
**RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET
ASSOCIATION INC**



**CONSTITUTION
and
RULES BOOK**

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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC

CONSTITUTION

FORMATION AND TITLE

- 1 The name of the Association is:
RINGWOOD and DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc.,
and its registered office is:
25 GLENWOOD DRIVE CROYDON, VICTORIA, 3136.

OBJECTS

- 2 The objects of the Association shall be the playing and fostering of cricket, free from any objectionable features, and the better acquaintance and fellowship of the players of the Association.

3(a) AFFILIATION

Any club desirous of playing cricket with the Association shall nominate two (2) Delegates to be admitted as members of the Association.

- (1) A natural person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was such a member at that time and has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership:
 - (a) unless he is nominated as provided in sub-clause (3); and
 - (b) his admission as a member is approved by the General Committee.
- (3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association:
 - (a) shall be made in writing in accordance with the prescribed form; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the Administration Manager of the Association.
- (4) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the Administration Manager shall refer the nomination to the Board of Management.
- (5) Upon a nomination being referred to the Board of Management, the Board of Management shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (6) Upon a nomination being approved by the Board of Management, the Administration Manager shall notify the nominee in writing that he is approved for membership of the Association and request payment within the period of 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these rules as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.
- (7) The Administration Manager shall, upon payment of the amounts referred to in sub-clause (6) within the period referred to in that sub-clause, enter the nominee's name in the Register of Members kept by him and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association.
- (8) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his membership of the Association:
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership either by death or resignation or otherwise.

3(b) LIFE MEMBERS

On the recommendation of the Board of Management defined in the rules of the Association, the Association may elect as an Honorary Life Member any person who has rendered special service to the Association and the game, provided that no Life Member shall be elected except on a resolution carried by at least three-fourths of those present at the Annual General Meeting. Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Delegates of the Association. Clubs may nominate any person for a Life Membership but such nomination must be lodged with the Board of Management prior to the 1st of July in any year.

4 DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the committee may by resolution--
- (a) fine that member an amount not exceeding \$500; or
 - (b) suspend that member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or
 - (c) expel that member from the Association
- (2) A resolution of the committee under sub-rule (1) does not take effect unless--
- (a) at a meeting held in accordance with sub-rule (3), the committee confirms the resolution; and
 - (b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this rule, the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with sub-rule (4).
- (4) For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with sub-rule (3), the Administration Manager must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice--
- (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and
 - (b) stating that the member, or his or her representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that he or she may do one or both of the following--
 - (i) attend that meeting;
 - (ii) give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (e) informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, he or she may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- (5) At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1), the committee must--
- (a) give the member, or his or her representative, an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (6) If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- (7) If the Administration Manager receives a notice under sub-rule (6), he or she must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Administration Manager received the notice.
- (8) At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-rule (7)--
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
 - (b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
 - (c) the member, or his or her representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (9) A resolution is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person, or by proxy, in favour of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

5. DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

- (1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between--
- (a) a member and another member; or
 - (b) a member and the Association.
- (2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator
- (4) The mediator must be--
- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (b) in the absence of agreement--
 - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or
 - (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- (6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must--
- (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Entrance fees and annual subscriptions shall be as the Board of Management decides and are payable according to the rules of the Association.
- (b) The Administration Manager shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the Register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.
- (c) The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Board of Management determines.

7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be convened and held as provided in the rules of the Association. There shall be presented at such Meeting the Annual Report and Audited Annual Financial Statements.

8 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Every club desirous of playing cricket with the Association shall be entitled to be represented by two (2) Delegates, (one of whom shall be the Secretary of that club) at the Annual General Meeting. Delegates, Life Members and the Office Bearers of the Association as well as two (2) Delegates from the Ringwood and District Cricket Umpires Association, shall be admitted to such Meeting and be represented by Observers in addition to Delegates, but such Observers shall not be entitled to speak to any Motion or to vote thereon.

9 ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS

No alteration or amendment of the Constitution of the Association shall be made except as provided in RULE 16.

10 WINDING UP OF ASSOCIATION

In the event of the winding up of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

11 OTHER RULES TO APPLY

Except where inconsistent with the foregoing, all matches shall be played under the Laws of Cricket as adopted by Cricket Victoria. Subject to the foregoing rules, the Constitution, rules and By-Laws of Cricket Victoria shall apply to the Association. (See Rule 81.)

RULES

12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association shall be held in the month of August, but no later than the 21st day of the month in each year.

(b) All clubs must hold their Annual General Meeting no later than the 31st of July each year.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements, shall be given to all Office Bearers, Life Members and clubs which comprised the Association during the previous season.

13 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

At the Annual General Meeting there shall be elected the Office Bearers of the Association for the ensuing year. Nominations for all positions must be submitted to the Administration Manager, on the forms supplied by the Association, by the first Friday in August each year and must include the names and signatures of proposer, seconder and accepting nominee.

