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CLUB INFORMATION - Season 2023/2024

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ABERFELDIE

Colours: Navy and Light Blue

Snr.Div - 1sts & 2nds, VTCAWD (Sun), T20 - Clifton Park, Batman St, Aberfeldie

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Colours: Green and White

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Colours: Royal Blue and Gold

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Colours: Red, White and Navy Blue

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Colours: Navy Blue and Gold

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Colours: Blue, white and green

Div.3 - 1sts & 2nds, VTCAWD, U18(Sun),T20 - Town Centre Reserve, The Parade, Caroline Springs

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COBURG

Colours: Green

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CRAIGIEBURN

Colours: Green

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Lower grades – VI Foster Reserve, Pines Way, Craigieburn

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Colours: Royal Blue and Gold

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Colours: Green and Gold

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EAST KEILOR

Colours: Blue and Gold

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Lower grades - Overland Res No 2, Parkside Ave, East Keilor

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Colours: Blue and Yellow

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Colours: Blue, Red and White

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GELLIBRAND

Colours: Red and White

Div.4 – 1sts & 2nds, T20 – Digman Reserve #3, Hobson St, Newport

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GLENROY

Colours: Red and Yellow

Div.3 – 1sts & 2nds, VTCAWD(Sun), T20 – Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Rd, Glenroy

3rd's – Cole Reserve No.2, Cumberland Rd, Pascoe Vale

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Colours: Royal Blue and Gold

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GREENVALE KANGAROOS

Colours: Blue and White

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U18 (Sun) – Greenvale Rec Res – 4th Oval, Section Rd, Greenvale

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Colours: Navy, Red and White

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HOPPERS CROSSING

Colours: Navy and White

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JACANA

Colours: Purple and Gold

Div.5 - 1sts & 2nds, Sunday comp - Jacana Res, Lorraine Cres, Broadmeadows

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KEILOR Rooms: 9331 7984

Colours: Red, White and Blue

Snr Div. - 1sts & 2nds, Sunday comp, T20 - Joe Brown Recreation Res, Old Calder Highway,

Keilor

Lower grades - Keilor Park Recreation Reserve No.2, Stadium Dve, Keilor Park

Lloyd Reserve, Lurg Ave, Sunshine

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KEILOR PARK Rooms: 9336 4035

Colours: Green and Orange

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Colours: Maroon and Gold

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LAVERTON

Colours: Black and White

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Meadows

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Colours: Royal Blue, Red and Yellow

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MELTON (Subbies)

Colours: Red and White

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MELTON CENTRALS

Colours: Red and White

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South

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MELTON SOUTH

Colours: Royal Blue and White

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MOONEE PONDS

Colours: Navy Blue and White

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MOONEE VALLEY

Colours: Black and White

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NEWPORT-DIGMAN

Colours: Navy, Maroon and Gold

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3rd's – Digman Reserve, Hobson St, Newport

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PASCOE VALE HADFIELD

Colours: Red and Black

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PEGS

Colours: Navy Blue, Sky Blue and Maroon

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POINT COOK

Colours: Maroon and Gold

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POINT COOK CENTRALS

Colours: Royal Blue and Black

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ROXBURGH PARK

Colours: Green and Yellow

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Park

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ROYAL PARK - BRUNSWICK

Colours: Royal Blue and Black

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Colours: Blue and Red

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Colours: Blue and Gold

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Colours: Blue and Gold

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SUNBURY

Colours: Royal Blue and White

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SUNSHINE

Colours: Blue and White

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Colours: Maroon and Gold

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Rooms: 9311 9020

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Colours: Blue and Yellow

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SYDENHAM HILLSIDE

Colours: Teal and Black

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Dve, Hillside

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TAYLORS LAKES

Colours: Blue and Yellow

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TULLAMARINE

Colours: Navy Blue and Red

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WERRIBEE

Colours: Yellow and Black

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WERRIBEE CENTRALS

Colours: Green and Gold

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WEST COBURG St ANDREWS

Colours: Red, Black and White

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Lower grades – Cole Reserve, Cnr Cumberland & Kent Rd Pascoe Vale

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Colours: Maroon and Gold

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WESTMEADOWS

Colours: Green, Gold and Black

Snr Div.- 1sts & 2nds, VTCAWD(Sun), U18(Sun), T20 - Willowbrook Res, Mickleham Rd,

Westmeadows

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WILLIAMSTOWN CONGS

Colours: Red and White

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WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS

Colours: Royal Blue and Gold

Div.2 - 1sts & 2nds, Sunday comp, VTCAWD, T20 -

Fearon Reserve (Nth), Cnr Osborne & Garden St, Williamstown

Lower grades – Emmanuel College, 423 Blackshaws Rd, Altona North – TBA Sec: Maree Holden: 0438 060 051 Pres: Bill Millar: 0412 713 250 Emails: secretary.wcymscc@gmail.com president.wcymscc@gmail.com

WILLIAMSTOWN IMPERIALS

Colours: Navy Blue and Gold

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WYNDHAMVALE

Colours: Green and Gold

Div.5 – 1sts & 2nds, T20 – Wyndhamvale Reserve Sth, Black Forrest Rd, Wyndhamvale

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YARRAVILLE CLUB

Colours: Blue, Green and Gold

Snr Div. - 1sts & 2nds, T20 - Hansen Res, Walker Oval, Roberts St, West Footscray

Lower grades - Hansen Res, Barlow Oval, Roberts St, West Footscray

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CODES

BEHAVIOUR CODE

The VTCA in Rule A101 adopts the Laws of Cricket. The "Spirit of Cricket" is part of the Laws of Cricket and therefore applies to all forms of VTCA matches.

PREAMBLE

Cricket has a distinct place in Australian society and history. It is recognised as one of the nation's most favourite sports and is an element in the country's national identity. This status brings with it particular responsibilities for all personnel who are a part of the game, whether it be on the field as a captain or player, within club administration, or even as a club member or supporter. Such responsibilities require players and club officials to conform to the high standards of fair play and personal behaviours both on and off the field.

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only in accordance to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring the laws are upheld and complied with, and the game is played within the spirit of cricket rests with club officials, captains, players, and particularly in junior cricket, with coaches, parents and teachers.

Captains and club officials play a major role in ensuring fair play and acceptable standards are met on and off the field and bear significant responsibilities when play or behaviour does not meet acceptable standards.

Embracing the spirit of cricket means participating fairly and respecting teammates, opponents, club officials and supporters. Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, teammates, opponents, and the authority of the umpires. Importantly exhibit self-respect, discipline, and control when decision and events of the game are seemingly against you. Play hard and play fair. Accept the umpire's decision. Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage teammates and opponents to do likewise.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes and thank the umpires and club officials at the end of the match, whatever the result might be.

This Code of Behaviour is intended to protect and enshrine important qualities and standards so that all may continue to enjoy the game of cricket now and in the future.



OFFENCES

1. USE OF AN AUDIBLE OBSCENITY

This offence covers the words commonly known and understood to be offensive, obscene, and profane (in any language) which can be heard by teammates, umpires, club officials and spectators. The offence is committed irrespective whether it is directed at an opponent, teammate, umpire, or any person who is at the match. It can be committed by a player, club official or club member (which includes a club spectator). Such conduct may include swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune, as a result of an umpire's decision, or even during debate with a person, irrespective whether that person is participating in the game or not. The offence can be committed during play, during a match or after a match is completed, if the obscenity is heard by any person within the confines of the club pavilion, ground, or location of where the match was played. This is a Level 1 offence. (Yellow Card)

2. <u>USING LANGUAGE, ACTIONS OR GESTURES WHICH DISPARAGE AN</u> OPPONENT OR PROVOKE A REACTION FROM AN OPPONENT

This offence includes any language, action or gesture used by a player and directed towards an opponent which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from that opponent, or which could be considered to disparage, demean, or devalue the opponent, regardless of whether the opponent feels disparaged, demeaned, or devalued. Without limitation, this offence includes behaviour such as excessive appealing or celebration directed at or within proximity of a batsman, verbally abusing a dismissed batman or opponent or pointing or gesturing to the pavilion after dismissing a batsman.

This is a Level 1 offence. (Yellow Card)

3. EXCESSIVE APPEALING

'Excessive' may include repeated appealing of the same decision/appeal, repeating appealing of different decisions/appeals with the intention of placing pressure on the umpire, charging, or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing, or celebrating a dismissal before the umpire has made a decision. **This is a Level 1 offence. (Yellow Card)**

4. UNFAIR PLAY

The commission of this offence allows the umpire to report a player, who in the opinion of the umpire, has by way of act, words or gesture brought the game into disrepute. A breach of such an offence includes, but is not limited to a deliberate attempt to distract a batter when at the striker's end, a deliberate obstruction of the batter, bowling dangerous and unfair short-pitched deliveries, bowling deliberate front-foot no-balls, time wasting by the fielding side, the batter wasting time, a member of the fielding side damaging the pitch, a bowler running on the protected area of the pitch, a batter damaging the pitch, or any other unfair action the umpire thinks a player has committed during the course of a match. This is a Level 1 and Level 2 offence, depending on the umpire's interpretation of the seriousness and deliberate/reckless action of the player. (Yellow Card)

4A. <u>CONSUME ALCOHOL DURING A MATCH OR PARTICIPATE IN A MATCH</u> WHILE AFFECTED BY THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

No player or umpire is permitted to consume alcohol during the progress of a match, or to participate in a match if duly affected by the consumption of alcohol. In assessing and determining the extent to which the player or umpire is deemed to be affected by alcohol, the umpire or club official will take into account, the person's speech, mannerisms, attire, steadiness, and overall general presentation before determining whether the player or umpire is fit to participate in the match. In the event it is agreed (based on discussions with club delegates or both captains) the umpire

cannot properly officiate in his/her capacity the club delegate making the assessment on behalf of the



VTCA shall immediately telephone/contact the VTCA Grounds Manager and arrange a suitable club umpire replacement to officiate as a "stand-in" umpire. This is a Level 3 offence. (Red Card)

5. <u>ABUSE OR DAMAGE OF CRICKET OR GROUND EQUIPMENT OR TO PAVILION FIXTURES AND FITTINGS</u>

This offence includes any action(s) outside what is considered normal cricket actions or behaviours, such as kicking or striking the stumps in a deliberate or reckless manner, or any deliberate, negligent or reckless action (even if accidental) which causes damage to ground equipment, irrespective whether that equipment is used for the purposes of playing cricket, fixtures and/or fittings to a pavilion, shed, or scoreboard at the ground where the match is being played. The stumps, wicket, or any other fixture at the ground does not need to be damaged in order to constitute a breach of the offence. **This is a Level 1 offence. (Yellow Card)**

6. <u>DISCHARGING A BALL, PIECE OF CRICKET EQUIPMENT, OR ANY OTHER OBJECT AT OR NEAR AN OPPONENT, TEAMMATE, UMPIRE, CLUB OFFICIAL OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN AN INAPPROPRIATE AND/OR DANGEROUS MANNER DURING A MATCH</u>

When assessing the actions of the player considered to have committed the breach, the following factors are required to be taken into account. The context of the particular situation, and whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent or avoidable, whether the ball, bat or object discharged struck the other person, the speed in which the object was thrown at the other person, and the distance in which the object was thrown from. This is both a Level 1 and Level 2 offence, the latter level enforced depending on the umpire's interpretation of the seriousness of the action and the danger or injury to the other person. (Yellow Card)

7. <u>PERSONAL ABUSE OF A PLAYER, UMPIRE OR CLUB OFFICAL DURING OR</u> IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MATCH

This offence is intended to cover the language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature directed at a teammate, opponent, umpire, club official or any other person, either during the match, or immediately after the match is concluded, including after the players and umpires have left the ground. The interpretation of "immediately" shall include a reasonable time after the match has concluded, including time to pack personal equipment and belongings before leaving the ground, inspecting and/or signing scorebooks.

As to the seriousness of the breach, consideration must be given to the language used, whether the language was excessive and/or orchestrated, and to the person the personal abuse was levelled at. This is both a Level 2 and Level 3 offence, depending on the interpretation of the person, umpire, club official or VTCA delegate deems the seriousness of the abuse to be. (Yellow/Red Card)

8. SHOWING DISSENT AT AN UMPIRE'S DECISION DURING A MATCH

The offence includes excessive and obvious disappointment in an umpire's decision, including a delay by that player to resume or get on with play or where a batter is concerned - to leave the wicket, making a gesture (does not need to be directed at the umpire) following the umpire's decision such as the batter pointing to his/her bat, rubbing an area of their body to indicate the ball deflected from there, snatching or angrily grabbing their cap from the umpire, mocking the decision by either a verbal or physical response to the decision, arguing or disputing the decision with either the umpire or opponent or engaging in a prolonged discussion with another player about the decision (doesn't need to be with the umpire). This is both a Level 1 and Level 2 offence, depending on the seriousness of the dissent. (Yellow Card)



9. INTIMIDATION OR ATTEMPTED INTIMIDATION OF AN UMPIRE DURING A MATCH

This offence is intended to cover any form of intimidation of an umpire either directly or indirectly during a match. It includes any form of verbal or physical harassment, or any form of behaviour that would cause the person to whom the conduct is being directed at to fear injury or harm, or emotional compromise. This includes embarrassment, ridicule, belittling, or any other behaviour where the umpire thought he was hampered from performing his duties. **This is a Level 3 offence (Red Card)**

10. DISOBEYING AN UMPIRE'S INSTRUCTION DURING A MATCH

This offence includes any repeated failure or behaviour of a player, resulting from the instruction or direction of an umpire given to that player during the course of a match. This is a Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 offence, depending on the interpretation of the umpire as to the seriousness or the ongoing seriousness of the player's behaviour. (Yellow/Red Card)

11. THREAT OF ASSAULT OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF A PLAYER, UMPIRE, CLUB OFFICIAL OR SUPPORTER DURING A MATCH

Without limitation, any person (does not need to be a player participating in the match) who threatens to assault or physically abuse a player, umpire, club official or supporter during a match which causes that person or another to whom the threat was made to fear harmful or offensive contact, is liable to having breached this offence.

Consideration is required of the umpire, club official or VTCA delegate making the complaint or report to determine the seriousness of the threat, and the impact that threat has had on the intended target. This is both a Level 3 and Level 4 offence. (Red Card)

12. PHYSICAL ASSAULT OF A PLAYER, UMPIRE, CLUB OFFICIAL OR SUPPORTER DURING A MATCH

Without limitation, any player who intentionally or recklessly causes injury or personal bodily harm to another player, whether teammate or opponent, umpire, club official or supporter is liable to having breached this offence.

When assessing the seriousness of the breach, factors which are required to be taken into account must include, but which are not limited to, whether the contact was deliberate, reckless or negligent, the force of the contact, and any resulting injuries suffered to the other person. This is both a Level 3 and Level 4 offence. (Red Card)

13. ANY ACT OF VIOLENCE ON THE FIELD DURING A MATCH

Any player or club official will commit a breach of this offence if they kick, punch, or fight another player, teammate or opponent, or club official during the course of a match.

When assessing the seriousness of the breach, factors which are required to be considered must include, but which are not limited to, whether the contact was deliberate, reckless, or negligent, the force of the contact, and any resulting injuries suffered to the other person. This is both a level 3 and level 4 offence. (Red Card)

14. ATTEMPTING TO GAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE DURING A MATCH

This offence is intended to cover any attempts or actions by a player to cheat or gain an unfair advantage during a match. It includes without limitation any attempt to deceive an umpire, for example, a member of the fielding side claiming a catch when the player knew or ought to have known he/she did not catch the ball or using a foreign object to alter the condition or surface of the ball.

Depending on the umpire's assessment and interpretation of the incident, both the player deemed or held responsible by the umpire for attempting to claim an unfair advantage and the captain of the team will be held to account. The latter will be held to account if he/she is shown to have known or



knew the breach was occurring or knew of its plan to occur. This is both a Level 3 and Level 4 offence. (Red Card)

15. ANY ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE A MATCH FOR INAPPROPRIATE STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL REASONS

This offence is intended to prevent the manipulation of a match result or other matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons, for example, a side playing poorly or adversely, to give or allow the opposition side a greater opportunity to win the game, or to play adversely to affect its own or the opponent's percentage points or points allocated for winning the game.

The team captain and/or the Club, depending on the circumstances will be held to account in such a circumstance and liable for any sanction should it be determined the offence was found to have been committed. This is a Level 4 offence. (Red Card)

16. FAILING OR REFUSING, WITHOUT COMPELLING JUSTIFICATION, TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AUTHORISED INVESTIGATION OR TRIBUNAL HEARING.

Any player, umpire, club official or club member required to provide information or give evidence during an authorised and formal investigation or at a tribunal hearing refuses, without justification to do so, will be deemed to have breached this offence. A breach will include, for example, a player who is directed to appear before a formal tribunal hearing, yet in doing so, and when asked to give evidence, either gives inconsistent evidence to that already given by another person(s), has a lack of memory or knowledge about the incident before the hearing, or provides information to deliberately mislead the hearing. **This is a matter automatically referred to a tribunal hearing.**

17. <u>PUBLIC OR MEDIA COMMENT THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF</u> CRICKET.

Any player, umpire or club official will be deemed to have made comment detrimental to the interests of cricket and in doing so in breach of this offence if they publicly denigrate or criticise a player, umpire, club official, a team/club, the Executive Board of the VTCA or any member holding a position within that Board, criticise the outcome of an investigation or tribunal hearing, comment on an ongoing investigation or tribunal hearing yet to be held, comment on any report before the VTCA as to provide an adverse position, or denigrate any form of competition within the VTCA, for example the T20 competition, women's cricket or a representative VTCA side. For the avoidance of doubt, any posting by a player, umpire, or club official of comments on a social media platform (including, without limitation to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat, LinkedIn etc.) shall be deemed to be 'public' for the purposes of this offence.

This is a Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 offence.

(Yellow/Red Card)

18. CONDUCT THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME INCLUDING
CONDUCT THAT IS UNBECOMING OF A PLAYER OR UMPIRE
(REPRESENTATIVE) OR CLUB OFFICIAL (OFFICIAL) WHICH IS OR COULD BE
HARMFUL TO THE INTERESTS OF CRICKET OR DOES OR COULD BRING THE
GAME OF CRICKET INTO DISREPUTE.

This offence is designed to be a "catch-all" provision to cover all types of conduct that are not adequately covered by the specific offences.

This offence has a wide ambit and may cover Level 1 offences through to Level 4 offences. (Yellow/Red Cards)



19. VILIFICATION - RACIAL, SEXUAL, GENDER, AGE AND RELIGION

No participating or non-participating player of a club, umpire, club official, club member or supporter shall use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage, or vilify another person or persons on the basis on that person's or persons' race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origins by way of actions, words or engagement in media or electronic outlets. This is a Level 4 offence. (Red Card)

OFFENCE LEVELS

LEVEL 1

Where a player, umpire, club official or club member is reported for an offence defined as a Level 1 offence, the reported person can elect, in most circumstances, to have the matter determined in one of two ways. Upon a plea of guilty to the charge or charges, the player can choose to have the VTCA Tribunal Manager, upon that person's reading and assessment of all facts for which the person is so charged, determine the seriousness of the incident, and bring about a resolution to the matter by a finding against the reported player.

Where a Club is reported for conduct that is contrary to the Spirit of the game, it must be proven that the Club through the behaviour of a player or players, member or members or an administrator or administrators, failed to uphold spirit of the game of cricket.

Offences levelled against a Club must be directed before the VTCA Tribunal, irrespective of the level of offence.

The VTCA Tribunal Manager, in most circumstances where the reported player, umpire, club official or club member has pleaded guilty to a Level 1 offence can appropriately deal with the matter in a number of ways, by;

- (a) Formally reprimanding the reported person; and/or
- (b) Fining the reported person (not exceeding \$500.00); and/or
- (c) Placing the reported person on a good behaviour bond for a period not exceeding one season; and/or
- (d) (in the case of repeat offenders) Placing the reported person on a suspended sentence not exceeding 2 weeks suspension; or
- (e) Withdrawn the charge on the basis of a frivolous interpretation of the offence.

In the event the reported person presents on a Level 1 offence or offences after being issued a red card from the officiating umpire, then the VTCA Tribunal Manager must direct the reported player's case to the VTCA Tribunal.

In the event the reported person elects to have his/her case heard before the VTCA Tribunal, the VTCA Tribunal Manager must present the reported person before the next available tribunal hearing.

The VTCA Tribunal Manager, having reviewed the circumstances surrounding the offence(s) of the reported person, has authority to refer the matter directly to the VTCA Tribunal without seeking to resolve the matter; or in the event of the offence requiring an explanation and understanding of the captain of the team for which the reported player appears before the VTCA Tribunal, charge and direct the captain to stand before the same hearing on a similar charge.

LEVEL 2

Where a player, umpire, club official or club member is reported for an offence defined as a level 2 offence, providing there are no other offences for which the reported person is charged, the reported person can elect, in most circumstances, to have the matter determined in one of two ways.



If the reported person is charged with one offence deemed to be a Level 2 offence, and pleads guilty to that offence, the VTCA Tribunal Manager may determine the matter by;

- (a) Formally reprimanding the reported person; and/or
- (b) Fining the reported person (not exceeding \$750.00); and/or
- (c) Placing the reported person on a good behaviour bond for a period not exceeding one season; and/or
- (d) (in the case of repeat offenders) Placing the reported person on a suspended sentence not exceeding 4 weeks suspension; or
- (e) Suspending the reported person for a maximum of two official Saturday matches.

In the event the reported person elects to have his/her case heard before the VTCA Tribunal, the VTCA Tribunal Manager must present the reported person before the next available tribunal hearing

However, where the reported person is a repeat or recidivist offender, or where the reported person is facing a number of charges, the VTCA Tribunal Manager must refer the matter to the next hearing date of the VTCA Tribunal. The same procedure applies if the reported person is presented on a red card from the officiating umpire(s)

LEVEL 3 and LEVEL 4

Where a player, umpire, club official or club member is reported for a Level 3 or Level 4 offence that reported person must be directed to appear before the next available VTCA Tribunal hearing.

If a reported person pleads guilty or is found guilty of a Level 3 or Level 4 offence a penalty involving immediate suspension will apply. Based on a plea of guilty to an offence in the Level 3 category, the reported person is entitled to a discounted sentence, however the penalty may also include, a period of a suspended sentence, the requirement to complete a therapeutic course such as anger management, and/or a fine. In relation to penalties against a Club, monetary fines, team suspension, and a loss of match points may also apply.

In the case where a reported person is found guilty of a Level 3 or Level 4 offence and receives an immediate suspension and a requirement to complete a therapeutic course, irrespective of the period of suspension, the reported person will not be able to recommence playing in any form of official matches until evidence of the therapeutic course is completed. This principle also applies to where the reported person receives a fine. He/she will not be able to recommence playing official matches until this form of penalty is met.

Club offences

A Club may be cited for any of the offences, where a player, administrator, member or supporter is reported for an offence defined as a Level 3 or 4 offence, except in a situation where the Club is charged with conduct unbecoming following the behaviour, conduct or actions of one or more of its players, administrators, members or supporters, which was deemed a reportable offence by an officiating umpire or later be a properly constructed and convened VTCA Investigation panel or Tribunal Panel.

Please also refer to M8 Investigations.



YELLOW and RED CARD PENALTIES CODE

A. PREAMBLE

The VTCA Board of Management continues to be concerned at poor player behaviour, especially the lack of respect shown to other players and to umpires at playing venues and in particular on the field.

In an effort to improve player behaviour the VTCA Board of Management has introduced rules which allow umpires to immediately deal with misbehaviour so that the match may be conducted in the true spirit of cricket.

The scheme requires umpires to immediately penalise players and club officials who breach the VTCA Codes of Behaviour. The player and /or club official may also be reported and if found guilty the tribunal may impose further sanctions. Clubs may also be reported, where a person deemed associated to that Club, has committed a Level 3 or 4 offence.

For most breaches of these rules a yellow card will be given by an Umpire. Attracting a second yellow card in the same match will result in the player/official receiving an indirect red card which shall serve as notice for an immediate send off from the playing arena for the rest of the match for a player and removal from the venue for the rest of the match for a club official.

When the breach involves a serious offence, a direct Red Card will be given by an umpire and will result in an immediate send off for the rest of the match.

We believe and truly hope that umpires will not be called upon to use the cards.

B. DEFINITIONS

- (i) "Audible obscenity" includes a single outburst of swearing or obscene language not directed at another player, umpire or official which is heard by the umpire and:
 - a) if made on the field, is one which in the opinion of the umpire could be heard by a person outside the playing field; or
 - b) if made off the field, is heard by the umpire.
- (ii) Where an audible obscenity is part of a sledging or part of abusive comments directed at a player, umpire or official, then such sledging or comments shall be treated as a reportable offence.
- iii) "Reportable Offence" includes all offences which may be heard and determined by the VTCA Tribunal other than:
 - a) a Serious Reportable Offence;
 - b) the first instance of an audible obscenity where making the audible obscenity is a non-reportable offence; or
 - c) an offence under the VTCA rules which carries the penalty of a fine only.



