

FIXTURE VARIATION - PROCEDURE

The VTCA may vary published fixtures where necessary and advise the participating clubs. Where a club wishes to play a match which varies from the fixtured draw, the following rules apply:

Policy

- i) The aim of the VTCA is to play as much cricket as possible
- ii) We aim to adhere to the fixtured draw, save that where possible all First XI matches will be played on Saturday.
- iii) We aim to have all pitches/wickets ready for play by Day One in each season.
- iv) We understand that this may not be achievable and will accommodate, where reasonable, variations to allow play to take place.
- v) The VTCA will not consider changing a Saturday fixtured game to a Sunday without the agreement of both clubs, but Board of Management approval is not guaranteed.

Application to vary fixture

Where a club wishes to play a match that varies from the fixture, it must make a written application to the **VTCA Secretary** by **6:00pm on the Tuesday prior** to the game. The VTCA will consider late applications in exceptional circumstances. The application must provide the:

- i) reason for the proposed alteration to the fixture
- ii) proposed new fixturing of the match (ie: where, when, etc.)
- iii) a list of the rejected alternatives by both clubs, and their reasons.
- iv) written agreement to the alteration from the opposition club

VTCA Criteria

The VTCA will consider such applications and apply criteria including the following:

- i) Examining the reason for the application, particularly as to whether the home club is culpable for not having its wicket available for play as fixtured.
- ii) **No match will be moved simply to avoid local inclement weather conditions.**
- iii) Two-day games will be played over two weekends
- iv) The choice between the proposal and alternative options
- v) In any determination on ground availability, a First XI match will be given precedence, ie: a lower grade match can be moved.
- vi) Where the opposition do not agree to the proposed change, the VTCA must determine whether, in the interests of cricket, a change should be approved.
- vii) Where the opposition do agree to a change but do not agree to the proposed new fixturing and propose a different alternative, the VTCA will determine the appropriate fixturing, taking into account any inconvenience caused to the opposition.
- viii) In considering the choice of alternative venues we propose the following order of priority.

A First XI Saturday game must be played on a Saturday at:

1. the opposition ground.
2. the home club's lower eleven ground
3. the opposition club's lower eleven ground
4. another VTCA club's vacant ground

Where a lower XI match is altered from the Saturday, then the same order of criteria will apply for a venue on the Sunday.