of the current (or upcoming) regular season under which the breach occurred.

9.4.11 In the event one or more clubs have equal Club Championship Points, the Championship shall be awarded to the club with the least number of Penalty Points.

9.4.12 If a tie remains after the result of 9.4.11, a countback shall be conducted grade by grade in the order under 9.4.5 until a club is found to have a greater 'Points for Grade' value.

(a) During the countback if a club did not have a team under an applicable grade, the club shall be assigned a 'Points for Grade' value of zero.

9.5 Club Spirit of Cricket Award

9.5.1 The Spirit of Cricket Club Award shall be awarded to the club with the highest Spirit of Cricket Score per the formula below:

$$\textbf{\textit{Spirit of Cricket Score}} = \frac{\textbf{\textit{Total Spirit of Cricket Points for Club}}}{\textbf{\textit{Number of Umpire Officiated Matches}}} \times \mathbf{100}$$

9.5.2 Only matches that meet the criteria per Bylaw 4.1.2 are included in the calculations.

9.5.3 Finals matches in any format are not included in the calculations.

9.5.4 In the event one or more clubs have an equal Spirit of Cricket Score, the Club Spirit of Cricket Award shall be jointly awarded to all tied clubs.

9.6 Finals

9.6.1 Unless otherwise advised by the PCA, finals will be played:

(a) in three rounds: semi-final, preliminary final and grand final;

(b) matches will, where possible, be fixture to be played at the home ground of the higher ranked teams, who will be responsible for the provision of amenities and catering;

(c) except in the Grand Final where grounds will be pre-determined by a set rotation system; and

(d) fixtures will be based on team rankings in ladders at the end of the qualifying rounds.

9.6.2 The Semi-Finals shall be fixture as follows:

(a) Major Semi-Final - 1st v 2nd

(b) Minor Semi-Final - 3rd v 4th

The winner of the Major Semi-Final shall proceed directly to the Grand Final, the loser of the Major Semi-Final shall proceed to the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Minor Semi-Final shall proceed to the Preliminary Final. The loser of the Minor Semi-Final shall be eliminated.

9.6.3 The Preliminary Final shall be fixture between the Loser of Major Semi-Final versus the Winner of Minor Semi-Final. The winner of the Preliminary final shall proceed to the Grand Final.

9.6.4 The Grand Final shall be fixtured between the Winner of Major Semi-Final versus the Winner of Preliminary Final.

9.6.5 If there is Tie or a Draw/No Result, the side finishing higher on the ladder shall be declared the winner for both the semi-final and preliminary final.

9.6.6 If there is Tie or a Draw/No Result, the higher ranked side shall be declared the winner of the Grand Final.

9.6.7 The winner of the Major Semi-Final shall be deemed the higher ranked team with regards to the grand final regardless of ladder position.

9.6.8 Reserve day for all finals to be nominated at the start of the season, to be used if a result is not possible on the first day.

9.6.9 Covers to be made available for all grounds hosting Grand Finals. The PCA should assist in making this happen and also investigate funding options to facilitate covers purchases by clubs.

9.7 Awards Qualification

9.7.1 PlayHQ will be used to determine details of player's averages and aggregates for the season.

9.7.2 Only preliminary rounds of the senior men's and senior women's limited overs competition shall be used for the calculation of player awards.

9.7.3 Only preliminary rounds of the senior men's and senior women's limited overs competition shall be used for determining the minimum criteria and minimum games for eligibility of player awards and are set out below:

Award	Minimum Criteria	Minimum Games	Comment
Batting Aggregate	300 runs	6	Highest tally of runs for the regular season
Batting Average	300 runs	6	Highest average runs for the regular season
Bowling Aggregate	20 wickets	6	Highest tally of wickets for the regular season
Bowling Average	20 wickets	6	Best average for the regular season (Runs conceded / Wickets taken)
Fielding	-	6	Most catches, stumpings and runouts during the regular season
Champion Player	-	6	Highest number of points accumulated based on the following points allocation system; • Runs – 1 • Unassisted/Assisted Wickets – 20 (Including all bowling dismissal types, catches, runouts and stumpings)
Team of the Year	-	6	• Top 6 batters with highest batting aggregate • 1 Wicket Keeper with most dismissals • 5 bowlers with the highest bowling aggregate *If a player features in 2 categories the spot is given to the next player with the highest champion player points who is not listed*
Umpire of the Year	-	-	Voted by management committee in consultation with the Umpires Coordinator
Peter Swarbrick Medal	-	-	Awarded to the player with the most votes in the A Grade competition as voted by the officiating umpire using a 3, 2, 1 voting system.

9.7.4 Should the minimum criteria set out in the above table not be met then below reductions shall be made until a player meets the criteria

(a) Batting – 50 Runs

(b) Bowling – 5 Wickets

10. REVISION HISTORY

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