- (iv) "Serious Reportable Offence" includes.
 - a) physically assaulting an umpire, player, official or spectator;
 - b) threatening to physically assault an umpire, player, official or spectator; or
 - c) any act of violence on or off the playing field; or
 - d) sustained and serious verbal abuse of an umpire, player, official, or spectator; or
 - e) any other breach of the Code of Behaviour deemed by the umpire to be a serious offence.
- (iv) "**Umpire**" means a VTCA appointed umpire and/or Club personnel appointed as umpire for the day.

C. <u>YELLOW CARD, Potentially Reportable:</u>

A Yellow card shall be issued, at the umpire's discretion, to a player or official who engages in any of the following breaches of these Rules:

- (i) **Audible obscenity**: makes an audible obscenity directed at the umpire, another player or official.
- (ii) **Dissent by word or action**: shows dissent by word or action towards an umpire, another player or official.
- (iii) Breaches of VTCA Code of Behaviour: engages in unsporting behaviour in breach of the Code of Behaviour
- (iv) **Breaches of VTCA Rules**: engages in unsporting behaviour in breach of the VTCA Rules.
- (v) **Breaches of Spirit of Cricket**: engages in unsporting behaviour in breach of the Spirit of Cricket.

Where a player or official directly receives a Yellow card the Umpire also has the ability to refer that Yellow Card to the Tribunal. During the course of play, and where the umpire issues a Yellow Card, the Umpire must, circumstances prevailing, display and show the card to the offending person or party.

The giving of a second Yellow card in the same match equates to an indirect Red card and must result in a Tribunal appearance.

The umpire shall note in his match report the name of any player receiving a Yellow Card. The VTCA shall keep a record of such breaches and if a player receives a combined total of three (3) Yellow cards in a season then that player shall be suspended for one match.

If a player receives two yellow cards during the same match and subsequently is suspended by the Tribunal, those two yellow cards do not count for the purpose of accumulation.

Any player found guilty of an offence and has received a suspended sentence, the penalty suspended will be imposed immediately on receipt of any yellow or red card.

E. RED CARD:

Where a player or official commits a serious breach of the VTCA Code of Behaviour, VTCA Rules or the Spirit of Cricket that in the opinion of the Umpire is greater than a Yellow Card offence the umpire shall show the player or official a Red Card.

a) A player or official who is shown a Red Card must immediately and without further dissent leave the playing field and shall take no further part in the match in any capacity. Such a Red Card is an automatic Tribunal appearance.



- b) A player being sent off the ground is not relevant to any subsequent penalty consideration if that matter proceeds to the Tribunal.
- c) Where a player or official refuses to leave the playing arena, the umpire shall call the captain of that player's team and advise him that the failure of the player to immediately leave the arena will result in the match being forfeited to the opposition team.
- d) A player given a Red card cannot be substituted.
- e) Where two umpires stand in a match one or both can give Yellow or Red cards.

F. REPORTING PROCEDURE:

- a) Where an umpire acts under these rules and a player is reported, the umpire must follow the procedure set out in the VTCA Tribunal Procedures and in the Administrative Rules particularly **Rule A76.1** and **Rule A76.2**.
- b) Nothing in these rules prevents an umpire from making a decision after the close of play that he will report a player. Where the umpire makes such a decision, he must follow the procedure set out in the VTCA Tribunal Procedures and in the Administrative Rules particularly **Rule A76.1** and **Rule A76.2**.



WEBSITE, INTERNET and SOCIAL MEDIA USE CODE

The VTCA publishes here the terms and conditions of its 'Acceptable Use Policy' ("AUP") regulating the use of both the VTCA website, My Cricket sites and VTCA affiliated Club web sites and social media sites, to be known collectively hereafter as "the website".

- 1. You must use the website in a responsible manner, taking into account the effect your use of the website may have on other members of the Association and the community. It is incumbent upon the manager of the website to ensure that its content does not bring the game of cricket into disrepute and that it is within the spirit of cricket.
- 2. You must not use the website, or allow anyone else to use the website:
 - (a) for any unlawful, illegal, malicious or improper purpose;
 - (b) to knowingly transmit a computer virus or other malicious computer program;
 - (c) in any way which interferes with its availability for other users or otherwise interferes in the proper operation of the website;
 - (d) to access or damage another's computer system without permission;
 - (e) to infringe another's intellectual property rights;
 - (f) to disclose private or confidential information of another;
 - (g) to store, publish, display, distribute or post material that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, abusive or that violates any law or regulation;
 - (h) to harass or menace any person;
 - (i) to breach any laws or infringe any third-party rights (including without limitation, copyright) or to breach any standards, content requirements or codes promulgated by any relevant authority or industry body; or
 - (j) to transmit messages which vilify, threaten, abuse, defame, or are vulgar, obscene or otherwise objectionable.
 - (k) to transmit messages which encourage conduct that constitutes a criminal offence or infringe upon the publicity or privacy rights or any other rights of any person or party
- 3. The VTCA is not responsible for any information or materials posted or transmitted via the website and disclaims all liability whether for negligence or otherwise for any loss suffered as a result of any information posted on the website by a member.
- 4. The VTCA reserves the right to remove, edit or instruct the removal of any information on the website as in its absolute discretion it thinks fit and without reference to others.
- 5. Access to the ability to post content to the website must be restricted to authorised persons only and the source of this content must be readily auditable.
- 6. The VTCA reserves the right to alter these terms and conditions from time to time by notice posted on this website.
- 7. This Code applies to VTCA controlled or related sites. The VTCA cannot control the material published on internet forums, Facebooks, chatrooms, blogs, emails and the like. However, VTCA players or Club officials who choose to publish materials on such sites should be mindful of the offence of Conduct Unbecoming as set out in the VTCA Behaviour Code.
- 8. Any member that posts inappropriate comments or material will be removed and banned from participation from all VTCA social media sites on a permanent basis.



PROCEDURES

TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE

All interested parties should note that the VTCA is empowered to conduct a Tribunal hearing as per Clauses 2.2(h-j) of the VTCA Constitution.

- b) hear and determine any allegation, complaint or charge pursuant to its rules or by-laws in relation to the rules, by-laws or laws of Cricket, or in relation to any matter which in the opinion of the Board of Management affects the interests of the game of Cricket or affects the interests of the Association itself;
- c) impose any sanction, including fines, suspension or expulsion as may be deemed appropriate, where any allegation, complaint or change is sustained by the Association or its appointees, including the Independent Tribunal and Appeals Board, against any affiliated club, player, umpire or individual pursuant to the Association's rules or by-laws;
- d) control and discipline any player or official of any team participating in a competition organised or sanctioned by the Association in relation to conduct occurring before, during or after the playing of a match;

Rule A76.2 establishes the presence of the Tribunal. Its roles are to:

- a) act as a Tribunal in hearing reports referred to it by the VTCA Tribunal Manager.
- b) investigate any other complaint or matter referred to it by the VTCA Secretary, or the Board of Management.

As well as these procedures, Umpires, Players and Clubs should note the following:

- 1. Rule M16.1, Rule M93.1, Rule M93.2, Rule A77.1 and Rule A76.2.
- 2. Where an Umpire reports a player, club official or club member, he/she must, as soon as practicable after the completion of the day's play or match notify:
 - a) an Official or representative of the reported players' Club, as per Rule A76.2.
 - b) the VTCA Tribunal Manager (phone: 0474 738 817, email: tribunals@vtca.com.au).
- 3. Umpires and the reported or charged player/administrator's club shall provide the VTCA Tribunal Manager with written particular/s of the relevant incident which pertains to the reported person by no later than <u>9:00pm on the Sunday</u> after the completion of the match, and in such detail that the reported player will clearly understand with respect to the allegations and report against him/her.
- 3a. Club officials and/or advocates of the reported or charged player/administrator are to ensure all relevant material, including signed witness statements (including that of the reported or charged person if he/she so elects), character references, medical reports, video footage and any other relevant material is provided to the VTCA Tribunal Manager **no later than 48 hours** prior to the hearing time of 7:00pm of the hearing date. Any material provided outside that time will be considered at the discretion of the VTCA Tribunal Panel.
- 4. The VTCA Tribunal Manager will advise the Club of the details of the report as provided by the Umpires or reporting Club.
- 5. The VTCA Tribunal Manager will refer the charge to the Tribunal for a hearing on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm at Deer Park Club or any other specified venue.
- 6. A reported person, if directed to do so by the VTCA Tribunal Manager or a delegate on his/her behalf, **must** attend the Tribunal hearing on the designated date and at the allotted time **unless** the procedure pursuant to *Clause 7* of the Tribunal Procedure is adopted.



- a) If the player or reported person cannot attend due to work commitments or illness, he, or she, whether directly or via the assistance of the club delegate (must be a club delegate), may write to the Tribunal Manager requesting that the hearing be adjourned to a later date. Should such request be sought, the player or reported person **must** provide evidence by means of a general medical practitioner's medical certificate or short letter on letterhead from their employer, which is dated and signed.
- b) In the event the player or reported person does not attend the hearing, the VTCA Tribunal Chair may elect to hear the matter, ex-parte, and determine the case.
- c) In the event the player or reported person does not provide a copy of the general practitioner's medical certificate or letter from their employer, the matter will proceed exparte and be determined.
- d) In the event the hearing into the offence against the player or reported person is adjourned, the player so-alleged to have breached a particular offence, is not eligible to recommence playing until his/her matter is heard before the VTCA Tribunal.

In the event that the hearing is adjourned the player will be ineligible to play until appearing.

- 7. If a reported player elects not to appear, before the VTCA Tribunal yet pleads guilty to any or all charges, he/she must advise the VTCA Tribunal Manager within 48 hours (Monday 5:00pm) of the completed match in which he/she was reported, that he/she;
 - a) Intends to plead guilty to the offence(s) so alleged;
 - b) Agrees with the allegations contained in the report;
 - c) Expresses remorse for his/her behaviour, and puts forward reasons for their actions:
 - d) Provides a letter of apology to the VTCA for such behaviour and
 - e) Provides relevant character references:

If the matter is solely determined by the VTCA Tribunal Manager and a plea of guilty is entered, determination as to a lenient penalty will be given consideration.

- 8. A reported player who wishes to plead guilty to any offence(s) he/she is charged with, but seeks to put certain materials in the form of medical reports, a letter from an employer, character references to mitigate penalty to the offence(s), or a reported person seeking to call witnesses to give character evidence on his/her behalf **must attend the hearing**. Any reported person who pleads not guilty to an offence or offences where he/she is directed to appear before the VTCA Tribunal cannot elect to have the matter heard in their absence.
- 9. Witnesses are not entitled nor permitted to be present during procedures before the VTCA Tribunal while other parties are required to give evidence, unless given permission by the Tribunal Chair.

Other than the reported person and their delegate, the complainant and their advocate, the officiating umpire(s) and their delegate and required witnesses to the hearing, no other person is to be granted permission to bear witness to the hearing/proceedings. The reported person is entitled to be present to hear all of the evidence.

On the request of the Tribunal Chair, the VTCA Tribunal Manager and/or the VTCA Secretary may be required to provide evidence as some juncture in the proceedings and therefore, will be permitted to be present throughout the hearing/proceeding at all times.

If necessary and required, a support person will be allowed to assist a witness upon the expressed permission of the VTCA Tribunal Chair.



If a person under the age of eighteen (18) years is a reported person or attends the hearing as a witness to the proceedings, that person is entitled to have at least one parent, a guardian or an older sibling present during the hearing.

No member of the media is permitted to be present during the hearing without the expressed permission of the VTCA Tribunal Chair.

10. It is a decision for the reported person to appear at a tribunal hearing with or without an advocate. While it is not imperative the reported person has an advocate in such proceedings, the VTCA Tribunal Chair strongly recommends that a reported person has a person familiar in the process of tribunal hearings to assist in the reported person's position of innocence or where a not guilty plea is entertained.

An advocate cannot be a witness to the proceedings or give a personal reference. The advocate must maintain a high standard of independence and professionalism and act on instructions from the reported person.

An advocate cannot be a person employed in the legal fraternity, nor be employed as a legal consultant, solicitor, or barrister.

An advocate will only engage the hearing when invited to do so and must only question a witness on the disputed facts of the charge or charges, and not engage in any frivolous, underhanded manner or outside the instructions of the person reported.

- 11. The VTCA Tribunal Chair and panel members, upon their discretion may, reject or dismiss any material or part of that material before it which presents in the form of witness statements that consist of;
 - a) derogatory comments about the victim/complainant or umpire;
 - b) consist of general and hearsay comments about the incident in question;
 - c) opinion based material;
 - d) are unsigned.
- 12. Where the reported person or complainant is personally known to any or all of the VTCA Tribunal panel the decision to hear the matter will be based on the decision of the Tribunal Chair. If in the event a tribunal member wishes to abstain from the proceedings for personal reasons, this decision will be made known to both parties involved in the hearing before the hearing is to commence. In such likelihood, a replacement person will be sought as soon as possible.
- 13. The reported person is entitled to have in his possession at least 48 hours before the tribunal hearing, all relevant materials to be relied upon by the tribunal panel, including copies of all signed statements, the umpire's report and umpire's statement, copies of any documents to be presented by the VTCA Tribunal Coordinator or Secretary, unless the material relied upon is from a person under the age of 18 years, or of a confidential nature from the Secretary of the VTCA.
- 14. All Tribunal Hearings will be audibly recorded by the VTCA Tribunal. No Club is permitted or allowed (including players, witnesses, or Delegates to record tribunal hearings).



TRIBUNAL HEARING PROCEDURE

- 1. The procedure at the Tribunal hearing will be that:
 - a) Upon assembly, the Umpire and his/her advocate (if any), the Player and his/her advocate (if any) shall be summoned before the Tribunal. Advocates may be delegates or officials of clubs but shall not be a lawyer.
 - b) The Umpire/Investigation Officer's written report is read by the Tribunal Chairman who shall be in possession of the report and any other relevant correspondence.
 - c) The charged player is asked how he/she pleads.
 - d) The Tribunal will first hear evidence for the umpires/investigators case against the player. The umpire/investigator's advocate may then question the umpire. Any member of the Tribunal Panel at any time during the proceeding may also ask questions of the umpire/investigator or witness on behalf of the complainant. In the event the VTCA Executive have initiated a charge against a player/administrator or club, the Tribunal Panel will first hear from the representative of the VTCA Executive as to the foundation and issuing of the charge, and the allegation(s) alleged against the charged party. The Executive will then be held to account in the same format as any complainant who has initiated an offence against a player/administrator of club. Tribunal will first hear the Umpires/Investigators case against the player.
 - e) The player's advocate may then question the Umpire/Investigating Officer.
 - f) The player/administrator/club will then be asked to present their defence and may be questioned by his/her advocate and the umpire's advocate, or any member of the Tribunal Panel.
 - g) The charged player/administrator/club may then call his/her witnesses. Once a witness is called to give evidence, he/she must remain in the room until the case is finished. Each witness is asked to give his/her version of the incident and may be questioned by either advocate of a member of the Tribunal Panel during the course of their evidence. Should the witness not appear on behalf of the charged player/administrator/club, yet tenders a signed statement on behalf of the charged player/administrator/club, that evidence will be given sufficiently less weight as to allegations before the Tribunal Panel.
 - h) The Chairperson of the Tribunal Panel or any member of the Tribunal Panel may, at any time throughout the proceedings, ask questions of any person, as they see fit. Questions may evolve from the evidence given from any witness during the proceedings, or information the Tribunal Panel has informed itself of as a result of evidence given by any witness or advocate during the proceedings.
 - i) After all the evidence is either given or tendered during the tribunal proceeding, the respective advocates will be invited to give a closing address(summary) to the Tribunals Panel. When the Tribunal Panel is satisfied that it has all relevant material and evidence before it to enable it to form an unanimous or quorum decision, the Tribunal will adjourn the proceedings for an indeterminable period, to consider the case and reach a finding based on the material and evidence as to the facts of the charge.
 - j) Once the Tribunal has reached its finding, all the parties to the proceeding will be invited to re-assemble in order for the Chairperson to announce the decision of the Tribunal Panel as to the proceedings before it. If the player/administrator/club is found guilty of any



charge before the Tribunal panel, the relevant advocate will then be invited to make a submission on behalf of the player/administrator/club. Character references, previous matters/records before the Tribunal may be tendered at this stage. The Tribunal will then consider matters put in mitigation of the player/administrator/club before considering any penalty as to each and every charge.

- k) Once the Tribunal has reached a decision on penalty, the relevant parties to the proceedings will be invited to re-assemble, and the Chairperson will read the penalty or penalties handed down.
- 2. Any suspended player or administrator has the right to appeal the decision handed down by the Tribunal Panel to the VTCA Appeals Board. VTCA Appeals Board rules will then apply. No member of the Tribunal Panel can appear on the Appeals Board.
- 3. There will be no stay of sentence for any appeal.
- 4. Any player or administrator previously found guilty of an offence and whereby a suspend sentence was issued, will be subject to the imposition of that suspension immediately following the receipt of any yellow or red coloured umpire's match card.
- 5. A reported/charged player shall be eligible to play in a VTCA mid-week T20 match pending an official VTCA Tribunal hearing, subject to the discretion of the VTCA Tribunal Chair.
- 6. All Players/administrators or clubs reported or charged with an offence pursuant to the VTCA Code of Conduct will be required to have their or its matter heard by the VTCA Tribunal Panel on the following Wednesday to Thursday evening. In the event of a reported or charged player is unavailable or does not attend the tribunal hearing set down to hear the charge, the hearing will proceed and be heard by the VTCA Tribunal Panel in his or her absence. In the event the reported or charged player is unwell, the VTCA Tribunal Panel may exercise a discretion to adjourn or delay the hearing against the player on the production of medical evidence (certificate). In the event the reported or charged player is required to perform formal employment duties, the VTCA Tribunal Panel may exercise a discretion to adjourn or delay the hearing against the player on the production of a signed letter from his or her employer. Where a reported or charged player can not appear before the VTCA Tribunal Panel during the following Wednesday or Thursday evening because he or she is unwell, or he or she is committed to their employment, that player will not be eligible to play in any official VTCA mid-week T20 match until their matter is heard.
- 7. In the event a club or administrator is charged with an offence pursuant to the VTCA Code of Conduct, the VTCA Tribunal Panel will hear the matter against the administrator and/or Club at the most earliest and convenient time, unless the administrator is also a registered player at a VTCA club, where as the charge will be heard as per Rule 6.
- 8. A suspended player is not entitled to participate in any official VTCA match, either as player. Club official(official match scorer, 12th man, drinks person, club umpire etc.), but may officiate as an umpire if the VTCA Tribunal Panel direct as part of his or her sentence/penalty, he or she can serve part of their sentence/penalty by officiating as an appointed VTCA Umpire. Subject to competition rules, he or she may be able to coach junior teams.



MEETINGS OF VTCA TRIBUNAL

All tribunal hearings during the season are held on the Wednesday evening prior to the commencement of the next game at a venue determined by the Tribunal Manager.

Players, Umpires and Witnesses should be in attendance by 7.00pm.



APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. APPEALS BOARD

1.1 The VTCA Appeals Board shall consist of three persons, independent of the VTCA Board of Management and the VTCA Tribunal, who shall from time to time be appointed by that Board of Management to hear and determine appeals.

2. WHO MAY APPEAL

2.1 A Player

A Player who is dissatisfied with a decision of the Tribunal or a VTCA disciplinary decision, where that player has received a suspension in excess of one game.

2.2 A Club

A Club dissatisfied with a decision of the Tribunal or a VTCA disciplinary decision, where that Club has lost match points and/or percentage may lodge an appeal.

2.3 The VTCA

The Secretary of the VTCA may appeal a decision of the Tribunal in the following exceptional circumstances:

- (a) If the Tribunal has not applied the Rules in making its decision
- (b) If the Tribunal has erred in the application of the Rules.
- (c) If the Tribunal sentence is deemed inadequate.

3. PROCESS OF APPEAL

3.1 A Player

- (i) The Player may lodge or cause to be lodged by his Club with the VTCA Secretary Notice of Appeal. Such Notice shall be in writing and shall be lodged no later than 24 hours after the decision of the Tribunal or VTCA disciplinary decision.
- (ii) Where a player appeals, an Appeal Fee of **\$750 must** be lodged no later than 24 hours after the decision of the Tribunal. The Appeals Board may in its discretion refund all or part of the fee.

3.2 A Club

- (i) The Club may lodge or cause to be lodged with the VTCA Secretary Notice of Appeal. Such Notice shall be in writing and shall be lodged no later than 24 hours after the decision of the Tribunal or VTCA disciplinary decision.
- (ii) Where a Club appeals, an Appeal Fee of **\$1000 must** be lodged no later than 24 hours after the decision of the Tribunal or the VTCA disciplinary decision. The Appeals Board may in its discretion refund all or part of the fee.

3.3 The VTCA

(i) The Secretary may lodge or cause to be lodged with the VTCA Chairman, Notice of an Appeal. Such Notice shall be in writing and shall be lodged no later than 24 hours after the decision of the Tribunal.



4. HEARING OF APPEALS

- 4.1 The Appeals Board shall hear the appeal as soon as practicable.
- 4.2(a) The hearing of an appeal by the Appeals Board shall constitute a Hearing De novo (fresh hearing) and the rules and procedures that apply to a hearing by the Tribunal shall apply to the hearing of an appeal by the Appeals Board, except in instances the appeal is specifically based on the length of the sentence given.
- 4.2(b) Any new evidence tabled must be provided to both parties within 72 hours prior to the commencement of the appeals hearing. No new evidence can be provided without the knowledge of both parties.
- 4.3 In exceptional circumstances, the Chairperson of the Appeals Board may extend the time for the lodging of a Notice of Appeal and/or the lodging of the Appeal Fee.
- 4.4 The lodging of the Notice of Appeal and the Appeal Fee does not stay the operation of any suspension imposed on the player.
- 4.5 The Appeals Board may otherwise regulate its own procedures and shall act as an inquisitorial Board.
- 4.6 The Appeals Board shall ensure that any Appellant is provided with procedural fairness.
- 4.7 The decision of the Appeals Board shall be by way of majority decision.
- 4.8 There is no obligation on the Appeals Board to state reasons for its decision.
- 4.9 Where the appeal is by a player against the decision of the tribunal, there is a right of appeal to the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (**VMCU**) from a decision of the Appeals Board. In all other appeals the decision of the Appeals Board is final and there is no right of appeal to the VMCU.



VTCA VILIFICATION CODE and PROCEDURE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Code is to:
 - (i) Recognise the commitment of the VTCA to the elimination of racial and religious vilification of players/officials.
 - (ii) Establish a framework for handling complaints made by players/officials who believe they have been subjected to racial or religious vilification by another player/official.
- 1.2 A player/official who is participating in a VTCA match will not engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other player/official which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other player/official on the basis of that player's/official's race, religion, colour, descent, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin.

2. Interrelationship with other Rules of the VTCA

The code does not restrict any other action that may be taken under the Rules of the VTCA or Code of Conduct. Nor does it prevent any player/official from pursuing any other legal rights they may have in relation to vilification.

3. Procedure

Any report or complaint of vilification will be dealt with as follows.

4. Lodging a Complaint

- 4.1 Where a player/official ("the Complainant") believes he/she has been subjected to vilification or the Umpire believes another player has breached the code, The Complainant or Umpire may lodge a complaint with the **VTCA Secretary by 5pm** on the first business day following the alleged breach.
- 4.2 The complaint must be:
 - i) in writing;
 - ii) outline the circumstances of the allegations made; and
 - iii) if possible, provide any supporting witness accounts and the contact details of those witnesses.
- 4.3 Clubs lodging vilification complaints shall comply with **Rule M16.1** and **Clause 3** of the Tribunal Procedures.

5. Role of the Secretary

- 5.1 The Secretary shall upon receipt of the complaint:
 - Advise the person alleged to have contravened the Code ("The Respondent")
 of the complaint and provide them with a copy of the complaint and an
 opportunity to respond.
 - ii) Advise the VTCA Board of Management, the President of both Clubs and the Captains of both teams, of the complaint.



- iii) Conduct an investigation into the complaint which may include but is not limited to:
 - (a) Interviewing the parties to the complaint;
 - (b) Interviewing the Umpire;
 - (c) Interviewing any witnesses; and interviewing the team captains.
- iv) The investigation should be completed within 48 hours.
- v) When the investigation has been completed the Secretary may:
 - (a) Dismiss the complaint if he/she believes there is insufficient evidence, or it is frivolous:
 - (b) Arrange for the complaint to be referred to conciliation; or
 - (c) Refer the complaint to the VTCA Tribunal.

6. Conciliation

6.1 Conciliator

Any conciliation referred to in clause 4(v)(b) of this Code will be conducted by a representative appointed by the VTCA.

6.2 The Conciliation

- (i) The Complainant, the Umpire who initiated the report (if any), and the Respondent, should attend the conciliation. Both team Captains, or Vice-Captain if the Captain is a party to the complaint, and Team Managers may attend with the consent of the Conciliator.
- (ii) The Secretary must provide the Conciliator with a copy of the:
 - (a) the complaint;
 - (b) the Respondents' response to the complaint; and
 - (c) any evidence relevant to the complaint obtained during the course of the investigation.
- (iii) All parties attending the conciliation must participate in good faith.
- (iv) The Complainant is the person who determines the course of redress to be pursued at any conciliation.
- (v) Except as stated in clause 6.3(ii), both parties to the complaint and any other person aware of the details or circumstances of the conciliation, including the Secretary, Conciliator, and Team Captains, must at all times keep the particulars of the complaint and the conciliation confidential.