Should more than one nomination for any position be received, an election for that position will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

Should no previous nominations be received for a particular position, nominations will be accepted on the night of the Annual General Meeting.

Election shall be by simple majority. Should a Delegate be elected an Office Bearer or Life Member, then his club may appoint another Delegate in his stead.

In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in this section, the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

14 PATRONS

Patrons may be elected by the Association.

15 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

If any question arises which is not specifically provided for in these rules, or if any question arises as to the interpretation of any rule, the opinion of the Board of Management shall be taken and acted upon, and its decision shall be final.

16 ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO RDCA RULES

The Board of Management shall be empowered to alter and amend rules of the Association in accordance with the procedure shown in Rules 17 and 18.

17(a) PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION

(1) Formal submissions may be made to the Board of Management by any Office Bearer, Life Member or affiliated club and must include:

- Full text of amended rules.
- Precise of proposed changes and reasons for same.
- Explanation as to effect of proposed change.
- Cross reference to any other rules influenced by proposed change.
- Full names/addresses of proposer/seconder.
- Any rule amendment proposed by an affiliated club must be seconded by another affiliated club

(2) The Board of Management will decide whether such proposals are to proceed. Should the Board of Management decide against proceeding, reasons for such decision are to be advised in writing to proposer/seconder.

17(b) PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION

(1) Upon deciding that Proposals should proceed, details as described in Rule 17(a) (1) will be forwarded in writing to all Office Bearers, Life Members and affiliated clubs who will be given 21 days to respond by indicating agreement or otherwise on an appropriate form to be included with the proposal.

Any objections **MUST** include objector's reasons and/or comments for same.

(2) The Board of Management will consider any matters raised and decide on appropriate action. Lack of response by a club will be construed as approval to proposal(s).

(3) Amended rules will be advised to Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(4) Unless special circumstances prevail (as considered appropriate by the Board of Management) no rule amendments will be considered after the Annual General Meeting each year.

(5) Proposals for changes to playing competition structure of the Association shall be dealt with by the convening of a Special Meeting, to provide the clubs the opportunity to hear submissions, for and against the proposal, and permit the delegates the opportunity to vote by ballot or by show of hands. A two thirds majority of eligible votes will be required to achieve acceptance of such a proposal.

18 SPECIAL AMENDMENTS

- (1) Departure from Rule 17(b) (3) and (4) will be considered by the Board of Management if submission of alteration is received in terms of Rule 17(a) (1) and clearly demonstrates that failure to take immediate action will adversely influence the conduct of Association Affairs.
- (2) The Board of Management shall have the power to alter rules format, without obtaining member input, only if the import of the rule change does not change previously agreed intentions.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

19 GOVERNING BODY-MANAGEMENT

After the Annual General Meeting, the affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a governing body, to be called the General Committee, which shall consist of the Office Bearers and Life Members of the Association, and two (2) Delegates representing each club, one of whom shall be the Secretary, desirous of playing cricket with the Association, also two (2) Delegates from the Umpires Association.

20 CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

The names, addresses and signatures of the two (2) Delegates appointed to represent each club and Umpires, duly certified by the Secretary of the Club, shall be lodged with the Administration Manager prior to the Annual General Meeting and no Delegate shall be admitted to any Meeting of the General Committee until this rule has been complied with.

21 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL DISTRICT OR SUB-DISTRICT CLUB

Unless the General Committee at any time, otherwise determine, a representative of any local District or Sub-District Club may be admitted to a Meeting of the General Committee but with no voting rights.

22 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The General Committee shall, unless otherwise arranged, meet at least three (3) times annually, to transact business.
- (2) The Secretary of the Association, at least 14 days, or if a special resolution has been proposed at least 21 days, before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, must cause to be sent to each member of the Association, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- (3) Notice may be sent--
 - (a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or
 - (b) if the member requests, by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission.
- (4) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.
- (5) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify in writing, or by electronic transmission, the Secretary of that business, who must include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting.

23 SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the General Committee shall be convened by the Administration Manager:

- (a) On the instruction and by direction of the Board of Management.
- (b) On receipt of a written request, signed by one (1) delegate from a simple majority of clubs specifying the matters to be brought before such Meeting.

24 DURATION OF MEETINGS

All Meetings of the General Committee shall commence no later than 8.00pm and shall terminate not later than 10.30pm, unless a resolution granting an extension of time be carried by at least two-thirds of those present at such Meeting.

25 VOTING

Eligibility to vote at meetings of the General Committee will be as defined in Rule 8 of the Constitution.