6.3 Resolution of the Complaint

- (i) If the complaint is resolved at the conciliation, the complaint will be deemed withdrawn and the Complainant cannot take any further action in respect of the complaint under this code.
- (ii) The resolution of the complaint may be formalised by way of a verbal agreement or a formal written agreement signed by the parties.
- (iii) The Conciliator must inform the Secretary that the complaint has resolved.

6.4 Conciliation is unsuccessful

(i) The Conciliator must notify the Secretary if the matter was not resolved at conciliation.



- (ii) The Secretary will then deal with the matter as a report and refer the matter to the VTCA Tribunal.
- (iii) The Secretary will notify the parties within 48 hours of the matter being referred to the Tribunal of the tribunal hearing.

7. Tribunal Hearing of Vilification Matter

- 7.1 Where a vilification matter is referred by the Secretary or delegate directly to the Tribunal or is referred as a result of an unsuccessful conciliation, the Secretary or delegate will furnish the Tribunal with:
 - (a) the complaint;
 - (b) the Respondents' response to the complaint; and
 - (c) any evidence relevant to the complaint obtained during the course of the investigation.
- 7.2 The Tribunal will hear the matter in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

8. Tribunal Findings

- 8.1 At the completion of the hearing of evidence the Tribunal will advise the VTCA, the Complainant, and Respondent of their decision on whether they found the complaint proven or not proven.
- 8.2 If the Tribunal finds the complaint proven, it then must refer to the VTCA code of conduct register to ascertain any previous breach by the player; and
 - Direct the Respondent to attend an education program at the Respondent's cost;
 - A prevention from participating in any VTCA match, until such time evidence of successful completion of the education program is reeived by the VTCA Secretary.
 - iii) Determine a penalty for the respondent which may include:
 - (a) A written apology;
 - (b) A fine and/or suspension.

9. Appeal

9.1 Any player found in breach of the Vilification code has the opportunity to appeal against a decision made by the VTCA Tribunal to an Appeals Panel.

10. Timing

10.1 The timing and the process of any conciliation or mediation between clubs and players shall be at the direction of the VTCA Board of Management or its nominee.



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 following:

- 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.



EXTREME HEAT PROCEDURE

On a day of extreme heat, the following procedures apply with respect to play taking place:

- 1. It is the responsibility of **both** captains/scorers or designated persons that the Weather App (Weatherzone) be checked 15 minutes before play is due to commence.
- 2. If the temperature as recorded in your designated zone is **38 degrees or more**, then play shall not commence.
- 3. Play shall not commence until the recorded temperature falls below 38 degrees.
- 4. It is the responsibility of captains/scorers or designated persons that the weather app (Weatherzone) be checked at 20 minutes intervals during play at the 00, 20 and 40 minute mark of each hour.
- 5. If the temperature as recorded in designated zone is 38 degrees or more, then play shall cease **immediately**.
- 6. Play shall not recommence until the recorded temperature falls below 38 degrees.
- 7. Any delay or interruption to play shall be treated in the usual way and the applicable match rules apply. Specifically, refer to rules regarding reduction of overs and normal conditions.
- 8. If the temperature reaches 38 degrees and play is delayed, under our match rules, the captains can agree to abandon play on the basis that the conditions are unfit for play to continue.
- 9. Where the captains disagree about abandoning play, the decision then rests with the appointed umpire.
- 10. Where the captains disagree and there is no appointed umpire then the teams remain until the temperature falls below 38 degrees, they come to an agreement, or 6:00pm arrives.

Clubs will be allocated to a Zone which will be published as **Table F**



INJURY POLICY

- 1. Where a player, during the course of a game, suffers an injury which causes bleeding then the Umpires shall decide that player must immediately retire from the game until such time as First Aid has been administered to prevent further bleeding. He cannot resume playing unless the bleeding has stopped, or the wound is securely covered.
- 2. A batsman who is injured and has temporarily retired under Clause 1, or has retired after sustaining any injury and who is unable to return after the fall of the ninth wicket, shall be deemed Retired Hurt and the innings of the batting team shall be deemed closed.
- 3. Where an injury occurs to a batsman involved in the tenth wicket partnership, a maximum of ten minutes will be allowed in order to conform to Clause 1. Where this injury occurs within 10 minutes of the scheduled tea adjournment, tea shall be taken immediately with no extra time being added.
 - If that batsman is unable to continue within the ten-minute time limit, then he shall be deemed Retired Hurt and the innings of the batting team shall be deemed closed.
- 4. There shall be no reduction in the number of overs to be bowled when time is lost due to an injury.
- 5. ALL home teams shall provide a First Aid Kit to be available at the ground for the use of both competing teams.

Such a Kit shall comprise, as a minimum standard: Bandages, Cotton Wool, Gauze, Adhesive Plaster, Band Aids, Closures, Scissors, Tweezers, Antiseptic, Disposable Gloves, Ice Pack, Disposable Plastic Bags.

- 6. Penalty for not providing an adequate First Aid Kit 1 penalty unit
- 7. Penalty units are outlined in **Schedule A**



ALCOHOL CODE

In all Semi and Grand Finals, all supporters are strictly forbidden to consume their own alcohol at any venue due to liquor licencing laws and council by laws. This is in line with licensing conditions imposed on Clubs, and to ensure compliance with Council guidelines.

The VTCA places the onus upon the Competing Clubs in any Finals game to ensure that their supporters adhere to this Alcohol Code.

Where a Host Club finds a breach of this Code, they will advise the VTCA and the Competing Club that they believe to be in breach of the Code and give that Competing Club the opportunity to address the issue.

Should the Competing Club in breach be unable to enforce compliance they shall lose their entitlement to change room facilities for the remainder of that Final.

A second failure to comply shall result in a loss of entitlement to Host Club facilities such as canteen and clubrooms and offenders will be required to leave the venue.

In addition, a fine and/or any other sanction upon the offending club will be determined by a disciplinary subcommittee of the Board of Management.



VTCA POLICY on SUSPECT BOWLING ACTIONS

Participants need to be aware that this has the potential for emotional responses and can be a very sensitive topic most particularly during the emotions of a match; hence unless absolutely necessary, any suspected illegal bowling action should be reported on the relevant paperwork and forwarded to the association within 24 hours of the conclusion of the day's play rather than calling the bowler during the game.

The Reporting of a Suspect Action Form can be emailed, photographed and sent via text or faxed to the relevant Association representative as prescribed above.

Step 1 First Mention

Mention of a suspect action by an umpire must go discreetly to the Association through completion of the Suspected Illegal Action Form sent to the Association President who will then contact the club.

At no time should the umpire(s) or the Umpires Department contact the club.

Upon a first mention it is the responsibility of the club or individual to arrange a private session with an accredited coach, supplying evidence on completion to the Association that assistance has been sought.

The player can continue to bowl during this period under private coaching and any further reports during this time will not be counted as progressive mentions.

(Allocated window for compliance – 2 weeks or unless a mutually agreed period between Association & Club has been determined)

Step 2 Second Mention

Following the above procedures if a second mention is made then the Association will contact the VMCU to arrange Technical Analysis with expert, accredited and independent coaches. The VMCU will meet the cost of initial and approved analysis.

Step 3 Level 2 Intervention Period

If remedial work is required, then the player commences 8 weeks of a Level 2 Intervention period and is expected to be working constructively to ensure his bowling action is within the rules.

Remedial work done during this period must be documented and the Association kept informed of any progress made. A report on completion must be presented to the Association.

The player can continue to bowl during this period under private coaching and any further reports during this time will not be counted as progressive mentions.

Umpires will be advised of the player's situation.

* Should the bowler/club decide not to cooperate or participate in this part of the procedure, the player will immediately be classified as Level 4, and will be suspended from bowling for 12 months. Step 4 Further mention following Level 2 Intervention Period.

Commence a further 8-week Level 3 Intervention Period and undertake additional remedial work. Remedial work done during this period must be documented and the Association kept informed of any progress made. A report on completion must be presented to the Association.

During this Intervention Period the bowler <u>is suspended from bowling in all matches.</u>

Umpires will be advised of the player's situation.

Step 5 Further mention following Level 3 Intervention Period.

<u>Player is now at Level 4 and is suspended from bowling for a period of 12 months.</u> As a courtesy the VMCU must be advised of this situation.



Remedial work done during this period must be documented and the Association kept informed of any progress made. A report on completion must be presented to the Association.

Umpires Department will be advised of the player's situation.

Subsequent Mentions

If a player has been suspended from bowling at Level 4 and resumes bowling after the suspension period has expired, then is subsequently mentioned again, the bowler is then at **Level 5 and will immediately be** suspended for a period of no less than 3 years.

*Note This procedure is ongoing, and players do not return to Level 1 each season. Each mention will progress the procedure, irrespective of time.

**In games where no official VTCA umpire is standing, a Suspect Action Report can be filed by either a player acting as an official umpire at the time of the delivery(s) being bowled or by the opposition captain or a club official who may have witnessed the suspect action.



COVID -19 PLAYING CONDITIONS

The COVID-19 Playing conditions are endorsed by Cricket Victoria as required practices based on the current information available from the Victorian State Government/Department of Health & Human Services together with the guidance from Cricket Australia. These have been fully endorsed by the VCCL, VMCU, VSDCA.

These **requirements are for the 2023/2024 season only** and are to be read in conjunction with our Association rules and the Laws of Cricket in general. Where there is any conflict between our Association rules or the Laws of Cricket in general, these regulations are to take precedence.

Due to the changing nature of these playing conditions, the latest version can be found on the VTCA website.



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

A10. MEETINGS

A11 Standing Orders at Meetings

- All meetings will be presided over by a member of the VTCA Board of Management, known as the Chair.
- A11.2 Any member wishing to move a motion shall arise, address the Chair respectfully, avoid inappropriate language and take his/her seat if called to order by the Chairperson. The motion must be seconded before it is debated, and once seconded it cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the seconder.
- A11.3 No member shall speak more than once to any motion or amendment, excepting the mover of the original motion, who shall have the right of reply.
- A11.4 Debate may ensue once a motion or an amendment has been moved and seconded, but not more than two other speakers shall follow successively on the same side of the question. If two speakers having so spoken, and there then be no speaker to take the opposite view, the question shall be put forthwith.
- A11.5 If another member rises with a point of order during a discussion, the speaker shall resume his/her seat, and the member rising shall state the point of order, whereupon the Chairperson shall rule, such ruling may be reviewed by the meeting.
- A11.6 When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chairperson shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
- A11.7 All voting shall be by show of hands, unless a division is demanded by two members present at the meeting.
- A11.8 In the event of voting being equal, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

A12 Attendance at Meetings

- A12.1 Compulsory attendance is required by Club delegates at the following meetings each season;
 - A12.1.1 Annual General Meeting
 - A12.1.2 Inaugural Match Committee
 - A12.1.3 Book Handout Meeting
 - A12.1.4 Delegates Meetings
- A12.2 In the event of the Delegate being unable to be in attendance at any VTCA scheduled meeting, the said club can be represented at that meeting by a Proxy Delegate.



- A12.3 A Proxy Delegate must notify the Match Committee in writing of their name in order to vote at such meeting.
- A12.4 Any club unable to provide a Proxy as per Rule A12.2 can submit an apology.

A13 Conduct of Meetings

- A13.1 In the event of the Delegate being unable to be in attendance at any meeting of the Club Delegates, the said club can be represented at that meeting by a Proxy Delegate. A Proxy Delegate must notify the Delegates Meeting in writing of their name in order to vote at such meeting.
- A13.2 Any club not represented either by its Delegate or Proxy Delegate at any meeting shall be fined not less than **4 penalty units** or as the Delegates Meeting shall direct. If absent for two successive meetings then the fine shall be not less than **5 penalty units** or as the Delegates Meeting shall direct and the club shall be required to report to the Board of Management.
- A13.3 At all meetings of the Club Delegates a majority of members shall form a quorum.
- A13.4 All voting shall be by show of hands, unless a division is demanded by two of those present.

A14 Penalties for non-attendance

- A14.1 Any club not represented either by its Delegate or Proxy Delegate at any compulsory meeting shall be fined not less than **5 Penalty units** or as the Board of Management or Match Committee shall direct.
- A14.2 Those Clubs who submit and apology by no later than 24 hours prior to the day of the meeting shall not be required to pay the fine pursuant to **Rule A13.1** above.
- A14.3 If a club does not provide a delegate for two successive compulsory meetings then the fine shall be determined at the discretion of the Board of Management or Match Committee. The Board of Management and Match Committee will take into consideration whether or not the Club submitted an apology prior to their non-attendance at the meetings.



A20. TRANSFERS

A21 Principles

- A21.1 The following players require a transfer approved by the VTCA Secretary before being eligible to play in the VTCA.
 - A21.1.1 A player who played with a Club in the VTCA this season or the last three seasons, including any Clubs who have merged, and wishes to transfer to another Club in the VTCA.
 - A21.1.2 A player having played during this season or the last three seasons with a VMCU or VCCL affiliated Club.
 - A21.1.3 A player having played in a Victorian Premier Cricket match or VSDCA Pennant Match during this season or the last three seasons who is not returning directly to the VTCA Club that they last played with.
 - A21.1.4 A player having played in an interstate or overseas domestic competition during this season or the last three calendar years, and who is not returning directly to the VTCA Club that they last played with.
- A21.2 All applications for transfers must be made in accordance with **Rule A41** and must be fully completed **by all parties by noon on the Wednesday prior** to the commencement of a round.
- A21.3 If a transfer is rejected under **Rule A22.3** then it is the responsibility of the "Old Club" to provide evidence to the VTCA Secretary of the reason why, and how it will be resolved.
- Where a player has had a transfer refused under **Rule A22.3**, it is up to them to resolve the issue, have the "Old Club" re-open the transfer and submit the approval to the VTCA Secretary and then have the "New Club" follow this up for approval.
- A21.5 No player will be considered cleared unless:

 A21.5.1 the "New Club" has been emailed by the VTCA Secretary, and
 A21.5.2 approval has been posted on the VTCA Website.
- A21.6 <u>Transfers not posted in accordance with Rule A21.5 means that the player is ineligible to play in that Round.</u>

A22 Procedures

A22.1 The "New Club" must forward via email the completed paperwork to the "Old Club" and also to the VTCA Secretary.



- "Old Clubs" have a **maximum** of five (5) days from the date an application for transfer is lodged to respond or an automatic clearance will result. This does not preclude an earlier approval.
- A22.3 Transfers can **ONLY** be refused on the grounds of fees outstanding, club equipment not returned or a signed contract showing that the player is still committed to the club and details of the indebtedness must be provided with the refusal.
- A22.4 Any player who has been refused a transfer by their Club shall have the right of appeal to the VTCA Transfer/Permit Panel by notifying the Secretary of the VTCA and following the procedure in **Rule A21.4**.
 - A22.4.1 Where there is an appeal by a player or Club against the decision of the VTCA transfer/Permit Panel, there is a right of appeal to the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU).

Where a player or Club believes that the Transfer/Permit Panel.

- (a) has not applied the Rules in making its decision or
- (b) has erred in the application of the Rules.
- The decision of the VTCA Transfer/Permit Panel is available on the Website not later than **6.00pm on the Thursday prior** to the start of a round.
- A22.6 Approvals not posted in accordance with in **Rule A22.5** means that the player is ineligible to play in that Round.
- Where a player requests a transfer and it is not from the "Old Club" that they were last registered with, they will have to submit a new application in accordance with **Rule A41**.
- A22.8 Any applications for Transfers or Permits lodged after 31 December in any season will not allow the player to play in a 1st eleven **under any circumstances**.

A23 Penalties

- A23.1 The Secretary shall notify the Transfers/Permits Panel of any Club playing an unapproved player in breach of the Rules relating to Transfers.
- A23.2 The Transfers/Permits Panel shall penalise the club through the loss of the match in which the player participated and shall be fined **up to 15 penalty units** as the Transfers/Permits Panel may determine.
- A23.3 In the case where the match is lost the penalty shall also include the loss of any percentage gained.
- A23.4 The Club shall have the right to appeal this ruling to the Appeals Panel by notifying the Secretary in writing as per the Appeals Procedure (pg.28).



A30. PERMITS

A31 Principles

- A31.1 The following players require a permit approved by the VTCA Secretary before being eligible to play in the VTCA.
 - A31.1.1 A player who played with a Club in an outdoor competition, either in Australia or overseas, that embraced any part of the period from 1 April to 30 September in the current year, unless he/she is returning to the VTCA Club that he/she played with in the immediate preceding season.
 - A31.1.2 Any player who does not have permanent Australian residency.
 - A31.1.3 Any previously permitted player returning to the VTCA after more than one full VTCA season's absence.
 - A31.1.4 Any non VTCA player who wishes to play in a Sunday Only competition with the VTCA.
- A31.2 All applications for Player Permits must be made in accordance with **Rules A22.1, A44.1 and A44.2** and must be fully completed **by all parties by noon on the Wednesday prior** to the commencement of a round.

A32 Procedures

- A32.1 All applications under **Rule A31.1.2**, are to be presented to the VTCA Secretary (or his/her deputy) either by the player, or by a representative of the Club on behalf of the player.
- A32.2 Copies of the player's visa are required for any player who is requiring a player permit for all non-Australian residents.
- A32.3 Any player and Club seeking a permit under **Rule A31.1.2** must indemnify the VTCA against any costs associated with the approval or otherwise of the application.
- A32.4 No applications under **Rule A31.1.2** will be accepted after 31 December in any year.
- A32.5 No player is considered permitted unless:
 - A32.5.1 his/her "New Club" has been emailed by the VTCA Secretary, and approval has been posted on the VTCA Website no later than **6.00pm on the Thursday prior** to the start of a round.
- A32.6 Approvals not posted in accordance with in **Rule A32.5** mean that the player is ineligible to play in that Round.



A33 Penalties

- A33.1 The Secretary shall notify the Transfers/Permits Panel of any Club playing an unapproved player in breach of the Rules relating to Permits.
- A33.2 The Transfers/Permits Panel shall penalise the club through the loss of the match in which the player participated and shall be fined **up to 15 penalty units** as the Transfers/Permits Panel may determine.
- A33.3 In the case where the match is lost the penalty shall also include the loss of any percentage gained.
- A33.4 The Club shall have the right to appeal this ruling to the Appeals Panel by notifying the Secretary in writing as per the Appeals Procedure (pg.28).

A40. REGISTRATIONS

A41 Principles

- A41.1 Applications for a Registration, including those where a Transfer and/or Permit is required must be submitted in writing on the form provided on the VTCA Website, **signed by the player**, and handed to an official of the "New Club" that the player wishes to join.
- A41.2 It is the responsibility of the "New Club" to ensure that **the original signed application is available upon request** so that authenticity can be checked.
- A41.3 The player transfer/permit MUST be approved by the VTCA Secretary.

A42 Procedures

A42.1 All Players must register on the PlayHQ player database, providing details as per the system requirements.

A43 Definitions

- A43.1 Any registered player shall be deemed to be registered in the name of the Club and not for separate teams.
- A43.2 Once a player is registered with the VTCA, he/she becomes an eligible member of that Club that registers him/her subject to the definition of player as defined in **Rule A43.1** and **Rule 43.3**.
- A43.3 The definition of playing shall be active participation in the game, either by batting, bowling, or fielding (substitutes excepted).
- A43.4 Any player under the age of 16 years as of 1st September in a season must complete an "Under Age Parental Consent Form" each season with the



- consent of a parent or guardian endorsed thereon prior to the player participating in a match.
- A43.5 The form must be signed by the Club Secretary who shall retain the form and shall make it available to the VTCA Secretary upon request.
- A43.6. The Board of Management shall determine the higher Division at the start of each season and advise clubs accordingly prior to the start of the season.

A44 Closure Dates

- A44.1 No player shall be registered after the last home and away match.
- A44.2 All player registrations shall expire on June 30 each year.

A45 Lodging of Claims for Non-Compliance

- A45.1 Any Club wishing to make a claim against another Club concerning the playing of a player who is not registered or not eligible to be registered shall lodge the claim by email with the VTCA Secretary before 8:30pm on the Wednesday immediately following the completion of the match in which the player participated.
- A45.2 Any claims regarding unregistered or ineligible players shall be investigated by the Board of Management.

A46 Penalties for Non-Compliance

- A46.1 Any person playing in a match, who is not registered or not eligible to be registered in accordance with the rules relating to Transfers and\or Permits shall be dealt with as the Board of Management may deem fit.
- A46.2 The Board of Management shall have the power to refuse, cancel, or review any player's registration and its decision shall be subject to the Appeals Procedures.
- A46.3 Any Club playing a player who is not registered, or not eligible to be registered in accordance with these rules shall lose the match, and any points earned, including any percentage gained for the match/matches in which the player participated.
- A46.4 The Board of Management shall also have the power to impose fines on the
- A46.5 Any Club failing to pay any fines imposed for playing an unregistered or ineligible player **within 14 days** shall be disqualified from further competition in all grades.



A50. POINTS SYSTEM

Purpose: The VTCA applies a points system whereby each player is allocated points according to his immediate last point of registration. Clubs must not breach the points cap set by the VTCA in fielding a team. The VTCA has introduced this points cap to equalise the competition to ensure that Cricket is played in a fair and equitable environment and to enable all clubs the chance of success.

A51 Practice

- A51.1 The VTCA will publish the player points cap for the coming 2 seasons by **1 April** each year.
- A51.2 The published player points cap which is the maximum aggregate number of player points for the first elevens of each club in any match in which it plays.
- A51.3 **Prior to 15 September in any season** all clubs must submit a list of current players who have either played in the first eleven in past seasons or whom the club believes may play in the first eleven in that forthcoming season.
- A51.4 In that list, each player must have his/her player points as determined by the club.
- A51.5 The VTCA Points Committee must approve the list submitted pursuant to **Rule A51.3** prior to any current player representing a club in its first eleven.

A52 Principles

- A52. 1 The VTCA will allocate player points according to the various playing histories of players.
- A52.2 The VTCA will publish an updated schedule of player points at various times during the season.
- A52.3 It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that it does not breach the player points cap.
- A52.4 Where a Club seeks approval for a player which puts them outside of **Rule A51.5** that Club agrees that the player is eligible to be registered with that
 Club as per **Rule A40** and that breach of either of these rules shall mean loss of match and any percentage gained.

A53 Procedures

- A53.1 Where a player plays in the first eleven for his club, it is the responsibility of that club to determine the appropriate player points for that player according to the published schedule.
- A53.2 Where a player joins a club and whether or not it is through a clearance under **Rule A20** or through a player permit under **Rule A30** the club must submit his/her player points to the VTCA Points Committee.



A53.3 The VTCA Points Committee must approve his/her player points prior to him/her playing for the first eleven.

A54 Penalties

- A54.1 A breach of **Rule A52.3** shall be referred by the VTCA Secretary to a VTCA Tribunal for investigation. The penalty for a breach is the loss of the match, including any percentage gained.
- A54.2 Any breach of **Rule A53.1, A51.5, A53.2 or A53.3** shall be dealt with as the VTCA Secretary thinks fit including referral to a VTCA Tribunal or to the Protest Sub-Committee.
- A54.3 Penalties for breaches include fining the club, loss of the match and deregistration of players.
- A54.4 The VTCA Appeals Procedure Rules apply to decisions made upon breaches of these rules.

A60. WEATHER

A61 Report to Ground Procedure

- A61.1 The VTCA Weather Committee will when required make a decision as to whether play on any particular day is cancelled.
- A61.2 Such information can be obtained after **10.15** am on match days by visiting the VTCA social media sites.
- A61.3 In the event of extreme weather, be it rain, heat or other conditions, clubs and umpires must check whether a decision has been made to cancel play. Where there is no current message regarding play, then players and umpires must report to grounds.
- A61.4 Any weather decision as to no play regarding Saturday matches also applies to any Saturday competition matches re-scheduled to the Sunday.
- A61.5 Any weather decision as to no play regarding Saturday matches will not apply to the Sunday One Day competition. There will be a separate announcement for this competition by **10.15**am on Sunday.
- A61.6 Umpires must abide by all decisions of the VTCA Wet Weather Committee regarding play being declared off.



A62 Interruptions to Play - Heat

A62.1 On a day of extreme heat, the Extreme Heat Procedure applies (see pg.38)

A63 Interruptions to Play - Lightning

A63.1 In the interest of safety in the game, the Umpires shall suspend play where they feel that there is threat of injury from lightning.

A64 Interruptions to Play - Rain

On a day where play is affected by wet weather, the commencement of play, and any interruptions to play are as set out in these rules.

A65 Interruptions to Play – Bad Light

- A65.1 Any appeal against the light or any later resumption of play must be decided by the umpires from the point of objection.
- A65.2 No more than two appeals against the fitness of light shall be allowed in any one innings on any one day.
- A65.3 After the second appeal the fitness of light shall be in the hands of the umpires.