All resolutions shall be decided, by simple majority, on the voices or by a show of hands, but any three Delegates may demand a ballot. The Administration Manager and Office Bearers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of all meetings of the General Committee and shall be entitled to one vote each unless they are also nominated as a Club Delegate, in which case they shall have only the one vote as Delegate.

In the event of the voting on any question being equal, the Chairman shall exercise his casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote.

26 PROXIES

Should any Delegate be unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee, the Delegate may appoint, in accordance with the prescribed form of appointment of proxy, some other person as proxy to attend in his place and such person shall, provided that his proxy is in order and is handed to the Chairman immediately on his arrival at the meeting, be entitled to vote, and to all rights of a Delegate at such meeting.

27 DELEGATES UNDERTAKING

Any undertaking given by a Delegate at the Annual General Meeting or at any meeting of the General Committee shall be binding on and enforceable against the club which he represents.

28 QUORUM

A quorum for meetings shall consist of :

General committee	delegates representing the majority of Clubs
Board of Management	4 members of Board
Established committees	simple majority of committee members

Business shall not be proceeded with unless such a quorum is present.

29 ATTENDANCE

- (a) A club failing to be represented at any meeting of the General Committee shall be fined an amount of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars). If not represented at two (2) consecutive meetings of the General Committee shall be liable to a further fine of \$15.00 and/or suspension or disqualification as may be decided by the Board of Management. On arrival at each meeting of the General Committee, Delegates shall sign an attendance book.
- (b) The Delegates of club ceasing to be, in the opinion of the Board of Management, a playing club, shall not be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any General Committee meetings and shall, subject to the provisions of Rule 69, forfeit the guarantee deposited with the Association in accordance with that rule.
- (c) Affiliated clubs must support RDCA social functions (Annual Vote Count and Annual Presentations night). Each club must have at least two people attend each function and failure to do so will incur a fine equivalent to the cost of six tickets. The annual subscription shall include a \$100.00 levy to cover the cost of these tickets.

30 PROCEDURE AND STANDING ORDERS

At all Meetings of the Association, the President shall take the Chair. In the absence of the President, the Chairman shall be elected by the meeting.

31 COMPOSITION & POWERS OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairman (President of the Association)
Administration Manager
Operations Manager
Finance Manager
Veteran's Association Representative
Junior Association Representative

In addition to any other powers conferred on it by the rules of the Association, the General Committee and/or the Board of Management shall have power to:

- (a) Appoint a person duly qualified under the rules of the Association to fill any vacant office;
- (b) Refer any particular matter to the Board of Management or the Administration Manager for report and/or for decision;
- (c) Confirm the Annual Budget.

32 OFFICE BEARERS

The Office Bearers of the Board of Management shall consist of the President of the Association, Operations Manager, Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Junior Association Representative and Veterans Association Representative, elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Any person shall be eligible for election as an Office Bearer, however no more than two (2) members of any one affiliated club shall be appointed to the Board of Management.

33 REMOVALS

Any Office Bearers may be removed from office for neglect of duty or misconduct, provided that he shall only be removed on a resolution passed by a majority of Members of the Board of Management present at a Special Meeting, called especially to deal with the matter, and provided further that such resolution be confirmed at the next ordinary meeting of the General Committee.

34 DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

The Administration Manager shall keep minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at each General Meeting and each Board of Management Meeting in the books provided for that purpose, together with a record of the names of persons present at General Meetings. He will also conduct the correspondence of the Association and carry out other duties as determined by the Board of Management.

- (a) (1) The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Public Officer.
(2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of the Board of Management and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Board of Management or of one member of the Board of Management and of the Public Officer of the Association.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Administration Manager shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association. Inspection of said books, documents and securities to be made available to members of the Association within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request, signed by twelve (12) members of the Association.
- (c) Co ordinate all Investigation and Appeals Tribunal hearings.
- (d) Other duties as determined by the Board of Management

34(i) DUTIES OF OPERATIONS MANAGER

- (a) Co ordinate and manage the playing conditions and operations of the Premier and Senior grades of the RDCA
- (b) Co ordinate and supervise the activities of the Umpires panel
- (c) Co ordinate and manage inter association playing conditions and arrangements
- (d) Submit recommendations for rule changes to the Administration Manager
- (e) Submit an annual budget detailing anticipated operations expenditure to the Finance Manager
- (f) Arrange for Operations Committee meetings to be minuted and distributed to Board of Management members
- (g) Other duties as determined by the Board of Management

35 DUTIES OF FINANCE MANAGER

The Finance Manager shall receive all monies on behalf of the Association and lodge these monies to the credit of the Association in a Bank Account at such Bank as the General Committee may determine. The Finance Manager shall keep a full and correct account of the Income, Expenditure and Assets of the Association, and present to each meeting of the General Committee and the Board of Management, an up to date statement of Income and Expenditure.