A70. UMPIRES

A71 Appointments

- A71.1 Wherever possible VTCA Accredited umpires shall be appointed for all matches.
- Where no VTCA appointed umpire is in attendance within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time the match shall be umpired by the competing clubs.
- A71.3 Where a match is umpired under **Rule A71.2** the umpires presiding at the time of any interruption are the only people entitled to rule as to the resumption.
- Where a match is umpired under **Rule A71.2** the umpires presiding at the time are fully entitled to issue Yellow or Red Cards and to make reports of players.
- A71.5 Excepting where provided for, captains, umpires or any other Club officials have no authority to come to an agreement on any point.



A72 Attire

- A72.1 Umpires should be attired in a combination of VTCA long sleeve shirt, dark trousers, official VTCA white hat and white boots / shoes whilst officiating at matches. Individual comfort is encouraged, allowing for the preferred scenario of a combined approach. Any variance to the above must be approved in writing by the VTCA Board of Management.
- A72.2 Players acting as official umpires must wear dark pants \ tracksuit bottom or shorts, shoes (not thongs or sandals) and a club shirt or top in order to be so recognised. **Bats must not be carried by any Club umpire**. Penalty for failure to conform shall be **1 penalty unit** for each and every breach of the above.

A73 Payment

- A73.1 Match Fees shall be fixed by the Board of Management and shall be paid by the two competing Clubs in equal proportions prior to the resumption of play after the tea break. A fine of **1 penalty unit** will be imposed for late payment.
- A73.2 Where umpires are required to report to the ground and play is **called off prior** to the scheduled commencement time umpires are only entitled to **half**of the scheduled umpire's fee for that Division.
- A73.3 Where umpires are required to report to the ground and play is **called off after** the scheduled commencement time, umpires are entitled to the **full** scheduled umpire's fee for that Division.



Umpires Fees for Season 2023/2024

GRADES	2 UMPIRES per match	1 UMPIRE per match
1 st X1 Turner Shield (Snr Div.)	\$200 each	N/A
1 st XI's Only Div.1 – Div. 5	\$180 each	\$200
Second Elevens Senior. Div. to Div.5	\$130 each	\$150
All 72 Over matches, One day divisions (Saturday and Sunday)	\$130 each	\$150
U/18 Competition	\$130 each	\$150
Women's Division	\$110 each	\$130
VTCA T20 matches	\$100	\$100

A74 Times

- Umpires appointed for each round of matches **must be at the ground at least 45 minutes prior** to the time fixed for the commencement of play.
- Umpires **should** notify both clubs that they are within five to ten minutes of starting time and within three minutes between innings.
- A74.3 Immediately after the conclusion of each day's play, an official representative from each of the competing clubs shall seek out the umpire(s) to receive the "All Clear" for any reports or infringements of the rules. Failure to comply:

 2.5 penalty units Fine per Team.



A75 Illegal Deliveries

FAST SHORT PITCHED DELIVERIES LIMIT

A75.1 Fast Short Pitched Limit Per Over

- A75.1.1 A bowler shall be limited to two fast short pitched balls per over in two day games and one fast short pitched ball per over in all other matches (one-day, T20, U18 and Womens). A fast short pitched ball is defined as one which passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease.
- A75.1.2 Should a subsequent such delivery be bowled in an over, in excess of the allowance in Rule A75.1.1, either umpire shall call and signal no ball, caution the bowler indicating this is a first and final warning in accordance with Law 41.6.3.
- A75.1.3 If the bowler is no balled for the same offence a second time in the innings, the umpires shall immediately suspend the bowler from bowling in the innings in accordance with Law 41.6.4.

A75.2 Fast Short Pitched Delivery Not Within Striker's Reach

Any fast short pitched delivery, not being a no ball otherwise, which passes so high that it is not sufficiently within the striker's reach for it to be hit by the bat with a normal cricket stroke, shall be called and signalled wide ball by the umpire at the bowler's end. Such a delivery shall be counted in the fast short pitched limit of two allowed in **Rule A75.1.1**

A75.3 Slow High Full Pitched Balls

- A75.3.1 Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is unfair. Whenever such a delivery is bowled, the umpire shall call and signal No Ball.
- A75.3.2 The bowling of a delivery as defined in A75.3.1 is also dangerous if the bowler's end umpire considers that there is a risk of injury to the striker. In making that judgement the umpire shall:

 Be mindful of:
 - the speed, height and direction of the delivery
 - the skill of the striker
 - the repeated nature of such deliveries.
- A75.3.3 If the umpire considers a non-pitching delivery, or a series of non-pitching deliveries, to be dangerous under A75.3.2, when the ball is dead, the umpire shall repeat the No ball signal to the scorers and then caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning. The umpire shall also inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batter of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings.



- A75.3.4 Should there be any further dangerous such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No ball
 - when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
 - Inform the other umpire for the reason for this action.

The bowler thus suspended shall. Not be allowed to bowl again in that innings. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.

Additionally, the umpire shall, report the occurrence to the batter and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.

The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side and to any Governing Body responsible for the match, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate the team.

A76 Reports by Umpires

- A76.1 Umpires must report all infringements of the rules.
- Any umpire reporting any player must advise the captain or an official club representative **where practicable at** the completion of the match of such report, and lodge a report in writing with the VTCA Tribunal Manager **by**9:00pm on the Sunday after the completion of the match.
- A76.3 **Where practicable**, the umpire(s) must complete the report before leaving, in such detail so that the player is aware of the allegations and give a copy to each captain, or to each official club representative.
- A76.4 Umpires shall be permitted to report more than one player on the same form.
- Where a Club has not complied with **Rule A74.3** in order to receive the All Clear from the umpires, then advice to the VTCA Tribunal Manager as required will be accepted in order to proceed with any such charges.

A77 Reports by Clubs against Umpires

A77.1 In all cases of a complaint re umpiring, **the Club complaining** shall notify the umpire at the ground after the completion of the match, of their intention to report him, and the written report must be lodged with the VTCA Secretary **by 6:00pm on the Monday** after the completion of the match.



A77.2 In the event of the Investigation Committee deciding that such complaint is frivolous, the Club making such complaint shall be subjected to a penalty of **5** penalty units.

A78 Post-Match Requirements

- A78.1 Umpires <u>MUST</u> report on the match in the manner determined by the VTCA, such report to be finalised not later than <u>5:00pm on the Monday</u> following the completion of any match.
- A78.2 Umpires shall report clubs in the designated divisions for failing to provide a non-playing scorer. Refer **Rule M18.1**.
- A78.3 Late starting penalties at the commencement of each day's play, after a change of innings, after a tea break, or after an interruption to play shall be levied upon the responsible team, **1 penalty unit** up to 15 minutes and **2 penalty units** over and up to 30 minutes.
- Late finishing penalties will be imposed on either club if play is not completed by;
 - a) Two-day games Senior Division and Division 1 1st XI matches 80 overs of play are to be completed by 5:30pm.
 - i) Two-day games Senior Division and Division 1 2nd XI matches and all other 1st XI matches
 80 overs of play are to be completed by 6:00pm.
 - ii) All other Division matches
 - 72 overs of play are to be completed by 6:00pm.
 - c) All One-day games

 Each team is allotted 2 hours and 20 minutes from the commencement of innings to bowl your allotted overs.

Where a club concludes its overs after the allocated time, the umpire will determine if one or both clubs will receive a time penalty for a late finish/slow over rate. Each 1st XI team has a time credit of 45 minutes, once this is exhausted a club will be penalised 0.1 points for every 3 minutes over the allocated finishing times.

- A78.5 Umpire/s will be the **sole judge of determining time penalty**, and will take into consideration any delays, which may include, injuries requiring treatment or assistance from the field, cricket ball replacement, time for drinks breaks (not exceeding 3 minutes), adverse weather conditions, or other on-field delays that are not deemed as time wasting by either side.
- A78.6 Teams that believe they are not responsible for a late start or finish have **72** hours from receipt of the umpires match report to lodge an appeal with the VTCA Secretary.



A80. BALLS

A81 Approved Supplier

A81.1 The Kookaburra ball, stamped "VTCA", is the only ball approved for play in normal competition and **must** be used in all specified matches.

A82 Approved Match Ball by Grade

2 Day Games - Compulsory	4 Piece Match Ball – Red Kookaburra
Turner Shield (Snr Div.) & Division 1	Platinum
2 Day Games – Divisions 2,3,4,5, Snr	4 Piece Match Ball – Red Kookaburra
2nds, Division 1-5 2nds	Match (Gold)
One-Day Divisions	4 Piece Match Ball – Red Kookaburra
C1-C4, Sunday One-day and U/18's	Silver
1 Day Games - Compulsory	4 Piece Match Ball – White Kookaburra
Turner Shield (Snr Div.) & Division 1	Platinum
1 Day Games – Compulsory	
Divisions 2,3,4,5, Snr 2nds & Division 1	4 Piece Match Ball – White Kookaburra
– 5 2nds	Match (Gold)
1 Day Divisions – if both Clubs wear full	4 Piece Match Ball – White Kookaburra
colours	Silver
Women's Division Only	4 Piece match Ball – Kookaburra White
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A82.5 In all T20 Competition matches, the Kookaburra Coloured ball as supplied is to be used.

A83 Supply of Ball on Match Day

- A83.1 In all grades, the first innings of **each** team **must** be commenced with the correct **new** ball, as defined in **Rule A82**.
- A83.2 It is the responsibility of the competing clubs to provide their own new ball for the match.
- A83.3 Where a Club fails to produce the **correct** new ball as provided for in **Rule A82**, but produces a **new** stamped VTCA ball, then the match shall be played and that type of new ball shall be used in **both** team's first innings.
- A83.4 If this rule means that a different ball is used in the first innings of the team that bats second, then **Rule A83.4** will apply.
- A83.5 When a match is played under **Rule A83.2**, the home Club shall be fined **10**penalty units per offence and will be dealt with as the Board of Management deems fit.



A84 Failure to Supply New Balls

When a Club fails to produce a new ball as provided for in **Rule A82** for the teams first innings then the match will be awarded to the opposition team.

A85 Failure to Supply Spare Ball

- A85.1 Any Club not providing a spare ball in good condition at the beginning of each match, and shown to the umpires for their approval before the start of play shall be fined 5 penalty unit.
- A85.2 The spare ball shall be left with the scorers.

A86 Use of a Second New Ball

- At any time during an innings in 1st or 2nd Elevens once 80 overs have been bowled the bowling team is entitled to take a new ball at its own expense.
- At any time during an innings in other Elevens once 72 overs have been bowled the bowling team is entitled to take a new ball at its own expense.
- A86.3 The fielding captain of any Eleven **may** elect to use a new ball in the **second** innings at **their own Club's** expense.

A90. PRE-GAME

A91 Protocol

- A91.1 Prior to the commencement of a match, the captains shall enter the ground with the umpires to:
 - A91.1.1 ground inspection
 - A91.1.2 Team Sheets
 - A91.1.3 toss for choice of innings
 - A91.1.4 confirm ground boundaries
 - A91.1.5 agree on local rules
 - A91.1.6 agree on times for taking drinks
 - A91.1.7 agree on any other matters relevant to the match.
- A91.2 An official of each Club shall compare time with the umpires prior to the match starting.

A92 Eligible Numbers for a Team

A92.1 Any team, seven players constituting a team, failing to take the field within 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time on either day of play (rain affected days excepted) shall forfeit the match.



- A92.2 Should a Club be forced to forfeit a match, then the forfeiture must apply to the **lowest Saturday eleven**, unless the Board of Management decides otherwise.
- A92.3 Any Club receiving a forfeit in any grade is entitled to name a team of eligible players for qualification purposes as per **Rule E91.5**

A93 Team Sheets

Team Sheets			
	A93.1	Exchange A93.1.1	Each Captain must complete their Team sheet prior to the toss, take a photo record of the team sheet and text this through to the VTCA – 0422 052 504 prior to the start of play. Failure to do so will incur a fine of 1 penalty unit.
	A93.2	Interim A93.2.1	Team Sheets can be added to, but no names can be deleted.
		A93.2.2	Names can be added until the commencement of the innings of the team batting second.
		A93.2.3	If a team sheet is amended a revised copy is required to be sent through to the VTCA – 0422 052 504 as per Rule A93.1.1
	A93.3	Final A93.3.1	Only players appearing on the Team Sheet in accordance with Rule A93.3.2 are eligible to play in the match.
		A93.3.2	Where a player takes part in the match without being listed on the Team Sheet, that team shall lose any match and any percentage gained.

A94 Substitutes

- A94.1 Any captain fielding a substitute fielder must notify both the umpire and opposition captain for approval before that substitute takes the field. If the opposition captain disagrees then umpire will make the final decision.
- A94.2 A substitute player can field only, he/she cannot bat, bowl or wicketkeep.
- A94.3 If a team requires a substitute fielder due to a late player this will be allowed for the period of one (1) hour from the start of play.
- A94.4 The umpire shall allow a substitute fielder if:

 A94.4.1 if they are satisfied that a fielder has been injured or become ill and that this occurred during the match, or

A94.4.2 for any other wholly acceptable reason.

In all other circumstances a substitute is not allowed.



A95 Penalties

- A95.1 Failure to notify both Umpire and Opposition captain of a substitute or replacement player **2.5 penalty units** fine per **player.**
- A95.2 Captains must also notify the Umpire of the return of the substituted player, prior to him/her taking the field. Failure to notify **2.5 penalty units** fine per player.



A100. COMPETITION RULES

A101 Laws and Rules

- A101.1 The competition shall be played under the Laws of Cricket adopted by Cricket Victoria, provided that no amending Laws shall be deemed to have become operative in this Association unless and until the Board of Management shall have given notice in writing of that fact to all member clubs of the VTCA.
- A101.2 Unless stated otherwise, where these Rules are inconsistent with the Laws of Cricket then these Rules shall prevail.
- A101.3 Where these Rules state that the VTCA decision is final, the VTCA claims sole prerogative

A102 Codes and Procedures

- A102.1 The following rules, codes and procedures form part of these Rules:
 - A102.1.1 Code of Behaviour
 - A102.1.2 Yellow and Red Card Penalties Code
 - A102.1.3 Website, Internet and Social Media Use Code
 - A102.1.4 Tribunal Procedure, including the Appeals Rules
 - A102.1.5 Vilification Procedure
 - A102.1.6 Fixture Variation Procedure
 - A102.1.7 Extreme Heat Policy
 - A102.1.8 Injury Policy
 - A102.1.9 Alcohol Policy
 - A102.1.10 Suspect Bowling Action
 - A102.1.11 Covid playing conditions

A103 Scheduling of Matches

- A103.1 Matches shall be played on the ground of the first drawn club, such draw to take place at the commencement of the season. Matches to be played on and off as far as practicable.
- A103.2 No draw shall take place for December 25 and January 1.
- A103.3 Two half days (not necessarily consecutive) or any one day shall be allotted for each round of matches.
- A103.4 Upon the joint application in writing of the President or Secretary of both competing clubs in accordance with the Fixture Variation Procedure, the Board of Management may fix other days, grounds and times for commencing or continuing any match.



A104 Responsibilities of Clubs

- A104.1 Competing clubs shall be responsible to the Board of Management for the maintenance of order during any match on their ground, and shall, when requested by the Board of Management provide sufficient police protection, the cost of which shall be defrayed as the Board of Management shall direct.
- A104.2 The Board of Management may at its discretion sanction any club for permitting disorderly conduct on its ground, or may order it to move to another ground to be approved by the Board of Management.
- A104.3 Any Club investigated by the Board of Management for permitting disorderly conduct on its ground must be afforded procedural fairness prior to any decision on a sanction being finalised.

A105 Responsibility of Match Committee

A105.1 Refer to Rule **E10 – Match Committee.**

A106 Penalties

- A106.1 Any Club or person violating any Rule or By Law for which there is not a specific penalty, shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board of Management.
- A106.2 Where not otherwise provided for, the decision of the Board of Management in all matters in which it is concerned shall be final subject to the VTCA Appeals Process.



MATCH RULES M7. GENERAL

M8 Investigations

- M8.1 All reports, complaints and charges laid under these Rules shall be referred to and dealt with by the Tribunal consisting of persons as appointed by the Board of Management. Three members of such Tribunal shall constitute a quorum.
- M8.2 Unless a rule specifically provides otherwise, the Tribunal may impose penalties on Clubs, players, officials, club members and supporters in relation to all reports, complaints and charges as seen fit. Penalties may include, but are not restricted to, reprimands, fines, suspensions and education programs.
- M8.3 The VTCA Board of Management, the Clubs, or its representative or the supporters, shall be promptly notified of the results of such penalties.
- M8.4 An investigation can be conducted by a VTCA Tribunal, during the course of which, on the evidence provided, the matter can then immediately proceed to a tribunal hearing. Providing all relevant parties and required witnesses are in attendance.

M9 <u>Club Suspensions</u>

M9.1 The Permits and Clearances Sub-Committee shall have the power to enquire into the disqualification of any player by any Club before endorsing same.

M10 Service Rule

- M10.1 Clubs may apply to the VTCA Secretary for a substitute for any player unavailable due to Full Time or Reserve service requirements in the Air Force, Army or Navy, or the Emergency Services, such as CFA, DSE, SES, etc.
- M10.2 Such a substitute must be a player who is eligible to play in that eleven.
- M10.3 The VTCA Secretary shall advise all Clubs affected by **Rule M95.1** of any decision made.
- M10.4 Any substitute under **Rule M95.3** shall be permitted to bat, bowl, field and act as wicket keeper, and his/her name and the name of the player for whom he/she is acting as substitute must be given to the captain of the opposing team and to the umpires prior to the commencement of the days play.



M11

- M11.5 The Delegates Meeting **must** abide by all decisions made by the VTCA Weather Committee.
- M11.6 Any Club or person violating any Rule or By Law for which there is not a penalty, shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board of Management.
- M11.7 Where not otherwise provided for, the decision of the Board of Management in all matters in which it is concerned shall be final.

M12 Match Protocol

- On each day, play shall cease once the requisite number of overs for that day have been bowled. If necessary, play shall continue after 6:00pm (5:30pm for Snr Div. & Div.1 1st XI matches) until the required number of overs have been bowled.
- M12.2 Regardless of the number of overs to be bowled for the day, if play is not taking place at 6:00pm (5:30pm for Snr Div. & Div. $1 1^{st}$ XI matches), or is interrupted after 6:00pm (5:30pm for Snr Div. & Div. $1 1^{st}$ XI matches) other than for a change of innings then play for that day shall cease.
- M12.3 It is expected that play should conclude at the scheduled time of 6:00pm (5:30pm for Snr Div. & Div.1 1st XI matches) should play continue beyond the scheduled finish time penalties may apply in accordance with **Rule A78.4.**
- M12.4 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings, after a tea break or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78.3** by the Umpires.

M12.5 Use of a Runner

- 12.5.1. For matches with an appointed VTCA umpire the use of a runner will be up to the umpire's discretion.
- 12.5.2. Where no VTCA umpire has been appointed the use of a runner will be subject to both captains being in agreeance.

M12.6 Fielder absent or leaving the field of play

- **M12.6.1** A player going briefly outside the boundary while carrying out any duties as a fielder is not absent from the field of play nor, for the purposes of this Law, is he/she to be regarded as having left the field of play.
- **M12.6.2** If a fielder fails to take the field at the start of play or at any later time, or leaves the field during play,
 - **M12.6.2.1** an umpire shall be informed of the reason for this absence.



- **M12.6.2.2** he/she shall not thereafter come on to the field of play during a session of play without the consent of the umpire.
- **M12.6.2.3** The umpire shall give such consent as soon as it is practicable.
- M12.6.2.4 he/she shall not be permitted to bowl, until having been back on the field of play for a period of time known as Penalty time as described in M12.6.6 to M12.6.7 and M12.6.8
- **M12.6.3** A player's unserved Penalty time shall be limited to a maximum of 90 minutes.
- **M12.6.4** If the player leaves the field before having served all of his/her Penalty time, the balance is carried forward as unserved Penalty time.
- **M12.6.5** The player shall not bowl until all of his/her Penalty time has been served. On any occasion of absence, the amount of Playing time for which the player is off the field shall be added to any Penalty time that remains unserved, subject to **M12.6.3**.
- **M12.6.6** If there is an unscheduled break in play, the stoppage time shall count as Penalty time served, provided that,
 - **M12.6.6.1** the fielder who was on the field of play at the start of the break either takes the field on the resumption of play, or his/her side is now batting.
 - **M12.6.6.2** the fielder who was already off the field at the start of the break notifies an umpire in person as soon as he/she is able to participate, and either takes the field on the resumption of play, or his/her side is now batting. Stoppage time before an umpire has been so notified shall not count towards unserved Penalty time.
- **M12.6.7** Any unserved Penalty time shall be carried forward into the next and subsequent days and innings of the match, as applicable.

M12.6.8 Penalty time not incurred

A nominated player's absence will not incur Penalty time if,

- **M12.6.8.1** he/she has suffered an external blow during the match and, as a result, has justifiably left the field or is unable to take the field.
- **M12.6.8.2** in the opinion of the umpires, the player has been absent or has left the field for other wholly acceptable reasons, which shall not include illness or internal injury.



M12.7 Player returning without permission

M12.7.1 If a player comes on to the field of play in contravention of **M12.6.2** and comes into contact with the ball while it is in play, the ball shall immediately become dead.

- M12.7.2 The umpire shall award 5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
- **M12.7.3** Runs completed by the batters shall be scored together with the run in progress if they had already crossed at the instant of the offence.
- M12.7.4 The ball shall not count as one of the over.

M12.7.5 The umpire shall inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side, the batters and, as soon as practicable, the captain of the batting side of the reason for this action.

M12.8 Restriction on batters commencing an innings

M12.8.1 If a member of the batting side has unserved Penalty time, see

M12.6.7 (Fielder absent or leaving the field of play), that player shall not be permitted to bat or act as a runner until that Penalty time has been served. However, even if the unserved Penalty time has not expired, that player may bat after his/her side has lost 5 wickets.

M12.8.2 In the event of an unscheduled stoppage, the stoppage time after the batter notifies an umpire in person that he/she is able to participate shall count as Penalty time served.

M12.9 If any unserved Penalty time remains at the end of a team's innings, it shall be carried forward to the next and subsequent innings of the match if appropriate.

M13 Interruptions – Calculation of Time Lost

- M13.1 There shall be a deduction of three (3) overs for any declaration or termination of innings, except there shall be no deduction where an innings is compulsory closed.
- M13.2 Time taken for the tea adjournment shall not form part of the time allotted for the match, and shall not be considered for the purposes of determining the requisite number of overs to be bowled.
- M13.3 Time lost due to interruptions to play shall be computed from the lifting and replacement of the bails.



M14 Interruptions – Completion of an Over

- M14.1 An over in progress at the time of an interruption for weather or the tea adjournment shall be completed upon resumption of play.
- Where an over is in progress at the cessation of play on the first day, and the team batting continues its innings on the second day, the over shall be completed. This over shall not form part of the allotted number of overs for the second day of play. Where the bowler is not in attendance at the scheduled starting time on the second day, then that over shall be completed by another bowler, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.

M15 Interruptions – Completion of Scorebook

In the event of an innings being closed or not completed, the batting list must be completed in both score books, or where a club is live scoring the batting list must be completed on PlayHQ, by inserting every players initials and name. Initials and names of every player must always be recorded in score books, PlayHQ and on team lists and the team omitting to make such entries shall be fined **2 penalty units** per offence.

M16 Reporting Procedure – Umpires or Clubs

Where an umpire reports a Club Official or where a Club reports a player or official of another club, such report must be lodged in accordance with **Clause 3** of Tribunal Procedures.

M17 Fines – Appeals Against

M17.1 Appeals against any fine shall be lodged with VTCA Secretary within 48 hours of notification, unless under **Rule A78.5.**

M18 Non-Playing Scorer

- M18.1 All first eleven teams, regardless of their Division, shall provide a non-playing scorer.
- M18.2 Penalty for failure to do so **5 penalty units** for first occurrence. Upon any subsequent occurrence a **10 penalty units** fine shall apply and the Club shall be required to come before the Board of Management.



M20. TWO-DAY COMPETITION

M21 General

M21.1 Hours of Play

- M21.1.1 All Senior Division and Division $1 1^{st}$ XI Two-Day games shall commence at 12:30pm.
- M21.1.2 All other 1st and 2nd eleven Two-Day games shall commence at 1:00pm.
- M21.1.3 All 3rd and 4th eleven Two-Day games shall commence at 1:00pm.

M21.2 Overs per Day

- M21.2.1 All Senior Division and Division 1 1st and 2nd eleven Two-Day games shall cease once 80 overs have been bowled on each day of play, except as provided for in these Rules.
- M21.2.2 **Division 2 5 1**st eleven Two-Day games shall cease once 80 overs have been bowled on each day of play, except as provided for in these Rules.
- M21.2.3 Division 2-5 2nd eleven and 3rd eleven Two-Day games shall cease once 72 overs have been bowled on each day of play, except as provided for in these Rules.
- M21.2.4 Two-day games can cease at any time after the scheduled tea break on the second day if a result has been reached and both captains agree to play ending.
- M21.2.5 There shall be a deduction of three (3) overs for any declaration or termination of innings, except there shall be no deduction of overs where an innings is compulsory closed.

M21.3 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

- M21.3.1 Both Captains may agree to commence play on either day more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- M21.3.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play.
- M21.3.3 After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.
- M21.3.4 If play has not commenced prior to the scheduled tea break, play should be abandoned for the remainder of the day.
- M21.3.5 It is expected that the requisite number of overs for the day shall be completed by 6:00pm (Snr. Div & Div.1 1st XI matches shall be completed by 5:30pm).



- M21.3.6 Until the total specified period of time lost has been reached, no overs are deducted.
- M21.3.7 Once the specified period of time has been lost for a day, overs are deducted at the rate prescribed for that day.
- M21.3.8 If the innings of the team batting first is compulsorily closed on either or Day 1 or Day 2, the team batting second shall only be entitled to receive the same number of legitimate balls as the team batting first received.
- M21.3.9 If the innings of the team batting first is declared closed or they are dismissed on Day 1 or Day 2, the team batting second shall be entitled to receive at least the same number of legitimate balls as the team batting first received.

M21.4 Follow On

M21.4.1 The side that bats first and **leads by 100 runs** shall have the option of requiring the other side to follow their innings.

M21.5 Ordinary Conditions for Result of Match (OCRoM)

- M21.5.1 Occur after the loss of a specified period of time and eliminate the Compulsory Closure requirement of the team batting first.
- M21.5.2 Under OCRoM, the team batting second must either pass the score of the team batting first, or be dismissed for less than the score of the team batting first.
- M21.5.3 If the team batting second is not dismissed, or does not pass the score of the team batting first, then the match is a draw.

M21.6 Result of Match

- M21.6.3 If Subject to **Rule M23** and **Rule M24**, the match is not completed it shall be decided by the number of runs scored in each innings irrespective of the number of wickets lost.
- M21.6.2 In the event of an equality of the number of runs in which each team has two innings, one of which is not completed, the match shall be decided by the first innings, provided that the team which had not completed its second innings was leading on the first innings.
- M21.6.3 If the team which had not completed its second innings was not leading on the first innings, the match shall be a tie.



M22 Intervals

M22.1 Tea Interval

- M22.1.1 Senior Division and Division 1 1st XI Only
 A tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken from 2:50pm to
 3:10pm unless varied under Rule M22.2.1
- M22.1.2 A tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken from 3:20pm to 3:40pm unless varied under **Rule M22.2.1**
- M22.1.3 If an over is commenced within two minutes of the scheduled tea adjournment it shall be completed unless a wicket falls, when the tea adjournment shall be taken immediately, unless varied under **Rule M22.2.2**
- M22.1.4 If nine (9) wickets are down at the time of the scheduled tea adjournment, play shall continue and the adjournment shall be taken when the last wicket falls, or after a maximum of 30 minutes play.

M22.2 Variations to Tea Interval

- M22.2.1 If an innings is declared closed or completed, or any play is interrupted, between 2:40pm and 3:20pm (Snr Div. & Div.1 1st XI matches between 2:10pm and 2:50pm) the tea adjournment shall be taken immediately.
- M22.2.2 Where play commences between 2:00pm and 2:59pm (Snr Div. & Div.1 1st XI matches between 1:30pm and 2:29pm), the tea adjournment shall be taken at a time which spans the mid-point of the remaining time.
- M22.2.3 Where play commences at or after 3:00pm (Snr Div.& Div. $1-1^{st}$ XI matches 2:30pm) there shall be no tea adjournment. In this case the time remaining up to 6:30pm (Snr Div. & Div. 1-6:00pm) shall be used to calculate the requisite number of overs to be bowled.



M23 Interruptions - Day 1

M23.1 Less than 30 Minutes

- M23.1.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost on Day 1, the number of overs to be bowled for that day shall not be reduced.
- M23.1.2 The scheduled finishing time for the match shall be extended to 6:30pm (Snr Div. & Div.1- 1st XI matches extended time shall be 6:00pm), and the innings of the team batting first, if not declared closed or dismissed, shall be compulsorily closed at the conclusion of that days play.
- M23.1.3 Where play is interrupted after 6pm (Snr Div.& Div.1 time shall be 5:30pm) other than for a change of innings then play for that day shall cease, regardless of the number of overs bowled to that point for the day.

M23.2 More than 30 Minutes

- M23.2.1 Both Captains may agree to commence a match more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time on Day 1.
- M23.2.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play. After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.

M23.3 Revised Playing Conditions after losing more than 30 Minutes

- M23.3.1 If more than 30 minutes of playing time is lost on Day 1 the match conditions shall remain unchanged, but the requisite number of overs shall be reduced only for that **time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost**.
- M23.3.2 In this case the scheduled finishing time for that days play shall be extended to 6:30pm(Snr Div. & Div. $1 1^{st}$ XI matches extend to 6:00pm) and play shall cease once the requisite number of overs have been bowled.
- M23.3.3 The requisite number of overs remaining of Day 1 shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost. (Refer to Table A).
- M23.3.4 To calculate the allocation of overs for each innings: refer to Table B, dividing this by 2, and rounding up to an even number if necessary.



M23.3.5 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received half the revised allocated number of overs for the match.

M23.4 Revised Playing conditions when no play has taken place on Day 1.

- M23.4.1 Where no play has taken place on the scheduled first day of a two day match then the match shall revert to a one-day match the following week.
- M23.4.2 This will be played under one day conditions with a white ball and coloured clothing.

M24 Interruptions - Day 2

M24.1 Innings of team Batting First

- M24.1.1 Where the innings of the team batting first has continued into Day 2, and has not been interrupted for more than 30 minutes on Day 2, normal conditions apply and its innings, if not declared closed or dismissed, shall be compulsorily closed after it has batted for half the requisite number of overs for the match.
- M24.1.3 Where the innings of the team batting first has continued into Day 2, and is interrupted for more than 30 minutes on Day 2, ordinary conditions apply and it is entitled to continue its innings until declared closed or dismissed.

M24.2 Innings of Team Batting Second

- M24.2.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost on Day 2, the number of overs to be bowled for that day shall not be reduced.
- M24.2.2 If more than 30 minutes playing time is lost on Day 2 the match shall revert to ordinary conditions, there shall be no compulsory closure, and the requisite number of overs shall be reduced only for that time in excess of the first 30 minutes lost. (Refer to Table A).
- M24.2.3 Once a 1st or 2nd eleven match has reverted to ordinary conditions and 80 overs have been bowled in an innings the bowling team is entitled to take a new ball, at its own expense.
- M24.2.4 Once a 3rd or 4th eleven match has reverted to ordinary conditions and 72 overs have been bowled in an innings the bowling team is entitled to take a new ball, at its own expense.



M30. ONE DAY GAMES – Two Day Comp

This includes a scheduled One Day Game, and any Two Day Game that has reverted to a One Day Game.

M31 General

M31.1 Hours of Play

- M31.1.1 All Snr Div. & Div.1 **1st XI** One-Day games shall commence at 12:30pm.
- M31.1.2 All other 1st and 2nd eleven One-Day games shall commence at 1:00pm.
- M31.1.3 All 3rd and 4th eleven One-Day games shall commence at 1:00pm.

M31.2 Overs per Day

- M31.2.1 All 1st eleven, Senior Division and Divisions 1- 2nd eleven One-Day games shall cease once 80 overs except as provided in these Rules.
- M31.2.2 Division 2 -5 2nd, 3rd and 4th eleven One-Day games shall cease once 72 overs except as provided in these Rules.
- M31.2.3 Once more than 30 minutes of play have been lost in a day the overs are adjusted as per Table A.
- M31.2.4 All one-day games in any grade will finish once a result has been reached

M31.3 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

- M31.3.1 Both Captains may agree to commence play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- M31.3.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play.
- M31.3.3 After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.
- M31.3.4 As per Table C, once 30 overs have been lost in any 80 over match it reverts to OCRoM.
- M31.3.5 As per Table D, once 27 overs have been lost in any other 72 over match it reverts to OCRoM.

M31.4 Follow On

M31.4.1 There is no follow on, each team is limited to **one innings**.



M31.5 Ordinary Conditions for Result of Match (OCRoM) – other than 1st XI matches

M31.5.1 Occur when the team batting second is unable to receive at least the same number of overs as the team batting first.

M31.6 Result of Match – 1st XI only

- M31.6.1 Under OCRoM, the "Target Score" for the team batting second shall be calculated using the VTCA approved <u>"Tarams Inc –</u> **Duckworth Lewis Calculator"**
- M31.6.2 The team batting second must achieve the calculated "Target Score" to win the match.
- M31.6.3 If the team batting second is dismissed, or does not achieve the "Target Score", then the team batting first is awarded the match.
- M31.6.4 A minimum of 20 overs must be available to the team batting second to constitute a match. If less than 20 overs is available to the team batting second, the result shall be a draw.
- M31.6.5 It is the joint responsibility of the scorers to calculate the "Target Score"

M31.6 Result of Match – other XI's

- M31.6.6 Under OCRoM, the team batting second must either pass the score of the team batting first, or be dismissed for less than the score of the team batting first.
- M31.6.7 If the team batting second is not dismissed, or does not pass the score of the team batting first, then the match is a draw.

M31.7 Finishing Times

- M31.7.1 It is expected that play should conclude at the scheduled time of 6:00pm (Snr Div. & Div. $1-1^{st}$ XI scheduled time of 5:30pm), should play continue beyond the scheduled finish time penalties may apply in accordance with **Rule A78.4.**
- M31.7.2 In each innings the scorers and umpires shall acknowledge by clear signal when there are five overs to go, and at the beginning of the final over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding team and the batters.



M31.8 Fines related to times

M31.8.1 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings, after a tea break or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78** by the Umpires.

M32 Intervals

M32.1 Tea Interval

M32.1.1 A tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken between innings.

M33. Interruptions

M33.1 Less than 30 minutes

- M33.1.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost the number of overs to be bowled for the day shall not be reduced.
- M33.1.2 The scheduled finishing time for the match shall be extended to 6:30pm (Snr Div. & Div.1 1st XI time extended to 6:00pm), and the innings of the team batting first, if not declared closed or dismissed, shall be compulsorily closed at the conclusion of the **maximum** number of scheduled overs.

M33.2 More than 30 Minutes

- M33.2.1 Both Captains may agree to commence a match more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- M33.2.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play.
- M33.2.3 After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.
- M33.2.4 If more than 30 minutes of playing time is lost the match conditions shall remain unchanged, but the requisite number of overs shall be reduced only for that **time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost**.
- M33.2.5 In this case the scheduled finishing time for the day play shall be extended to 6:30pm (Snr Div. & Div.1 1^{st} XI extend to 6:00pm), and play shall cease once the requisite number of overs have been bowled.
- M33.2.6 The requisite number of overs shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost. (Refer to Table C or Table D).



M33.2.7 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received the revised allocated number of overs for its innings.

M34. Restrictions

M34.1 Innings Limitation

- M34.1.1 No Senior Division and Division 1 1st or 2nd eleven innings shall exceed 40 overs.
- M34.1.2 No Division 2-5 2nd, 3rd or 4th eleven innings shall exceed 36 overs.

M34.2 Batters

M34.2.1 There are no restrictions on batters.

M34.3 Fielders

M34.3.1 Other than the normal Laws of Cricket, there are no restrictions upon fielding positions for 2^{nd} XI – 40 over matches or 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} XI – 36 over matches.

M34.3.2 Inner Fielding Area – applicable to 1st XI matches only.

- M34.3.3 Two semi-circles of 27.5 metres radius, each having their centre at the middle stump at each end shall be drawn on the field of play.
- M34.3.4 The two semi-circles shall be linked by two straight parallel lines drawn on the field of play.
- M34.3.5 The Inner Fielding Area can be indicated by continuous lines as above, or by large white dots drawn at 5 metre intervals.
- M34.3.6 For the first 12 overs (1-12) of each innings, only two fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction circles, for the next 28 overs (13-40) only a maximum of five (5) fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction circles.

M34.3.7 Interruptions of more than 30 minutes – 1st XI only

M34.3.8 When more than 30 minutes is lost after the commencement of play, refer to **Table E** – for the required number of overs per bowler and the required number of fielders allowed outside the semicircle.

M34.3.9 On-side fielders – 1st XI only

M34.3.10 At the instance of delivery, there may not be more than five(5) fielders on leg-side.

M34.4 Bowlers

M34.4.1 No bowler is permitted to bowl more than one fifth of the scheduled number of overs in an innings (**Refer to Table E**).



M34.4.2 Any ball passing outside the leg stump, the umpire shall call "Wide" providing the ball does not pass between the batter and the leg stump.

M34.5 Free Hit – 1st XI only

- M34.5.1 Where a delivery is called a "No Ball", the subsequent delivery shall be designated a "Free Hit".
- M34.5.2 Should the "Free Hit" delivery not be a legitimate delivery, the next delivery shall also become a "Free Hit".
- M34.5.3 For a "Free Hit" delivery the batter can only be dismissed under the circumstances that apply for a "No Ball".
- M34.5.4 No field changes are permitted for "Free Hit" deliveries unless; i) There is a change of striker,
 ii) The "No Ball" was a result of a fielding restriction breach, in which case the field may be changed to correct the breach only.

M35. Clothing

M35.1 Colours

- M35.1.1 Clubs are entitled to wear coloured clothing that has been approved by the VTCA Secretary in accordance with **Rule M92.2**
- M35.1.2 Regardless of the approval for clothing, no batter shall be allowed to wear pads the same colour as the ball.
- M35.1.3 All 1st & 2nd XI teams are required to wear approved full coloured clothing from the commencement of season 2023/2024, in all one day fixtures. Lower XI's can request to wear coloured clothing in these games with the approval of both the competing club and the VTCA Board of Management.



M40. ONE DAY COMPETITION

M41. General

M41.1 Hours of Play

- M41.1.1 All Saturday One-Day games shall commence at 1:00pm.
- M41.1.2 All Sunday One-Day games shall commence at 12 noon.

M41.2 Overs per Day

- M41.2.1 All Saturday or Sunday One-Day games shall cease once 72 overs have been bowled, except as provided for in these Rules.
- M41.2.2 All One-day games in any grade will finish once a result has been reached.

M41.3 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

M41.3.1 As per **Table D**, once 27 overs have been lost in any One-Day Competition match it reverts to OCRoM.

M41.4 Follow On

M41.4.1 There is no follow on each team is limited to **one innings**.

M41.5 Ordinary Conditions for Result of Match (OCRoM)

M41.5.1 Occurs when the team batting second is unable to receive at least the same number of overs as the team batting first.

M41.6 Result of Match

- M41.6.1 Under OCRoM, the team batting second must either pass the score of the team batting first, or be dismissed for less than the score of the team batting first.
- M41.6.2 If the team batting second is not dismissed, or does not pass the score of the team batting first, then the match is a draw.

M41.7 <u>Finishing Times</u>

- M41.7.1 For the purposes of determining fines for a late finish, it is expected that play should conclude at 5:30pm (Sunday comp 4:30pm).
- M41.7.2 In each innings the scorers and umpires shall acknowledge by clear signal when there are five overs to go, and at the beginning of the final over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding team and the batsmen.



M41.8 Fines related to times

M41.8.1 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings, after a tea break or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78** by the Umpires.

M42. Intervals

M42.1 <u>Tea Interval</u>

M42.1.1 A tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken between innings.

M43. Interruptions

M43.1 Less than 30 Minutes

M43.1.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost the number of overs to be bowled for the day shall not be reduced. The scheduled finishing time for the match shall be extended to 6:00pm (Sunday comp – extend to 5:00pm), and the innings of the team batting first, if not declared closed or dismissed, shall be compulsorily closed at the conclusion of the maximum number of scheduled overs.

M43.2 More than 30 Minutes

- M43.2.1 Both Captains may agree to commence a match more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- M43.2.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play.
- M43.2.3 After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.
- M43.2.4 If play has not commenced prior to the scheduled tea break, play shall be abandoned for the remainder of the day.
- M43.2.5 If more than 30 minutes of playing time is lost the match conditions shall remain unchanged, but the requisite number of overs shall be reduced only for that time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost.
- M43.2.6 In this case the scheduled finishing time for the day play shall be extended to 6:00pm (Sunday one-day comp 5:00pm) and play shall cease once the requisite number of overs have been bowled.
- M43.2.7 The requisite number of overs shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost. (**Refer to Table D**).
- M43.2.8 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received the revised allocated number of overs for its innings.



M44. Restrictions

M44.1 Innings

M44.1.1 No innings shall exceed 36 overs.

M44.2 <u>Batters</u>

M44.2.1 Any batter reaching 100 must retire, and may only return upon the fall

of the last batter. Batters retiring under this rule must return in order of retirement, or they are classed as dismissed unless the situation is corrected before the next ball is bowled.

M44.3 <u>Fielders</u>

M44.3.1 Other than the normal Laws of Cricket, there are no restrictions upon

fielding positions.

M44.4 Bowlers

M44.4.1 No bowler is permitted to bowl more than one fifth of the

scheduled number of overs in an innings (Refer to Table E).

M44.4.2 In all One-day competitions, one ball that passes down leg side that

would not be considered a wide under the Laws of Cricket – Law 22.4

(one-day wide) is allowed.

M44.5 <u>Players</u>

M44.5.1 A club is permitted to select in its Sunday one-day team, up to 3 players

from within your own club or 2 permitted players who have played on

that weekend or in that round, in any Saturday competition.

M44.5.2 A club is permitted to select twelve (12) players in a match, with a

designated non-bowler and non-batter.

Players nominated in the twelve must **physically participate in the match** and the non-bowler and non-batter nominated on the team

sheet.

M44.5.3 There are no restrictions on the number of players that can be selected

from a Clubs lower XI's, **providing they are under the age of 18 as of 1**st **September** and have not played 1st XI on that weekend in any VTCA or

any other VMCU/VCCL affiliated competitions.

M44.5.4 Players who played in any first eleven on that weekend either in a

VTCA or any other VMCU/VCCL affiliated competitions in that round in

any Saturday competition are not eligible.

M44.5.5 In the Open Competition, no restrictions on players that have played on

that weekend in a 1st XI, however, they must be players registered and participating at your Club. **No permits** will be granted for players

outside of the VTCA.



M50. Under 18 ONE DAY COMPETITION

M51. General

M51.1 Hours of Play

M51.1.1 All Under 18 One-Day Competition games shall commence at 12 noon.

M51.2 Overs per Day

- M51.2.1 All Under 18 One-Day Competition games shall cease once 72 overs have been bowled, except as provided for in these Rules.
- M51.2.2 All One-day games in any grade will finish once a result has been reached.

M51.3 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

M51.3.1 As per **Table D**, once 27 overs have been lost in any One-Day Competition match it reverts to OCRoM.

M51.4 Follow On

M51.4.1 There is no follow on each team is limited to one innings.

M51.5 Ordinary Conditions for Result of Match (OCRoM)

M51.5.1 Occurs when the team batting second is unable to receive at least the same number of overs as the team batting first.

M51.6 Result of Match

- M51.6.1 Under OCRoM, the team batting second must either pass the score of the team batting first, or be dismissed for less than the score of the team batting first.
- M51.6.2 If the team batting second is not dismissed, or does not pass the score of the team batting first, then the match is a draw.

M51.7 Finishing Times

- M51.7.1 For the purposes of determining fines for a late finish, it is expected that play should conclude at 4:30pm.
- M51.7.2 In each innings the scorers and umpires shall acknowledge by clear signal when there are five overs to go, and at the beginning of the final over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding team and the batters.

M51.8 Fines related to times

M51.8.1 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings, after a tea break or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78** by the Umpires.



M52. Eligibility

M52.1 Selection of Players

- M52.1.1 A club is permitted to select twelve (12) players in a match.
- M52.1.2 All players must be under the age of 18 as of 1st September in any year.

M53. Intervals

M53.1 <u>Tea Interval</u>

M53.1.1 A tea adjournment of 20 minutes shall be taken between innings.

M54. Interruptions

Less than 30 Minutes

M54.1.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost the number of overs to be bowled for the day shall not be reduced. The scheduled finishing time for the match shall be extended to 5:00pm, and the innings of the team batting first, if not declared closed or dismissed, shall be compulsorily closed at the conclusion of the maximum number of scheduled overs.

More than 30 Minutes

- M54.2.1 Both Captains may agree to commence a match more than 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- M54.2.2 Either Captain may request further inspections of the pitch before agreeing to play.
- M54.2.3 After play commences all matters are in the hands of the Umpires.
- M54.2.4 If play has not commenced prior to the scheduled tea break, play shall be abandoned for the remainder of the day.
- M54.2.5 If more than 30 minutes of playing time is lost the match conditions shall remain unchanged, but the requisite number of overs shall be reduced only for that time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost.
- M54.2.6 In this case the scheduled finishing time for the day play shall be extended to 5:00pm and play shall cease once the requisite number of overs have been bowled.
- M54.2.7 The requisite number of overs shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost in excess of the first 30 minutes lost. (**Refer to Table D**).
- M54.2.8 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received the revised allocated number of overs for its innings.



M55. Restrictions

M55.1 <u>Innings Limitation</u>

M55.1.1 No innings shall exceed 36 overs.

M55.2 Batters

- M55.2.1 Any batter reaching 100 must retire, and may only return upon the fall of the last batter.
- M55.2.2 Batters retiring under this rule must return in order of retirement, or they are classed as dismissed unless the situation is corrected before the next ball is bowled.

M55.3 Fielders

M55.3.1 Other than the normal Laws of Cricket, there are no restrictions upon fielding positions.

M55.4 Bowlers

- M55.4.1 No bowler is permitted to bowl more than one fifth of the scheduled number of overs in an innings (**Refer to Table E**).
- M55.4.2 In all One-day competitions, one ball that passes down leg side that would not be considered a wide under the Laws of Cricket Law 22.4 (one-day wide) is allowed.

M55.5 Substitutions

M55.5.1 Any player may be substituted to allow the extra man time on the field, providing that all substitutions are notified to the Umpires and that a player cannot bowl unless he has complied with the 15 minute rule.



M60. T20 COMPETITION

M61. General

M61.1 Hours of Play

- M61.1.1 All Mid-Week T20 games shall commence between 5:00 and 5:30pm.
- M61.1.2 All Sunday T20 games shall commence at 12 noon.

M61.2 Overs per Day

M61.2.1 All Mid-Week T20 and Sunday T20 games shall cease once 40 overs have been bowled, except as provided for in these Rules.

M61.3 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

M61.3.1 Where both sides are unable to receive a minimum 10 overs each in any T20 match it reverts to OCRoM.

M61.4 Follow On

M61.4.1 There is no follow on. Each team is limited to **one innings**.

M61.5 Duckworth Lewis

Occurs when the team batting second is unable to receive at least the same number of overs as the team batting first.

M61.6 Result of Match

- M61.6.1 The "Target Score" for the team batting second shall be calculated using the VTCA approved "Tarams Inc Duckworth Lewis Calculator"
- M61.6.2 The team batting second must achieve the calculated "Target Score" to win the match.
- M61.6.3 If the team batting second is dismissed, or does not achieve the "Target Score", then the team batting first is awarded the match.
- M61.6.4 A minimum of 10 overs must be available to the team batting second to constitute a match. If less than 10 overs is available to the team batting second, the result shall be determined by a Bowl Off as per Rule M67.
- M61.6.5 If the match is unable to be determined by a Bowl Off under M67, the result shall be determined by a coin toss conducted by the umpire.



M61.6.6 It is the joint responsibility of the scorers to calculate the "Target Score" and be in agreeance, prior to the match re-commencing.

M61.7 Result of Match

- M61.7.1 Where both teams have received an equal number of overs the result shall be determined by the team with the higher score, irrespective of the number of wickets lost.
- Where both teams have received an equal number of overs and the score is a tie, the result shall be determined by a Super Over as per **Rule M66**.

M61.8 Finishing Times

- M61.8.1 For the purposes of determining fines for a late finish, it is expected that play should conclude at 8:30pm.
- M61.8.2 In each innings the scorers and umpires shall acknowledge by clear signal when there are five overs to go, and at the beginning of the final over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding team and the batters.
- M61.8.3 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78** by the Umpires.

M62. Eligibility

M62.1 Round Robin Matches

- M62.1.1 A Player must have actively participated in a match with his/her affiliated VTCA Club in the current season before playing in a VTCA T20 game, with exception of a permitted "guest player".
- M62.1.2 Active participation requires that he/she is able to be identified on PlayCricket in accordance with **Rule M72**.
- M62.1.3 Clubs may request in writing to the VTCA Board of Management a "Guest Player" during the Round Robin matches. Notification to the Board must be made in writing, **strictly** no later than 3 days prior to the commencement of the game. Eligibility of this player will be determined by the VTCA Board of Management.
- M62.1.4 A "Guest Player" may only participate in the VTCA T20 Round Robin matches with one (1) Club.



M62.2 <u>Finals Matches</u>

- M62.2.1 A player must have actively participated in a VTCA T20 match in the current season prior to playing in a T20 Knockout Round or Finals match.
- M62.2.2 Active participation requires that he/she is able to be identified on MyCricket in accordance with **Rule M72**.
- M62.2.3 <u>"Guest Players" cannot participate in T20 Knockout rounds or finals matches.</u>

M63. Intervals

M63.1 Tea Interval

M63.1.1 A tea adjournment of 10 minutes shall be taken between innings.

M64. Interruptions

M64.1 <u>Less than 30 Minutes in 1st Innings</u>

M64.1.1 If 30 minutes or less of play is lost the number of overs to be bowled for the innings shall not be reduced.

M64.2 More than 30 Minutes in 1st Innings

- M64.2.1 The requisite number of overs shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost. (Refer to Table D).
- M64.2.2 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received the revised allocated number of overs for its innings.
- M64.2.3 If team batting first is unable to face a minimum 10 overs then the game would revert to a bowl off.

M65. Restrictions

M65.1 Innings Limitation

M65.1.1 No innings shall exceed 20 overs.

M65.2 Inner Fielding Area

- M65.2.1 Two semi-circles of 27.5 metres radius, each having their centre at the middle stump at each end shall be drawn on the field of play.
- M65.2.2 The two semi-circles shall be linked by two straight parallel lines drawn on the field of play.



M65.2.3 The Inner Fielding Area can be indicated by continuous lines as above, or by large white dots drawn at 5 metre intervals.

M65.3 Batters

- M65.3.1 At the end of each over the batters must change ends.
- M65.3.2 Any batter who is not at the crease ready to face within 90 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket shall be deemed "Timed Out".

M65.4 Bowlers

- M65.4.1 No bowler is permitted to bowl more than one fifth of the scheduled number of overs in an innings, part overs rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- M65.4.2 Overs are to be bowled in from one end in blocks equal to one quarter of the overs available for the innings.
- M65.4.3 Any ball passing outside leg stump, the umpire shall call "Wide" providing the ball does not pass between the batsman and the leg stump.
- M65.4.4 A batter is entitled to a free hit for any "No Ball".

M65.5 Fielders

Restrictions on the Placement of Fieldsmen

- M65.5.1 At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fielders on the leg side.
- M65.5.2 For the first six overs (1-6) of each innings, only two fielders, for the next 14 overs (7-20), only five fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction circles.
- M65.5.3 For the team batting first, in an interrupted match, the field restrictions will apply as follows:

Total overs in an innings	Total overs for which restrictions above apply	
5-6	1	
7-9	2	
10-13	3	
14-16	4	
17-19	5	
20	6	

M65.5.4 For the team batting second, when the number of overs is reduced, where possible the restrictions determined in M65.5.3 are to be maintained for the same proportion of the innings of the



side batting second as for the innings of the side batting first (fractions to be ignored)

In the event of an infringement, either umpire shall call and signal No Ball.

M65.6 Umpires

M65.6.1 At the end of every five (5) overs the umpires must change position.

M66. Super Over

M66.1 Bowlers End

- M66.1.1 The umpires shall choose which end both teams will bowl their Super Over from.
- M66.1.2 At the end of each over the umpires must change position.

M66.2 Fielders

M66.2.1 At the point of delivery in the Super Overs there shall be no more than four (4) fielders outside the circle or on the Leg side.

M66.3 Umpires

M66.3.1 If there is a VTCA appointed umpire then they shall be at the bowlers end for both overs, otherwise after three legitimate deliveries in the Super Over the umpires must change positions.

M66.4 Result of Match from Super Over

- M66.4.1 At the end of the Super Over the result shall be determined by the team with the higher score, irrespective of the number of wickets lost.
- Where scores are tied at the end of a Super Over the result shall be determined by a Bowl Off as per **Rule M67.2.**

M67. Bowl Off

M67.1 Wicket is too wet for Play

- M67.1.1 The host club shall measure out a "pitch" on a suitable area other than the wicket square.
- M67.1.2 The umpires shall choose which end both teams will conduct the Bowl Off from.
- M67.1.3 Batting creases can be marked with string or spray paint to assist in determining a No-Ball for overstepping.

M67.2 Scores are tied after a Super Over

M67.2.1 The Bowl Off shall take place on the pitch just used.



M67.2.2 The Bowl Off will be conducted from the opposite end to that used for the Super Over.

M67.3 Procedure

- M67.3.1 The Host club shall provide a selection of used balls, not necessarily those normally used for a T20 for the Bowl Off.
- M67.3.2 The VTCA Umpire shall select four balls to be used in the Bowl Off, two for each side.
- M67.3.3 The VTCA Umpire shall conduct a coin toss to determine which side will bowl first.
- M67.3.4 Prior to the coin toss, both Clubs shall write down two groups of five bowlers to the VTCA Umpire, designated 1-5 and 6-10.
- M67.3.5 The Visiting team shall have the call at the coin toss.
- M67.3.6 The team winning the coin toss has the right to select which side will bowl first.
- M67.3.7 Bowlers 1-5 from both Clubs shall bowl in the order as designated in an alternating manner.
- M67.3.8 Any bowler who oversteps shall have his delivery eliminated, regardless of whether he hits the stumps.

M67.4 Result of Match from Bowl Off

- M67.4.1 At the end of the first five bowlers in the Bowl Off the result shall be determined by the team which has legitimately hit the wickets the most.
- M67.4.2 If the score is tied then bowlers 6-10 proceed in accordance with **Rule M67.3.7**, on a sudden death basis.
- M67.4.3 If the score is tied after ten bowlers, then the 11th player, and then back from 1 onwards will proceed in accordance with **Rule M67.3.7**, on a sudden death basis.

M68. Clothing

M68.1 Shirts and Pants

M68.1.1 Clubs are required to wear coloured clothing that has been approved by the VTCA Secretary in accordance with **Rule M92.2**.

M68.2 Pads

M68.2.1 Regardless of the approval for clothing, no batter shall be allowed to wear pads the same colour as the ball.



M69 – VTCAWD COMPETITION

M69. General

- M69.1 All **VTCAWD** games shall commence at 12 noon.

 VTCAWD games if in agreeance with both clubs may start at 10:00am,

 notification to the VTCA Secretary must be in writing by no later than 5pm on the Thursday prior to the match.
- M69.1.1 All **VTCAWD** games shall cease once 40 overs have been bowled, except as provided for on these Rules.
- M69.1.2 Each team must have a minimum of 7 players before the match can commence
- M69.1.3 The opposition team may offer the team with less players "substitute players" who are able to field, bowl and bat for the opposition team that they have been substituted to.
- M69.1.4 A Club is permitted to select twelve (12) players in a match of which all 12 can bowl/field with 11 permitted to bat.

M69.2 Ordinary Conditions of Play (OCoP)

M69.2.1 Where both sides are unable to receive a minimum 10 overs each in any T20 match it reverts to OCRoM.

M69.3 Follow On

M69.3.1 There is no follow on. Each team is limited to **one innings**.

M69.4 Ordinary Conditions for Result of Match (OCRoM)

M69.4.1 Occurs when the team batting second is unable to receive at least the same number of overs as the team batting first.

M69.5 Result of Match

M69.5.1 Where both teams have received an equal number of overs the result shall be determined by the team with the higher score, irrespective of the number of wickets lost.

M69.6 Finishing Times

M69.6.1 In each innings the scorers and umpires shall acknowledge by clear signal when there are five overs to go, and at the beginning of the final over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding team and the batters.



M69.6.2 The team responsible for a late start, either at the commencement of the game, after a change of innings or after an interruption to play shall be fined in accordance with **Rule A78** by the Umpires.

M69.7 <u>Intervals</u>

M69.7.1. A 15 minute break shall be taken between innings.

M69.8 Interruptions

Less than 30 Minutes in 1st Innings

M69.8.1. If 30 minutes or less of play is lost the number of overs to be bowled for the innings shall not be reduced.

More than 30 Minutes in 1st Innings

- M69.8.2 The requisite number of overs shall be calculated by deducting one over for every three and a half minutes of playing time lost. (**Refer to Table D**).
- M69.8.3 The innings of the team batting first shall be compulsorily closed once it has received the revised allocated number of overs for its innings.
- M69.8.4 If team batting first is unable to face a minimum 10 overs then the game would be declared a draw.

M69.9 Restrictions

Innings Limitation

M69.9.1 No innings shall exceed 20 overs.

M69.10 Batters

- M69.10.1 Any batter who is not at the crease ready to face within 90 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket shall be deemed "Timed Out".
- M69.10.2 In **VTCAWD** matches all batters must wear a helmet with a faceguard. The match umpire is responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn. The match umpire will not allow the match to continue during any period which a batter fails to wear a helmet.

M69.11 Bowlers

- M69.11.1 No bowler is permitted to bowl more than one fifth of the scheduled number of overs in an innings, part overs rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- M69.11.2 Overs are to be bowled in from one end in blocks equal to one quarter of the overs available for the innings.
- M69.11.3 If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No Ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide if, according to the definition in M69.11.5 the ball passes wide of where the striker is standing, and which also would have passed wide of the striker standing in a normal guard position.



- M69.11.4 The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within reach for her to be able to hit with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.
- M69.11.5 In all **VTCAWD** matches, allowable deliveries per over shall be a maximum of eight (8) balls, regardless of the number of illegal deliveries, however, the final over of each innings shall be completed by (6) legal deliveries.

M69.12 Fielders

- M69.12.1 All players in **VTCAWD** matches must wear a cricket helmet with a faceguard, when batting, fielding in-close (defined as closer than 10 metres to the stumps except slips or gully) or wicketkeeping.
- M69.12.2 In all **VTCAWD** matches players may be substituted on and off the ground without a penalty or restriction applying.

M69.13 Clothing

Shirts and Pants

M69.13.1 Clubs are required to wear coloured clothing from the commencement of season 2023/2024 that has been approved by the VTCA Secretary in accordance with **Rule M92.2**.

<u>Pads</u>

M69.13.3 Regardless of the approval for clothing, no batter shall be allowed to wear pads the same colour as the ball.



M70. POST-GAME

M71. Result of Match

- Abbreviated <u>match results</u> and <u>team list</u> <u>must be posted on PlayHQ by both</u>

 Clubs not later than 7.30pm on each Saturday's play of a Round, or by

 6:30pm on each Sunday's play of a Round, or within 24 hours of a T20 match.

 Failure to comply: 5 penalty units per Club for each Team.
- M71.2 Notification must be given even if no play takes place. At the conclusion of each match it is vital that all match and any percentage claimed by both sides are correctly notified by confirming on PlayHQ, as these points will provide the ladders straight through to the VTCA Website.

M72. Penalties - Normal

- Failing to confirm **correct and complete** match details *including all players, full score cards, and Captains reports* on PlayHQ/OfficialsHQ by **6:00pm on the Tuesday** following completion of the match, or within 24 hours of a T20 match will incur the following penalties **5 penalty units per Item**.
- M72.2 These results will be locked by the VTCA and players left off will not be able to be added later for qualification purposes.

M73. Penalties – Last Round

M73.1 With regard to the last round, all participating clubs are required to post and confirm full scores and name players by 8:00pm on the last Saturday of play for their match in that round, or 7:00pm for a Sunday match.

M74. Failure to comply

- M74.1 the offending Club will not be allocated any points for the match.
- M74.2 players left off will not be eligible for qualification purposes.
- M74.3 the offending Club being fined **20 penalty units per Team**.

M80. CAPTAINS REPORTS

M81 Players

M81.1 Clubs must enter the full list of participating players in the Score Book or for Clubs that live score on to PlayHQ at the end of Day One. Failure to comply: 2 penalty units per player not listed, and un-named players not counted for finals eligibility.



M82 End of Match

- M82.1 The Captains Report must be retained by each club, and must be produced upon the request of the VTCA Secretary.
- M82.2 Both Captains <u>must</u> sign both properly completed Score Books attesting to the accuracy of the result, unless protesting or disputing as per **Rule E70**.
- M82.3 Clubs electing to use electronic scoring options <u>must</u> sign the opposition score book attesting to the accuracy of the result, unless protesting or disputing as per Rule E70.
- M82.4 All Captains must vote for Best Players for the end of year awards.
- M82.5 In the case of the second day of a Two-Day game being called off by the VTCA Wet Weather Committee, Captains shall comply with **Rule A78.**

M83 Eligibility to Play

M83.1 The Captain, upon signing either the Team Sheet or the Score Book shall be deemed to attest to each registered player being eligible to play in this Association in accordance with **Rule A40** and **Rule A50**.

M84 <u>Dispute over Scores</u>

- M84.1 No dispute over scores will be considered **once attested** to by the Captains.
- M84.2 An official Dispute arising over Scores **must be** submitted in accordance with **Rule E70**.

M85 Protests

M85.1 An official protest arising over results or conditions **must be** submitted in accordance with **Rule E80**.

M86 Penalties

- M86.1 Failing to produce a properly completed Score Book within 24 hours when required by the Board, 10 penalty units per Club.
- Where there are no Umpires, failure to vote for Ground of the Year, **5 penalty units per Club**.
- M86.3 Where there are no Umpires, failure to vote for Best Players, **5 penalty units per Club**.



M90. PLAYERS

M91 Protocol

- M91.1 No player shall be permitted to play for his club in two VTCA teams on the same weekend, except as provided for under **Rule M91.3**.
- M91.2 Players who have played Day 1 of a two-day competition cannot play for a different eleven on the following weekend.
- M91.3 Not withstanding **Rule M91.1** a club is permitted to select in its Sunday one-day team, up to 3 players who have played on that weekend or in that round in the Saturday two-day competition.
- M91.4 Players who played in any first eleven on that weekend either in VTCA or any other VMCU/VCCL affiliated competitions are not eligible.

M92 Attire

- M92.1 All players must be properly dressed in cricket attire. Cricket attire is defined as trousers, shirt, shoes or boots, and socks, all of which must be cream or white in colour, unless otherwise approved; white hat or coloured cricket cap or hat in Club colours; white or cream sweater with Club colours.
- M92.2 Only those Club logos and sponsorship logos **approved by the Board of Management** may be worn in the approved position on caps, hats, shirts or sweaters.
- M92.3 Approval must be given each season.
- M92.4 No player shall be permitted to take the field in incorrect or non-approved attire. The penalty for infringement of this rule is **1 penalty unit per player per infringement.**

M93 Changing Clubs mid-match

- M93.1 No player shall leave a Club during the currency of a match except with the written consent of his Club, such consent to be signed by the Club Secretary.
- M93.2 Any player in default shall be dealt with as the Board of Management may think fit.



M100. VMCU \ VCCL

M101 Endorsements

M101.1 Suspension of Unfinancial VTCA Players

The VMCU or the VCCL, will only endorse suspensions against unfinancial VTCA players if they have been imposed by the club concerned not later than December 31 of the current season and sent to the VTCA for on-forwarding.

M101.2 Tribunal Suspension of VTCA Players

The VTCA will forward for VMCU \ VCCL endorsement Tribunal suspension of any VTCA players who incur three game suspension or greater.

M101.3 <u>Tribunal Suspension of VMCU Affiliated Players</u>

The VTCA will enforce any VMCU endorsed suspensions.

M101.4 <u>Tribunal Suspension of VCCL Affiliated Players</u>

The VTCA will enforce any VCCL endorsed suspensions.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RULES E10. MATCH COMMITTEE

E11 Principles

- E11.1 All Divisions and all matches prior to the Semi-Finals shall be under the management and control of the Board of Management, through a Club Meeting to be composed of one Delegate from each of the clubs competing.
- Each club shall elect a Delegate at the commencement of each season, and the name of such person shall be recorded by the VTCA Secretary.
- E11.3 A Chairperson of the Club Meeting, not necessarily a delegate, shall be appointed by the Board of Management at the commencement of the season.
- E11.4 A Secretary of the Club Meeting, not necessarily a delegate, shall also be appointed by the Board of Management at the commencement of the season.
- E11.5 Both the Chairperson and Secretary of the Club Meeting shall be entitled to a deliberative vote at the club meetings and the Chairman shall have the right of a casting vote should the vote be equal.
- E11.6 Meetings shall be held on dates stipulated by the Board of Management.
- E11.7 In the absence of the Chairperson, a Delegate or official of the Association shall be voted to the chair, and shall have a deliberative vote.
- E11.8 The VTCA Secretary shall be empowered to call a Club Meeting when deemed necessary.

E12 Practice

- E12.1 No alteration shall take place in these rules during the currency of a season, but the Board of Management has power to make by-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, 21 days notice in writing to be given by the VTCA Secretary.
- Notice of any proposed alteration of these rules must be lodged in writing with the VTCA Secretary **by 1 June** in each year.

E13 Penalties

E13.1 Any Club or person violating any Rule or By Law for which there is not a penalty, shall be dealt with as the Board of Management shall decide.



E20. COMPETITION – STRUCTURE

E21 Principles

E21.1 Any cricket club whose entry and playing ground is approved by the Board of Management may take part in the competition.

E22 Practice

- E22.1 The competition shall consist of two Sections, namely: a Senior Section and a Minor Section and the teams shall be selected and/or grouped as the Board of Management may decide.
- E22.2 The Senior Section shall consist of Divisions that comprise first and second eleven teams only, and no club shall be admitted to the Senior Section without providing both a first and second eleven, unless determined otherwise by the Board of Management.
- E22.3 The Minor Section shall consist of Clubs' other elevens and shall be graded and played in separate Divisions for separate premierships.
- In Turner Shield (Senior Division) the lowest placed first eleven club at the completion of the season shall have their first and second eleven transferred to the next lowest Senior Section (Division 1 Isaacs/Howarth Shield)

 The Premier of Division 1 Isaacs/Howarth shall be promoted to Turner Shield (Senior Division).
- E.22.5 The Club whose first elevens occupied the lowest position on the ladder in the Division 1 Isaacs/Howarth Shield at the completion of the season shall have their first and second eleven transferred to the next lowest Senior Section (Division 2 McNamara Shield).
- E22.6 The Premiers of Division 2 McNamara Shield shall be promoted to the next highest Senior Section (Division 1 Isaacs/Howarth Shield)
- E22.7 The Club whose first elevens occupied the lowest position on the ladder in Division 2 McNamara shield at the completion of the season shall have their first and second eleven transferred to the next lowest Senior Section (Division 3 Picone Shield).
- E22.7 The Premiers of Picone Shield at the end of the season shall be promoted to the next highest Senior Section (Division 2 McNamara Shield)
- E22.8 The Club whose first elevens occupied the lowest position on the ladder in Division 3 Picone Shield at the completion of the season shall have their first and second eleven transferred to the next lowest Senior Section (Division 4 Clark Shield).



- E22.9 The Premiers of Division 4 Clark Shield at the end of the season shall be promoted to the next highest Senior Section (Division 3 Picone Shield)
- E22.10 The Clubs whose first elevens occupied the two lowest positions on the ladder in Division 4 Clark Shield at the completion of the season shall have their first and second eleven transferred to the next lowest Senior Section (Division 5 Pollock Shield).
- E22.11 The Grand finalists in Division 5 Pollock Shield shall both be promoted to the next highest Senior Section (Division 4 Clark Shield).

E23 Protocol

- Any Clubs eligible for promotion under **Rule E22.4 and Rule E22.6** and **Rule E22.8** who do not wish to be promoted must advise the Board of Management in writing by 1 May each year.
- E23.2 The Board of Management shall have the overriding power to determine the placement of teams for all Clubs, in all Sections, subject to and inclusive of the requirements of **Rules E22.4** through to **E22.8**

E30. COMPETITION – POINTS and FINALS

E31 Principles

E31.1 All VTCA Two Day competitions shall be played on the following points system:

	Points
WIN OUTRIGHT after FIRST INNINGS LEAD	10
WIN OUTRIGHT after FIRST INNINGS TIE	7
WIN OUTRIGHT after LOSS on FIRST INNINGS	6
WIN ON FIRST INNINGS	6
OUTRIGHT TIE - EACH TEAM	5
OUTRIGHT LOSS after FIRST INNINGS LEAD	4
OUTRIGHT LOSS after TIE ON FIRST INNINGS	3
TIE ON FIRST INNINGS	3
DRAWN OR ABANDONED GAME	3
EQUAL BYES WITHIN SEASON	0

E31.2 All VTCA One Day competitions shall be played on the points system:

	Points
WIN ON FIRST INNINGS	6
TIE ON FIRST INNINGS	3
DRAWN OR ABANDONED GAME	3
EQUAL BYES WITHIN SEASON	0



E31.3	All VTCA T20 competitions shall be played on the points system:		
		Points	
	WIN ON FIRST INNINGS	2	
	TIE ON FIRST INNINGS	1	
	DRAWN OR ABANDONED GAME	0	

E31.4 All VTCAWD T20 competition shall be played on the points system:

	Points
WIN ON FIRST INNINGS	6
TIE ON FIRST INNINGS	3
DRAWN OR ABANDONED GAME	3
EQUAL BYES WITHIN SEASON	0

E31.5 Those Clubs having an unequal number of Byes within a season receive the average total of the highest points achieved in that round by the teams that won or drew their matches (not including games won on Protest or Forfeit) for those rounds where such Byes occur.

E32 Practice.

- Any team gaining a match won on protest or infringement of rules, shall be awarded the average total points achieved in that round by the other teams that won or drew their matches in that Division in that round, points to include percentage points.
- Any team gaining a walkover, (excluding those in One-day competition, U18 and Womens Division) shall be awarded the maximum points achieved in that round by the other teams that won or drew their matches in that Division in that round, no percentage points will be awarded.
- E32.3 Any team in the One-day competition, U18 or Womens Division gaining a walkover, shall be awarded 6 first innings points and the average runs and wickets achieved in that round by the other teams that won or drew their matches in that Division in that round, points to include percentage points
- Where a team gaining a win under **Rule E32.1** actually scored more points than they would under **Rule E32.1** they shall retain the points that they actually scored.
- E32.5 The VTCA Ruling is that if at the fall of any wicket there are no further batters able to take the field then the batting side shall be deemed to be all out and the opposition is entitled to **claim all 10 wickets**.



E32.6 This will occur most commonly when there are between 7 and 10 players listed on the team sheet, and where 11 players are listed on the team sheet but some are not present to be able to come in.

E33 Penalties

E33.1 In all rules where the penalty is that the match is lost, it shall be deemed to have been won by the opposing side. Any club losing a match under the above conditions shall not receive any match or percentage points.

E34 Determining Finals Participants

E34.1 Two and One Day Competitions

- As per **Rules E31.1** to **E31.2** the four teams having scored the highest cumulative number of match and percentage points in each Division shall constitute the final four.
- E34.1.2 Where teams are equal on cumulative points, their relative positions shall be determined by head to head results.
- E34.1.3 Where teams are equal on head to head results, their relative positions shall be determined by averages.
- E34.1.4 A committee of three shall be appointed by the Board of Management to determine averages in accordance with the procedure adopted by Cricket Victoria in its Official handbook for the season in question.

E34.2 **T20 Competition**

- E34.2.1 As per **Rule E31.3** the team that has scored the highest number of match points in each Round Robin Division shall progress to the Knockout Round as drawn.
- E34.2.2 Where teams are equal on match points, their relative positions shall be determined by percentage.
- E34.2.3 Where necessary the Board of Management shall conduct a ballot from those teams that finished second to make up the necessary numbers for Knockout Rounds.



E40. PITCHES and GROUNDS

E41 Pitch Size

E41.1 All matches shall be played on turf pitches, with a minimum rolled area of turf measuring 21 metres by 2.1 metres.

E42 Ground Size

- E42.1 The Board **must** approve the sectioning off of playing grounds.
- E42.2 Any Club wishing to section off part of the playing ground must apply to the Board of Management by **1 September each year**, providing sound reasons for the requested change
- E42.3 A diagram of the proposed change must accompany the application.
- E42.4.1 Due to OH&S regulations, boundaries must be a minimum of 2.50 metres in from any obstruction, such as fences, tress, goalposts etc.
- E42.4.2 Clubs requiring to use a distance less than the required 2.50 metres must inform the VTCA Board of Management of their intention to do so and be aware that the VTCA will not accept liability for any incidents that may occur.
- E42.5 The boundary of a ground **must** be indicated by a continuous white ,marked line, highlighted by flags, cones or domes.
- E42.6 Where a ground is entirely marked by flags, cones or domes, the minimum number of markers used must be 24.
- E42.7 Any Club with all or part of the playing ground approved for sectioning off under **Rule E42.1** shall be marked in accordance with **Rule E42.5** and **Rule E42.6**, and such approval advised through the Match Committee.
- E42.8 The boundary for all VTCAWD matches will measure no less than 45 metres and no more than 63 metres. Marked by a continuous white line and highlighted by flags, cones or domes.

E43 Principles

- E43.1 Pitches and grounds must be properly prepared for each days play to the satisfaction of the captains.
- E43.2 In the event of the captains disagreeing, the umpires shall be appealed to and their decision as to whether play shall take place shall be final and binding.
- E43.3 Home clubs should endeavour to ensure that in Two-Day games the same pitch is used on the second day.



- E43.4 If this is not possible, and if the captains are unable to agree on the pitch to be used, the umpires shall decide if play is to take place and the pitch to be used.
- E43.5 The umpires must include details of the events on their Match Report.
- E43.6 All creases must be correctly marked by the home team, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, Rule 7, prior to the commencement of each days play. For measurements, see inside back cover of Rule Book.
- E43.7 Umpires shall advise the home team of incorrect markings not later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of play in order to give the home team the opportunity to correct the markings.
- E43.8 Where the home team is unable to, or chooses not to correct the markings, then a **2.5 penalty unit** fine shall apply.

E44 Procedure

- E44.1 Captains and\or umpires, under **Rule E43.1** or **Rule E44.7**, shall see that any necessary steps are taken by the home club to improve the ground and pitch with a view to expediting play.
- E44.2 Before coming to a final decision, they must consider any ultimate damage that could be caused to the ground or pitch.
- E44.3 They may obtain any outside expert advice that they consider necessary, but the final decision rests with the captains or umpires as contained in **Rule E43.1** or **Rule E44.7**.
- E44.4 Outside assistance\rubber mats (maximum 25mm in height) may be used to improve bowlers run-ups or a fielding area, but you cannot use sawdust, wood chips, mulch etc.
- E44.5 Outside assistance\rubber mats (maximum 25mm in height) placed on the bowlers run-up must not come within 1 metre of the bowling crease.
- E44.6 Once the outside assistance\objects are placed down and play commences they must remain in place for the entire day irrespective of a change of innings.
- E44.7 Where there are no umpires in attendance, either captain may insist on further inspections of the pitch until a **final** agreement by **both** captains to either commence or abandon play for the day is reached.
- E44.8 In the advent of a ground or wicket being deemed beyond repair, the Board of Management has the ability to move any game to an alternate venue or



alternate club. Clubs will be advised as to when and where this match will proceed.

E45 Penalties

- E45.1 The penalty for an altered boundary not marked as per **Rule E42.5**: First offence, **1 Penalty Unit**; second offence and any subsequent offences to be dealt with as the Board of Management may decide.
- E45.2 The penalty for an altered boundary not indicated as per **Rule E42.6**: First offence, **1 Penalty Unit**; second offence and any subsequent offences to be dealt with as the Board of Management shall decide.
- E45.3 Any club leaving the ground without coming to agreement as per **Rule E91.2** will **forfeit** the match.
- E45.4 Under **Rule E91.2** this may lead to multiple forfeits for your Club.

E46 Pre-Game

E46.1 With VTCA Umpires

- E46.1.1 Prior to the commencement of play on each day the question of the fitness of the pitch and ground for play after rain rests with the **two captains only**.
- E46.1.2 Should they disagree, the umpires are to be appealed to for a decision; no play shall take place until the umpires are in agreement.

E46.2 No VTCA Umpires

- E46.2.1 Where there are no official umpires in attendance, the two captains must agree before play can take place.
- E46.2.2 The only other person that can be consulted is the curator or VTCA Executive.
- E46.2.3 Where the captains do not agree as to play not taking place, stumps shall not be drawn until the time fixed for the conclusion of that days play.

E46.3 Penalties

E46.3.1 Where there is a refusal to play by one of the Captains, **both**Captains must provide a written report to the VTCA Secretary **within 48 hours** of the days play. Failure to comply; **2.5 Penalty Units** fine for the offending team.



- E46.3.2 The Board of Management reserves the right to investigate the reasons why in any match play does not take place or recommence.
- E46.3.3 It may determine either a forfeit or a fine up to **25 Penalty Units** against the offending team.

E47 During the Game

E47.1 With VTCA Umpires

E47.1.1 After play has commenced the matter for that day is entirely in the hands of the umpires, except that at the request of either captain, the umpires shall not draw stumps until the time fixed for the conclusion of that days play.

E47.2 No VTCA Umpires

E47.2.1 Once play commences, then all decisions regarding such matters are the responsibility of the two Umpires officiating at the time.

E48 Pitches – Care of

- E48.1 Pitches may be rolled and swept before the commencement of each innings. This shall not prevent the batter from beating the ground, with his/her bat, in order to obtain a proper foothold.
- E48.2 In matches to be played on consecutive days, the pitch may be rolled, swept or mown.
- E48.3 Under no circumstances can the pitch be watered once play has commenced in matches to be played on consecutive days.
- E48.4 Saturday and Monday shall not be deemed consecutive days.
- E48.5 Should a team declare its innings closed before play commences it must do so ten minutes before the scheduled starting time to enable the opposing team to roll the pitch for seven minutes.
- E48.6 Should a team declare its innings closed during an adjournment, it must do so ten minutes before the scheduled starting time to enable the opposing team to roll the pitch for seven minutes.



E50. COVERS

E51 Protocol

- E51.1 The VTCA approved area to be covered is a minimum of 20m x 30m. Clubs who have less than six (6) pitches on their table must apply to the Board of Management for dispensation.
- E51.2 Covering of pitches for all First Round Matches in all 1st and 2nd elevens shall conform to the following Rules.
- E51.3 Covering of pitches for all other elevens who have been granted permission shall conform to the following Rules.
- E51.4 Covering of pitches for all Semi Final and Grand Final Matches shall conform to the following Rules.
- E51.5 Until the scheduled time for the start of play, the Home Club shall be responsible for providing any labour necessary for the laying or removing of the Cover.
- E51.6 Once the Curator or Ground Manager has made the pitch available for play and from half an hour prior to the scheduled commencement of play, the use of covers shall be at the agreement of the Captains.
- E51.7 If the Captains disagree on such use, the Umpires shall be appealed to and shall make all further decisions regarding the use of Covers.
- E51.8 Once play has commenced the Covers must be used as directed by the Umpires.
- E51.9 Should the Umpires decide that the Cover is to be used during the course of the match then it will be the responsibility of **both competing** teams to provide the labour required.
- E51.10 The Board of Management shall have the power to instruct Clubs that Covers shall be used on any **specific day.**

E52 Practice

- E52.1 The Cover must be laid by dusk on the evening of any day prior to a match day.
- E52.2 Due to Council requirements, an underlay material **must** be used when covers are laid prior to each day of a play.



- Captains and Umpires must accept that where the Cover has to be laid\re-laid due to rain on match-day it may not be practicable to use the underlay material in all circumstances.
- E52.4 On any match-day the Cover must be removed <u>no later than 8:30am</u> unless it is raining.
- E52.5 The Cover must be re-laid on the morning of any playing day when rain occurs.
- E52.6 At all times leading up prior to the implementation of **Rule E52.1**, the Curator or Ground Manager **must** use the Cover and underlay in order to obtain the best possible conditions of play for each match-day.
- E52.7 This does not preclude the use of covers earlier in the week if considered necessary.
- E52.8 The use of additional covers as an adjunct to the standard approved cover is permitted.
- E52.9 Additional covers may also be used on match day but only prior to the commencement of play and in accordance with **Rule E52.4** and **Rule E52.5**.
- E52.10 Once play commences the standard approved cover is the only cover that may be used.
- Any Club wishing to alter the covering of pitches and\or wicket tables outside of these rules must obtain **prior approval** (no later than 8:00am on matchday) from VTCA Grounds Manager by submitting an SMS request, **which must be acknowledged giving approval**.
- E52.12 All Clubs will be required to take a photo(to include time and date) of covers once laid, and supply to the VTCA Secretary if requested.

E53 Penalties

E53.1 Any Club failing to comply with the **Rule E51** and **Rule E52** will lose the match and may also be dealt with by the Board of Management.



E60. APPEALS AGAINST FINES

E61 Practice

- All appeals against fines must be lodged in writing with the <u>VTCA Secretary</u> <u>within 24 hours</u> of notification of the fine. Such appeals shall provide sufficient details to enable a decision to be made.
- E61.2 All such appeals shall be decided by the Board of Management after consideration of the appeal against the fine. The decision of the Board of Management in relation to the appeal against the fine is final.

E62 Penalties

Where a club lodges an appeal against a fine which is dismissed and deemed frivolous, the Board of Management may fine that club **up to 10 Penalty Units**.

E70. DISPUTES OVER SCORES

E71 Practice

- E71.1 A dispute generally relates to the scores in a match, and as such shall be recorded in both scorebooks **within 15 minutes** of the completion of play on the day of the dispute.
- E71.2 Both books are to be signed by both Captains and any Umpires present on the day of the dispute.
- E71.3 Both Captains are responsible for the scorebooks to be delivered to the VTCA Secretary **within 24 hours** of the dispute.
- E71.4 Any Club disputing a **result, or a score, must sign** the Captains Match Report, and must **complete all other details** which should be lodged in the normal manner. A copy of the signed Match Report must accompany the books.
- E71.5 Clubs electing to use electronic scoring options, thereby forfeit the opportunity to dispute against scores, acknowledging that the opposition using the VTCA endorsed scorebooks will be deemed to be true and correct as they can be submitted to the VTCA Secretary for inspection.
- E71.6 Where there is a difference between the scores on PlayHQ and the signed Match Report, the scores on PlayHQ will be adjusted to the signed Match Report Scores.



E71.7 If this occurs, email **secretary@vtca.com.au** and your opposition with the correct details and a copy of the signed match report.

E72 Penalties

E72.1 Where a club lodges a dispute which is dismissed and deemed frivolous, the Board of Management may fine that club **up to 20 penalty units**.

E80. PROTESTS

E81 Practice

- E81.1 Any Club making a protest where possible complete the Captains Match report in the prescribed manner, sign it, and endorse that the match is subject to a protest. Failure to sign off the match report as subject to protest, does not invalidate the right to protest.
- E81.2 Any Club must also indicate that there is a protest on PlayHQ by clicking "Result in Dispute".
- E81.3 Any Club making a protest **must** submit the Match Report to the VTCA Secretary and provide sufficient detail via email to the VTCA Secretary and opposition Club Secretary **within 24 hours** of the completion of the match.
- E81.4 All protests will be determined by the VTCA Protests Sub-Committee, subject to **Rules E81.1** to **E81.3** being complied with.
- E81.5 The Club protested against must provide the VTCA Secretary and the protesting Club with a written response **within 48 hours** of being given detail of the protest.
- E81.6 Once these written responses have been received, the VTCA Protests Sub-Committee will determine the protest.
- E81.7 The VTCA Protests Sub-Committee **may** conduct a hearing if it is deemed necessary.

E82 Penalties

- E82.1 Where a club lodges a protest which is dismissed and deemed frivolous, the Board of Management may fine that club **up to 10 Penalty Units**.
- E82.2 Where the Protest Sub Committee upholds the protest and the decision <u>does</u> <u>not</u> involve the loss of match or percentage, the decision shall be final and <u>not</u> subject to appeal.



- E82.3 Where the Protest Sub Committee upholds the protest and the decision involves the loss of match or percentage, the decision is subject to appeal. (See VTCA Appeals Procedure)
- E82.4 Until an appeal is determined by the Appeals Board, the decision of the Protests Sub Committee stands.
- E82.5 Any Club winning a game on Protest where no match took place is entitled to name a team of eligible players for qualification purposes for that grade.

E90. FORFEITS

E91 Penalties

- E91.1 A Club <u>MUST</u> notify the Association Secretary and opposition club of a forfeit no less than <u>24 hours before the commencement of a match.</u>

 Saturday competition prior to 1pm on the Friday

 Sunday competition prior to 12pm on the Saturday
- E91.2 Any Club failing to provide a pitch and ground when required to do so shall be fined **10 Penalty Units** (\$200) and shall lose the match except when the failure to do so is at the discretion of or incidental to the authority controlling the ground.
- E91.3 Any Club failing to play or complete a match for which it is drawn shall be fined for a first offence **10 Penalty Units (\$200)**, a second or any subsequent offence shall be a loss of 3 match points, including percentage and the Club will be required to meet with the VTCA Board of Management to determine if they remain in the competition.
- E91.4 Any Club failing to notify the opposition Club of a forfeit by 9:00pm on the Thursday prior to match day may, upon application to the Board of Management by the opposition Club, be required to reimburse that Club **up** to 10 Penalty Units (\$200) to help cover curating and ground rental costs.
- E91.5 A defaulting Club under **Rule E91.1, E91.2**, **E91.3** and **Rule E91.4** is responsible for the payment to any umpires for one days fee, in the event of umpires having been appointed and the umpires are obliged to report to the ground.
- E91.6 Clubs receiving a forfeit under this rule may nominate players for qualification purposes, unless they play in another VTCA team that weekend, or in another competition.



E110. SEMI-FINALS - General

E111 Protocol

- E111.1 All Semi-Finals shall be under the direct control and management of the Board of Management.
- E111.2 Competing Clubs shall play such Semi-Final matches under the Match Committee **Rule M10** to **Rule M100** under which they have played during the season.
- E111.3 The order of play in all Semi-Finals for all Divisions shall be first plays fourth and second plays third.
- E111.4 The Semi-Final winners will then play off for the premiership.
- E111.5 Unless otherwise decided upon by the Board of Management, the grounds for Semi-Final matches in all divisions shall be that of the first and second teams.
- E111.6 At least Two-Days shall be allotted for Semi-Finals, other than the One Day Competition.
- E111.7 Where no play has taken place on the scheduled first day of a Two-Day Semi-Final match then the match shall revert to a one-day match.
- E111.8 If a decision on the first innings is not reached within the allotted number of days, the winner of the Semi-Final shall be deemed the team higher on the list at the completion of the first round of matches.

E112 Balls

- E112.1 The competing clubs shall supply their own new balls to all Semi Final matches.
- E112.2 Each team shall supply one used VTCA approved ball, in good condition.
- E112.3 Refer also to **Rule A82.**

E113 Covers

- E113.1 Covers are compulsory for **all** Semi-Finals, and their use shall be in accordance with **Rule E52**.
- Prior to commencement of play on each day, the question of the fitness of the pitch and ground for play rests with the **two captains only**.
- E113.3 In the event of the captains disagreeing, the umpires shall be appealed to and their decision as to whether play shall take place shall be final and binding.



E113.4 Once play has commenced, the batting team is responsible for laying the covers during any interruption or at the close of play.

E114 Pitches – Care of

- In Semi-Final matches, the pitch shall not be watered at any time between 10:00am Saturday and the actual finishing time on Sunday on any weekend in which play has been scheduled.
- E114.2 Note that it may only be rolled, swept or mown in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.

E115 Umpires

- E115.1 Umpires shall be appointed by the Board of Management from names submitted by the Umpires Department.
- E115.2 Umpires shall be paid by the competing Clubs in equal proportions.
- E115.3 The Board of Management will advise the rates of payment prior to the Semi Finals in each season.

E116 Weather

- E116.1 The VTCA Weather Committee will not apply for any Semi-Final and\or Final matches.
- E116.2 Home or Host Clubs must ensure that they have notified the Council to turn off any automatic watering systems.

E117 Results

- E117.1 Abbreviated Semi-Final and Grand Final scores are required within 30 minutes of close of play on each day.
- Full Match Reports for Semi-Final and Grand Final matches are required from **each** club to be posted on PlayHQ within **48 hours** of the completion of the match.

E118 Penalties

- Failure to comply with **Rule E117.1 2.5 Penalty Units per offending team per day**.
- Failure to comply with **Rule E117.2 2.5 Penalty Units per offending team** per week.

E119 Fidelity

E119.1 No club shall be allowed to play in the Semi-Finals unless all previously advised fines imposed are paid not later than 8:30pm on the **Monday** night prior to the Semi-Finals.



In the event of a Club being un-financial then the umpires and the opposition Club will be notified that no match shall take place.

E120. SEMI-FINALS - Qualification

E121 General

- E121.1 T20 Competition games do not count for any other Competition.
- Players transferred or Permitted under **Rule A22.8** will not come under the consecutive team rule for eligibility purposes.
- E121.3 Any Club wishing to use a player not named in the eleven (either as 12th man or substitute) must ensure that such player is qualified in accordance with **Rule M10** to **Rule M100**.

E122 Two Day Competition

- To be eligible to play in a Semi-Final match with an eleven of his Club, a player must have played in the VTCA <u>Two Day Competition</u> during the Home and Away matches in **Three (3)** matches in which play takes place with that eleven.
- Players having played 50% or more of home and away matches in a higher grade are ineligible to drop down to a lower grade for semi-finals except under Rule 124 Exceptions.
- E122.3 Having played three games in one eleven as per **Rule E122.1** a player is not eligible to claim eligibility for another eleven under **Rule E122.4**
- A player who is not eligible under **Rule E122.1** but has played in the VTCA <u>Two Day Competition</u> in a combination of three (3) matches with that eleven or any lower elevens is qualified to play for the highest eleven that gives a combination of three (3) matches.

E123 One Day Competition

To be eligible to play in a Semi-Final match with an eleven of his Club, a player must have played in a VTCA <u>One Day Competition</u> during the Home and Away matches in **Four (4)** matches <u>in which play takes place</u> with that eleven.



E124 Exceptions

Any club having **consecutive teams** engaged in Semi-Final matches shall be eligible for free interchange of qualified players, except:

- E124.1 No player may drop more than one eleven from the highest eleven that he is qualified for.
- No more than three players who have each played with higher elevens in more than 50% of matches during the home and away matches may play in any one Semi-Final final match with a lower eleven.
- Clubs seeking exemption from **Rule E124.1** and **Rule E124.2** shall provide the Executive with full details of the player concerned and reasons for such request by 6:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the Final match concerned.
- E124.4 A player having played under the above conditions with a lower eleven in a Semi-Final as per **Rule E124.1** and **Rule E124.2** shall be deemed eligible to play in the Final with that eleven.

E125 Penalties

- Where a team breaches any part of **Rule E121** to **Rule E124** and a protest has been made by the opposition in accordance with **Rule E80** then they shall be disqualified and their right to the Grand Final shall be taken by the Protesting team.
- E125.2 Where a team breaches any part of **Rule E121** to **Rule E124** and an Investigation has been conducted by the Board of Management then they shall be disqualified, and the opposition shall not proceed to the Grand Final.
- E125.3 In the event that both teams breach any part of **Rule E121** to **Rule E124** regardless of the manner of detection, neither team shall proceed to the Grand Final.



E130. SEMI FINALS - Playing Amendments

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E131	Two-Day Matches, 1st and 2	2 nd Elevens

As per playing conditions throughout the season

- E132 One-Day Matches, 1st and 2nd Elevens
 E132.1 As per playing conditions throughout the season
- E133 Two-Day Matches, 3rd and 4th Elevens
 E133.1 As per playing conditions throughout the season
- E134 One-Day Matches, 3rd and 4th Elevens
 E134.1 As per playing conditions throughout the season

E135 One Day Competition/VTCAWD

E131.1

- E135.1 As per playing conditions throughout the season
- E135.2 Only one day shall be allocated for One Day/VTCAWD Competition.



E140. GRAND FINALS - General

E141 Protocol

- E141.1 All Grand Finals shall be under the direct control and management of the Executive Council.
- E141.2 Competing Clubs shall play Grand Final matches under **Rules M10** to **M100** which they have played during the season unless specifically altered hereunder.
- E141.3 Four days shall be allotted for play for Senior Division 1st XI only.
 - E141.3.1 Senior Division 1st XI two-day grand final match, the team bating first if not dismissed shall have it first innings compulsory closed after 160 overs. The team batting second if not dismissed shall also have its innings compulsory closed after 160 overs.
- For season 2023/2024 all other Saturday Two-Day Divisions the competition Grand Final will be played under Two-Day Rules.
- Unless otherwise decided upon by the Board of Management, the grounds for Grand final matches in all divisions shall be that of the first and second teams.
- E141.6 Captains retain the right to declare their teams innings closed at any time after its commencement.
- E141.7 At any time during a Grand Final **the two captains** can agree that play is to cease play irrespective of the state of play or the number of overs bowled at that time.
- E141.8 If a decision on the first innings is not reached within the allotted number of days, then the match shall be deemed a draw.
- Where the match has been deemed a draw. The winner shall be the team higher on the list at the completion of the first round of matches
- E141.10 In the event of the team batting second declaring or being dismissed before the allotted number of overs have been bowled, the game shall continue under the Laws of Cricket until the requisite number of overs have been bowled.



E142 Qualification

E142.1 A player having played with a lower eleven in a Semi-Final as per **Rule E124** shall be deemed eligible to play in the Grand Final with that eleven.

E143 Balls

- E143.1 The VTCA shall supply new balls to all matches, to be used first in each innings.
- Where a Club chooses to upgrade the type of ball supplied by the VTCA then all other balls that it uses must be the same as the upgrade.
- E143.3 Each team shall supply one used VTCA approved ball, in good condition.
- In Senior Divisions 1st XI four day final, after the bowling of 80 overs (and any multiple of 80 thereafter) in an innings the use of a second new ball, at the expense of the fielding side, should that side desire it, is permitted.

E144 Covers

- E144.1 Covers are compulsory for **all** Grand Finals, and their use shall be in accordance with **Rule E50.**
- Prior to commencement of play on each day, the question of the fitness of the pitch and ground for play rests with the **two captains only**.
- E144.3 In the event of the captains disagreeing, the umpires shall be appealed to and their decision as to whether play shall take place shall be final and binding.
- After play has commenced all decisions regarding the covers and continuation of play are entirely in the hands of the umpires, except at the request of either captain, the umpires shall not draw stumps until the hour fixed by the Executive Council for the conclusion of the day's play.
- Once play has commenced, the batting team is responsible for laying the covers during any interruption or at the close of play.

E145 Pitches – Care of

- E145.1 In Grand Final matches, the pitch **shall not be watered** at any time between 10:00am Saturday and the actual finishing time on Sunday on any weekend in which play has been scheduled.
- E145.2 Note that it may be rolled, swept and/or mown, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.



E146 Umpires

- E146.1 Umpires shall be appointed by the VTCA Executive.
- E146.2 Umpires shall be paid by the competing Clubs in equal proportions.
- E146.3 The VTCA will advise the rates of payment prior to the Grand Final in each season.
- Once an outright decision has been reached Umpires are not entitled to any further payment regardless of any scheduled days of play remaining.
- Both Clubs will be responsible for payment of the Umpires for any scheduled days of play remaining when play has is called off under **Rule E141.7**.

E147 Weather

- E147.1 The VTCA Weather Committee will not apply for any Grand Final matches.
- E147.2 Home or Host Clubs must ensure that they have notified the Council to turn off any automatic watering systems.

E148 Results

- E148.1 Abbreviated Grand Final scores are required on PlayHQ within 30 minutes of close of play on each day.
- Full Match Reports for Grand Final matches are required from **each** club to be posted on PlayHQ within **48 hours** of the completion of the match.

E149 Penalties

- E149.1 Failure to comply with **Rule E148.1 2.5 Penalty Units per offending team per day**.
- E149.2 Failure to comply with **Rule E148.2 2.5 Penalty Units per offending team** per week.



E150. GRAND FINAL – Playing Amendments

Two-Day Competition – Senior Division 1st XI only

As per playing conditions throughout the season, except:

E151 Follow On

E151.1 In Senior Division 1st XI four day final the team that bats first and leads by 100 runs shall have the option of requiring the other side to follow their innings.

E152 Interruptions to Play – Team Batting First, Day One

- E152.1 These Amendments only apply provided that the team batting first has not yet been dismissed.
- E152.2 If any time lost is less than 30 minutes follow **Rule M23.1**.
- E152.3 If any time lost is in excess of 30 minutes follow **Rules M23.2** and **Rules M23.3**.
- E152.4 The match is still splitting overs to it has not yet reverted to Ordinary Conditions.

E153 Interruptions to Play – Team Batting First, Day Two

- E153.1 These Amendments only apply provided that the team batting first has not yet been dismissed.
- E153.2 If any time lost is less than 30 minutes follow **Rule M23.1**.
- E153.3 If any time lost is in excess of 30 minutes follow **Rules M23.2** and **Rules M23.3**.
- E153.4 The match is still splitting overs to it has not yet reverted to Ordinary Conditions.

E154 Interruptions to Play – Team Batting First, Day Three

- E154.1 These Amendments only apply provided that the team batting first has not yet been dismissed.
- E154.2 If any time lost is less than 30 minutes follow **Rule M23.1**.
- E154.3 Once any time lost in excess of 30 minutes the match reverts to Ordinary Conditions.



E160. GRAND FINALS – Playing Amendments All Two-Day Competitions

E161 Reserve Day

- E161.1 All Two-Day competitions will have a Reserve Day.
- E161.2 The Reserve Day is only invoked if there is no play on any scheduled day of play.
- In the event that the nominated Venue is not available to hold a Reserve Day of play, the VTCA Board of Management shall schedule a new venue.

E170. GRAND FINALS – Playing Amendments Saturday One Day Competition

As per playing conditions throughout the season, except:

E171 Reserve Day

- E171.1 The Saturday One-Day competition will have a Reserve Day.
- E171.2 The Reserve Day is only invoked if there is **no play** on the first scheduled day of play.
- E171.3 Where the Reserve Day is invoked it shall take place on the same day, one week later.
- In the event that the nominated Venue is not available to hold a Reserve Day of play, the VTCA Board of Management shall schedule a new venue.



E180. GRAND FINALS – Playing Amendments Sunday competitions

Sunday Under 18, One Day Competitions and Women's Division

As per playing conditions throughout the season, except:

E181 Reserve Day

- E181.1 The Sunday Under 18, One-Day competitions and Women's Division will have a Reserve Day.
- E181.2 The Reserve Day is only invoked if there is **no play** on the first scheduled day of play.
- E181.3 Where the Reserve Day is invoked it shall take place on the same day, one week later.
- In the event that the nominated Venue is not available to hold a Reserve Day of play, the VTCA Board of Management shall schedule a new venue.



Schedule A

1 Penalty Point Unit = \$20



TABLE A Deduction of Overs due to Time Lost for the Day

Minutes shown in Italics, Overs shown as Bold

	in a day	is lost	es of play is	minut	s than 30	e les	ducted where	rs dec	are no ove	There	
54	219.0	5 –	215.5	27	124.5	-	121.0	1	33.5	<i>30.0</i> –	
55	222.5	0 -	219.0	28	128.0	_	124.5	2	37.0	33.5 -	
57	226.0	5 –	222.5	29	131.5	_	128.0	3	40.5	<i>37.0</i> –	
58	229.5	0 -	226.0	30	135.0	_	131.5	4	44.0	40.5 -	
59	233.0	5 –	229.5	31	138.5	_	135.0	5	47.5	44.0 -	
60	236.5	0 -	233.0	32	142.0	-	138.5	6	51.0	47.5 -	
61	240.0	5 –	236.5	33	145.5	-	142.0	7	<i>54.5</i>	51.0 -	
62	243.5	0 -	240.0	34	149.0	-	145.5	8	58.0	<i>54.5</i> –	
63	247.0	5 -	243.5	35	152.5	-	149.0	9	61.5	<i>58.0</i> -	
64	250.5	0 -	247.0	36	156.0	-	152.5	10	65.0	61.5 -	
65	<i>254.0</i>	5 –	250.5	37	159.5	-	156.0	11	68.5	65.0 -	
66	<i>257.5</i>	0 -	254.0	38	163.0	-	159.5	12	72.0	<i>68.5</i> –	
67	261.0	5 –	257.5	39	166.5	-	163.0	13	<i>75.5</i>	<i>72.0</i> -	
68	264.5	0 -	261.0	40	170.0	-	166.5	14	79.0	<i>75.5</i> -	
69	268.0	5 –	264.5	41	173.5	-	170.0	15	82.5	79.0 -	
70	271.5	0 -	268.0	42	177.0	-	173.5	16	86.0	82.5 -	
7 1	275.0	5 –	271.5	43	180.5	-	177.0	17	89.5	86.0 -	
72	278.5	0 -	275.0	44	184.0	-	180.5	18	93.0	89.5 -	
73	282.0	5 -	278.5	45	187.5	-	184.0	19	96.5	93.0 -	
74	285.5	0 -	282.0	46	191.0	-	187.5	20	100.0	96.5 -	
75	289.0	5 –	285.5	47	194.5	-	191.0	21	103.5	00.0 -	1
76	292.5	0 -	289.0	48	198.0	-	194.5	22	107.0	03.5 -	1
77	296.0	5 –	292.5	49	201.5	_	198.0	23	110.5	07.0 -	1
78	299.5	0 -	296.0	50	205.0	_	201.5	24	114.0	10.5 -	1
79	303.0	5 -	299.5	51	208.5	_	205.0	25	117.5	14.0 -	1
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208.5 - *212.0* **52**

212.0 - 215.5 **53**

303.0 - 306.5 **80**

117.5 - *121.0* **26**



TABLE B Overs available Day 1 to split in a TWO DAY game

Minutes shown in Italics, Overs shown as Bold

106	219.0	-	215.5	133	124.5	-	121.0	160	30.0	-	0.0
105	222.5	-	219.0	132	128.0	-	124.5	159	33.5	-	30.0
104	226.0	-	222.5	131	131.5	-	128.0	158	37.0	-	33.5
103	229.5	-	226.0	130	135.0	-	131.5	157	40.5	-	37.0
102	233.0	-	229.5	129	138.5	-	135.0	156	44.0	-	40.5
101	236.5	-	233.0	128	142.0	-	138.5	155	47.5	-	44.0
100	240.0	-	236.5	127	145.5	-	142.0	154	51.0	-	47.5
99	243.5	-	240.0	126	149.0	-	145.5	153	54.5	-	51.0
98	247.0	-	243.5	125	152.5	-	149.0	152	58.0	-	54.5
97	250.5	-	247.0	124	156.0	-	152.5	151	61.5	-	58.0
96	254.0	-	250.5	123	159.5	-	156.0	150	65.0	-	61.5
95	257.5	-	254.0	122	163.0	-	159.5	149	68.5	-	65.0
94	261.0	-	257.5	121	166.5	-	163.0	148	72.0	-	68.5
93	264.5	-	261.0	120	170.0	-	166.5	147	75.5	-	72.0
92	268.0	-	264.5	119	173.5	-	170.0	146	79.0	-	75.5
91	271.5	-	268.0	118	177.0	-	173.5	145	82.5	-	79.0
90	275.0	-	271.5	117	180.5	-	177.0	144	86.0	-	82.5
89	278.5	-	275.0	116	184.0	-	180.5	143	89.5	-	86.0
88	282.0	-	278.5	115	187.5	-	184.0	142	93.0	-	89.5
87	285.5	-	282.0	114	191.0	-	187.5	141	96.5	-	93.0
86	289.0	-	285.5	113	194.5	-	191.0	140	100.0	-	96.5
85	292.5	-	289.0	112	198.0	-	194.5	139	103.5	-	100.0
84	296.0	-	292.5	111	201.5	-	198.0	138	107.0	-	103.5
83	299.5	-	296.0	110	205.0	-	201.5	137	110.5	-	107.0
82	303.0	-	299.5	109	208.5	-	205.0	136	114.0	-	110.5
81	306.5	-	303.0	108	212.0	-	208.5	135	117.5	-	114.0
				107	215.5	-	212.0	134	121.0	-	117.5



TABLE C

1st and 2nd elevens

There are no overs deducted where less than 30 minutes of play is lost in a day

30.0	-	33.5	79	65.0 -	68.5	69	100.0 -	103.5	59
33.5	-	37.0	78	68.5 -	72.0	68	103.5 -	107.0	58
37.0	-	40.5	77	72.0 -	75.5	67	107.0 -	110.5	57
40.5	-	44.0	76	75.5 -	79.0	66	110.5 -	114.0	56
44.0	-	47.5	75	79.0 -	82.5	65	114.0 -	117.5	55
47.5	-	51.0	74	82.5 -	86.0	64	117.5 -	121.0	54
51.0	-	54.5	73	86.0 -	89.5	63	121.0 -	124.5	53
54.5	-	58.0	72	89.5 -	93.0	62	124.5 -	128.0	52
58.0	-	61.5	71	93.0 -	96.5	61	128.0 -	131.5	51
61.5	-	65.0	70	96.5 -	100.0	60	131.5 -	135.0	50

When there are only 50 overs left, the game reverts to Ordinary Conditions

TABLE D

3rd and 4th elevens

Saturday, Sunday and Under 18 One Day Competitions

There are no overs deducted where less than 30 minutes of play is lost in a day

53	96.5	-	93.0	62	65.0	-	61.5	7 1	33.5	-	30.0
52	100.0	-	96.5	61	68.5	-	65.0	70	37.0	-	33.5
5 1	103.5	-	100.0	60	72.0	-	68.5	69	40.5	-	37.0
50	107.0	-	103.5	59	75.5	-	72.0	68	44.0	-	40.5
49	110.5	-	107.0	58	79.0	-	75.5	67	47.5	-	44.0
48	114.0	-	110.5	57	82.5	-	79.0	66	51.0	-	47.5
47	117.5	-	114.0	56	86.0	-	82.5	65	54.5	-	51.0
46	121.0	-	117.5	55	89.5	-	86.0	64	58.0	-	54.5
45	124.5	_	121.0	54	93.0	_	89.5	63	61.5	_	58.0

When there are only 45 overs left, the game reverts to Ordinary Conditions



Table EOne Day Over Limitations on Bowlers/Fielders **1**st **XI Only**

Innings	Overs	/ Bowlers	Fielders
Length			Outside Circle
40	5 x8		2
39	4 x 8	1 x 7	2
38	3 x 8	2 x 7	2
37	2 x8	3 x 7	2
36	1 x 8	4 x 7	2
35	5 x 7		2
34	4 x 7	1 x 6	2
33	3 x 7	2 x 6	2
32	2 x 7	3 x 6	2
31	1 x 7	4 x 6	2
30	5 x 6		2
29	4 x 6	1 x 5	2
28	3 x 6	2 x 5	5
27	2 x 6	3 x 5	5
26	1 x 6	4 x 5	5
25	5 x 5		5
24	4 x 5	1 x 4	5
23	3 x 5	2 x 4	5
22	2 x 5	3 x 4	5
21	1 x 5	4 x 4	5
20	5 x 4		5
19	4 x 4	1 x 3	5
18	3 x 4	2 x 3	5
17	2 x 4	3 x 3	5
16	1 x 4	4 x 3	5
15	5 x 3		5
14	4 x 3	1 x 2	5
13	3 x 3	2 x 2	5
12	2 x 3	3 x 2	5
11	1 x 3	4 x 2	5
10	5 x 2		5
9	4 x 2	1 x 1	5
8	3 x 2	2 x 1	5
7	2 x 2	3 x 1	5
6	1 x 2	4 x 1	5
5	5 x 1		5
4	4 x 1		5
3	3 x 1		5
2	2 x 1		5
1	1 x 1		5



TABLE E
One Day Over Limitations on Bowlers

2nd XI's only

<u>Overs</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Bowler</u>
<u>Available</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
40	8	8	8	8	8
39	8	8	8	8	7
38	8	8	8	7	7
37	8	8	7	7	7
36	8	7	7	7	7
35	7	7	7	7	7
34	7	7	7	7	6
33	7	7	7	6	6
32	7	7	6	6	6
31	7	6	6	6	6
30	6	6	6	6	6
29	6	6	6	6	5
28	6	6	6	5	5
27	6	6	5	5	5
26	6	5	5	5	5
25	5	5	5	5	5

Game is now in Ordinary Conditions



Other Elevens

<u>Overs</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	Bowler	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	Bowler
<u>Available</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
36	8	7	7	7	7
35	7	7	7	7	7
34	7	7	7	7	6
33	7	7	7	6	6
32	7	7	6	6	6
31	7	6	6	6	6
30	6	6	6	6	6
29	6	6	6	6	5
28	6	6	6	5	5
27	6	6	5	5	5
26	6	5	5	5	5
25	5	5	5	5	5
24	5	5	5	5	4
23	5	5	5	4	4

Game is now in Ordinary Conditions



TABLE F – DESIGNATED WEATHER ZONES

Where the ground temperature is higher that 38 degrees, regardless of the Zone reading Clubs are OBLIGED to CEASE play until conditions at the ground are in accordance with the Procedures.

Temperature readings are available at 20-minute intervals from the hour.

CLUB	ZONE	CLUB	ZONE
Aberfeldie	Aberfeldie	Newport Digman	Newport
Airport West / SC	Airport West	Pascoe Vale Hadfield	Pascoe Vale Sth
Altona Nth	Altona North	PEGS	Keilor Park
Altona Roosters	Altona North	Point Cook	Point Cook
Barkly St Uniting	Maribyrnong	Roxburgh Park	Roxburgh Park
Bellbridge	Hoppers Crossing	Royal Park	Parkville
Burnside Springs	Burnside	Sanctuary Lakes	Point Cook
Caroline Springs	Caroline Springs	Seabrook	Seabrook
Coburg	Coburg	Seddon	Seddon
Craigieburn	Craigieburn	St Albans	St Albans
Deer Park	Deer Park	St Andrews Footscray	Braybrook
Donnybrook	Kalkallo	St Andrews Pascoe Vale	Pascoe Vale
Doutta Stars	Essendon	St Bernards	Essendon
Druids	Footscray West	St Francis De Sales	Oak Park
East Coburg	Pascoe Vale Sth	Strathmore	Strathmore
East Keilor	Keilor East	Sunbury	Coolaroo
Footscray ANA	Yarraville	Sunshine	Sunshine North
Footscray United	Maidstone	Sunshine Heights	Sunshine West
Gellibrand	Newport	Sunshine United	Albion
Glenroy	Glenroy	Sunshine YCW	Braybrook
Grand United	Sunshine	Sydenham Hillside	Sydenham
Greenvale	Greenvale	Tullamarine	Tullamarine
Haig Fawkner	Fawkner	Wallan	Strath Creek
Jacana	Jacana	Werribee	Werribee
Keilor	Keilor	Werribee Centrals	Werribee
Keilor Park	Keilor Park	West Coburg	Coburg
Kingsville	Kingsville	West Newport	Newport
Laverton	Laverton	Westmeadows	Westmeadows
Maribyrnong Park	Maribyrnong	Williamstown Colts	Williamstown
Melton Centrals	Melton South	Williamstown Congs	Williamstown
Melton South	Melton South	Williamstown CYMS	Williamstown
Moonee Ponds	Moonee Ponds	Williamstown Imperials	Williamstown
Moonee Valley	Moonee Ponds	Wyndham Vale	Wyndham Vale
		Yarraville Club	Footscray West

Umpire signals



DEAD-BALLSignalled when the ball is in play or dead.



NO-BALL Signalled when the ball is in play.



Bye & PLAY Signalled when the ball is dead.



Boundary 4
Signalled when the ball is dead.



5 runs
Signalled when the ball is dead.
Not penalties.



WIDE
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



* Out *
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



SHORT-RUN/s Signalled when the ball is dead.



Boundary 6
Signalled when the ball is dead.



5 Penalty runs to the batting side. Signalled when the ball is dead.



Leg-bye
Signalled when the ball is dead.



LAST-HOUR Signalled when the ball is dead.



New ball Signalled when the ball is dead.



Revoke
Signalled when the ball is dead to cancel all previous signals.



5 Penalty runs to the fielding side. Signalled when the ball is dead.

Umpires must signal events in the order they occurred – Penalty run signal precede all others.

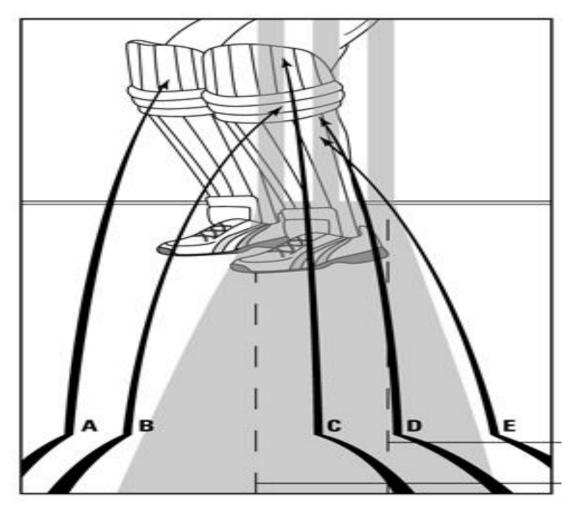
CAPITALISED signals are made first with a **CALL** for the players' benefit, then when the ball is dead the signal is repeated **to the scorers**.

The umpires must wait until **the scorers acknowledge each separate signal** before permitting play to proceed.

* If on appeal, a batsman is Not-out the umpire shall call NOT-OUT.



A Not Out Ball striking pad outside line of stumps.

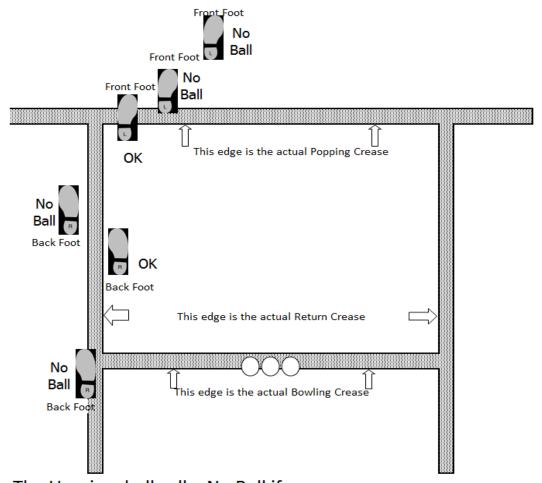


Ball would NOT have hit stumps.

В	OUT	If the Umpire believes that the ball would have hit the stumps, Regardless of whether the batsman played a shot or not.
С	OUT	If the Umpire believes that the ball would have hit the stumps.
D	оит	Ball pitched in line and would have hit the stumps.
E	Not Out	Ball pitched outside the line of the stumps.



No Ball Guidelines



The Umpire shall call a No Ball if:

- 1 The heel of the bowler's front foot lands on or in front of the popping crease (the back line of the batting crease). The heel can be raised as long as it is behind the line at the time of delivery.
- 2 The bowler's back foot is touching or outside the return crease
- 3 The bowler throws the ball to the striker's end before entering his delivery stride.
- 4 If the ball bounces more than twice before it reaches the batsman, or rolls along the ground towards him.
- 5 The ball stops in front of the batsman without having touched the bat.
- 6 If the wicketkeeper encroaches beyond the stumps before the ball has been struck by the batsman, or has passed the stumps, or the striker attempts a run.



VTCA Points System Rules: Season 2023/24

- a) The VTCA Points System only applies to a Clubs' 1st X1. (2023/24 Cap 23 points)
- b) The VTCA will advise of the forthcoming season limit by 1 April each year, except where a previously advised review is being conducted, in which case the date will be 30 April.
- c) **Points Determination** At the commencement of a season, any Club that enters a team in the Competition shall be required to submit a list of players proposed to compete in its first XI. This list shall comprise the players' names, the season they commenced with the Club and Player type in accordance with the provisions of the Victorian Turf Cricket Association Points Guidelines Table. This list shall be submitted to the VTCA at least *14 days* prior to the first match.
 - Additional players may be added to this list during the season on approval of the VTCA. Any such request must be submitted prior to the first match for which the player is required.
 - Player types will be determined by definitions as per Table A (season 20202/21) with the highest level of playing history over the previous 3 seasons used to determine the points allocated.
 - Should a player fall into multiple categories, he/she will be allocated at the highest category except where the player has come through that Clubs' Junior program.
 - Overseas players whose initial visa is a Business, Student, Spouse or Special Circumstances Visa will receive a "Rating" as per <u>Category D</u>.
 - A player not having played cricket in the past 4 seasons will be rated as per Category D.
 - Loyalty Provisions All Players, except International and First-Class Overseas
 Players, will have their allocation reduced by one point following the completion of
 two seasons at their Club upon activation by playing first 1st XI game.
 - Following 2 Seasons service, after activation, points will be reduced by one point per two seasons until they reach zero-point status i.e. Reduction of ONE point per two seasons.
 - International and First-Class Overseas Players will have their allocation reduced by one point following the completion of two seasons at their Club. There will be a further reduction of points if the player plays five consecutive seasons at the said club where that player will be normalised for further reductions. If player moves to another VTCA Club and not a permanent resident, then that player will be back to original points classification.
 - A player previously rated as a former VTCA junior player, or a senior player with the prior three or more years' service, who is subsequently returning directly from Premier of Sub-district level to his "Junior/directly previous club" will return at the point level at which he left to play at the higher level.
 - A former Junior player with a minimum of two years immediate previous service returning directly to his/her immediate former Club from a VTCA Club or VMCU, VCCL affiliate, not having played first X1, (i.e. not having an activated rating), at either his/her current Club or his/her old Club – 1 point.



- Overseas players returning after 1 or more Seasons absence, returning directly to the last VTCA Club that they played for, will return on the points at which they left.
- d) **Penalties** Any team found to have breached the level of the Cap shall lose the match points and percentage gained, under Rule E32. Clubs failing to have a player listed on the official player points list prior to a match shall be fined 5 penalty units (\$100).
- e) Eleven (11) players and their points must be listed on the Match Day Team Sheet.
- f) Clubs can request a review of any initial Point Allocation or current rating by written application to the VTCA Secretary. (Initial point allocation will not be reviewed on the basis of changing visa status, highest status remains.).
- g) The decision of the Points Sub-Committee in relation to any review is final and not subject to Appeal at either VTCA or VMCU level.
- h) **Points cap Review** The Cap will be reviewed every two (2) years using the following formula:
 - Sample will be taken of the highest point Club from the previous Season
 - Like for like team will have applicable point reductions applied to ascertain what a similar team would look like moving forward.



VTCA - Season 2023/2024 Player Points guidelines

Player Points rule – The team make up may comprise any mix of players, provided the total number of points allocated does not exceed the maximum match points. (23 points)

Player types – Player types are defined according to the following table, with the highest level of playing history over the past three seasons used to determine the points allocated.

Category	Description	Points
Category A First Class (overseas – see Note 1)	 Overseas Player who has played First Class or Represented country in Test, T20/100 Game or One day game(s) 	5
Category B First Class (Local- see Note 1) Premier Firsts	 Domestic (Australia) Test Cricketer First Class Cricket (State) – refer table first class Premier First XI player Represented country in T20 or One day game(s) 	4
Category C Premier Seconds XI (see note 2) VTCA Senior/Div.1 movement (see Note 2)	 Premier 2nd XI or equivalent interstate VTCA player moving from Senior Div/Div 1 first XI to another Senior Div/Div 1 first XI VTCA Club A non-resident Player who is the holder of any other visa issued by the Dept of Home Affairs (excludes Student Visa) 	3
Category D Overseas Student/Business/Spouse Visa All other Associations VTCA Player (div.2 – 5)	 VTCA U18 or junior player moving from VTCA Club not having played Seniors to another VTCA Club Any VMCU affiliated Association – Refer table VMCU VCCL Association – refer Table VCCL Overseas Student/Business/Spouse on visa State Cricket Association and other 1st XI Premier 3rds -4th XI Played six(6) or less 1st XI matches (12 one day games or less in combination equalling less than 12 match days) at another VTCA Club over the last 3 seasons (Div 2-5) includes 2nd XI players to never played a game in 1st XI. Note: excludes those deemed First class (overseas & Local) District or Premier firsts. 	2
Category E VSDCA Juniors	VSDCA Played juniors at Club and moved directly to Seniors	1

Notes pertaining to Player points guidelines.

Note 1 - First Class Overseas & Local

Any overseas player that has played for their country or First-class cricket as defined by Cricinfo in either format of Test/One Day/T20 or 100 ball cricket.

DEDUCTION RULES

Deduct 1 point if the player has not played First Class cricket for 3 seasons prior to initial visa submission. Deduct further points if the player has played five consecutive seasons with the club as a normal local player. If player moves to another VTCA Club, then normal rules apply i.e. original Category classification.

Deduct 1 point if the player has not played Premier Cricket 1sts for two seasons.

Note 2 – Premier Seconds or equivalent/VTCA player movements in Senior & Division 1/other Visas Any Player that has not played Premier Firsts or equivalent in other states but played 2nd XI.

Any VTCA player moving from Senior Division to Senior Division Club will be a 3-point player. Any player moving from Dlv.1 VTCA Club to another Division 1 VTCA Club will be a 3-pointplayer. A Senior Division VTCA player moving to Division 1 and vice versa will be a 3-point player. If the Player moves on higher points, that player retains the same i.e. Overseas player moving after 1st year will be deemed still a 5-point player.



Any player that arrives to Australia on either Overseas Student/Business or Spouse visa will be deemed a 3-point player. Visa papers must be provided to support this category. No support will be deemed a 5-point player.

Played more than six (6) 1st eleven matches at VTCA Club over the last three (3) seasons (Div 2-5) Note: excludes those deemed First class (Overseas & Local) District or Premier firsts.

DEDUCTION RULES

Deduct a further 1 point for each additional Season in which the player has not played at the relevant level. After activation the normal reductions apply i.e. to a Zero point player.

TABLE B - VMCU Affiliates Rating

Box Hill Reporter	D	Northern Metro	D
Dandenong District	D	North West Metro	D
Diamond Valley	D	Ringwood District	D
Eastern	D	South Eastern	D
Williamstown District	D	Mercantile	D
Western Suburbs United Churches	D	Southern Bayside	D

TABLE B INTERSTATE – Representative Associations Rating

Tasmanian Cricket Assoc.	В	North Tasmanian CA	В	Darwin District CA	В
North West	В	Newcastle	В	ACT Premier	В
Tasmanian CA		District CA			



TABLE B - VCCL Affiliates Rating

Bairnsdale	D	Northern United	D	Sale-Maffra	D
Alberton	D	Northern Districts	D	Emu Valley	D
Ballarat	D	Ouyen & District	D	Seymour District	D
Benalla & District	D	Portland	D	Ferntree Gully	D
Bendigo District	D	Pyranees	D	Shepparton	D
Geelong District	D	Casterton	D	Gisborne & District	D
Red Cliffs	D	Castlemaine	D	South West	D
Robinvale & District	D	Central Gippsland	D	Goulburn Murray	D
Albury Wodonga	D	Rutherglen Juniors	D	Sunraysia	D
Grampians	D	Swan Hill District	D	Grassmere	D
Traralgon & District	D	Grenville	D	Tumbarumba	D
Hamilton & District	D	Upper Loddon	D	Horsham	D
Wangaratta & District	D	Leongatha	D	Warragul & District	D
Mansfield	D	Warrnambool	D	Maryborough	D
West Gippsland	D	Mornington	D	West Wimmera	D
Mount Gambier	D	Wimmera- Mallee	D	Murray Valley	D
Yarra Valley	D				



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