The Finance Manager shall:

- a) present properly audited financial statements relating to the past year's activities and render final accounts to all affiliated clubs within 28 days of the end of each season.
- b) ensure all cheques and orders drawn on banking accounts of the Association are signed by any two of the Chairman of the Board of Management, the Administration Manager and the Finance Manager.
- c) ensure that no appropriation is made to or from any reserve fund of the Association except on a resolution carried by at least three-fourths of those present at a special meeting of the General Committee called for that purpose.
- d) render final accounts to clubs 14 days prior to the end of each financial year.
- e) carry out other duties as determined by the Board of Management

36 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall end on the 31st day of May in each year.

37 OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Clubs shall pay all monies due and payable to the Association within 28 days of the date of submission of monthly accounts. Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$20.00. Where applicable, accounts will include advice of this penalty.

A club cannot play and its delegates cannot vote at meetings until it pays all accounts rendered in the previous season. A player from a club, which disbands or ceases to be a member cannot play with another club until all accounts are settled.

Advice of clubs disbanding and/or ceasing to be a member will be provided to the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union.

38 DUTIES OF AUDITOR

An Honorary Auditor appointed by the Association shall audit the books and the Annual Financial Statements of the Association, require the Finance Manager to produce proper and complete vouchers and receipts for all entries in the books of the Association, and make a report to the Annual General Meeting.

39 REPORTS

All sub-committees, appointed in accordance with Rule 43(b), shall, where practicable, submit reports, in writing, to the Board of Management.

40 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT / COMMITTEES / SUB COMMITTEES

The President of the RDCA Inc. shall be the Chairman of the Board of Management.

The Chairman of the RDCA Inc. and representatives of the Veterans Association and the Junior Association will be responsible to ensure that the objects of the RDCA Inc. are met.

Chairman of any Sub Committee shall be ratified by the Board of Management and will be responsible for ensuring that the objects of the RDCA Inc. are met.

The Chairman of the Board of Management and any Committee or Sub Committee shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.

41 MEETINGS

The Board of Management shall meet at least 4 times per year unless it otherwise determines and shall be convened by the Administration Manager.

42 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Any member absenting himself without leave from two consecutive meetings of the Board of Management or from any sub committee shall forfeit his seat.

43 POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To exercise general oversight over the operations of any sub committees appointed by the Board of Management.
- (b) To appoint Sub-Committees as required, appoint Chairman and establish the staffing and duties of these committees.
- (c) To ratify the number of grades of the Association and grade teams in accordance with the rules of the Association. To arrange fixtures, days of play and grounds for home and away matches, and announce the fixtures at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in each year. Any protest against the fixtures must be received in writing by the Board of Management not later than 7 days subsequent to the Annual Meeting. Such protest to be dealt with by the Board of Management and resolved not later than the September General Meeting of the Association. The Board of Management shall have the power to alter or vary times of starting and hours of play, days, and grounds at any time should the necessity arise.
- (d) To exercise general oversight over the operations of the RDCA Umpires Association.
- (e) To deal with any business or matter referred to it by the General Committee.
- (f) To refer to the Investigation Committee or Tribunal any matter it deems fit.
- (g) To deal with urgent business which may arise between meetings of the General Committee, subject to report to the next meeting of that Committee.
- (h) To deal with any matter which the rules place within its jurisdiction. Any club dissatisfied with any decision or ruling of the Board of Management may have the matter referred to the Appeals Tribunal, subject to compliance with rule 49(4). An aggrieved party may lodge a further appeal through Manager Administration to the VMCU in accordance with the rules of that body.
- (i) To levy additional fines, suspend and/or disqualify clubs if directives of the Board of Management are not complied with.

44 INVESTIGATION INTO PROTESTS, CHARGES AND REPORTS

- (a) Constitution of the Investigation Committee
 1. The Investigation Committee will be appointed to consider protests, charges and reports received in terms of Rule 45
 2. The Investigation Committee shall consist of two (2) club-nominated Officers with the chairman being the RDCA Inc. President or his nominee. Each club shall nominate a responsible officer to sit on this committee when required, nomination to reach the Administration Manager prior to the first match each year.
- (b) Constitution of the Appeals Tribunal
 1. An independent Appeals Tribunal Panel shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting to deal with any matters lodged
 2. The Appeals Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and a minimum of two (2) additional members.
 3. In the event of temporary absence or the ineligibility under Rule 51, if applicable, of a member, the Manager Administration (or his deputy) shall appoint some other person to act temporarily in his stead, provided however, that the Chairman shall always be independent of the Association.
 4. No member who has a perceived conflict of interest shall sit as a member of the appeals panel.

45 PROTESTS, CHARGES AND REPORTS

1. A protest, charge or report may be lodged by any member of the RDCA Umpires Panel, an affiliated Club (on behalf of Club members) or a member of any RDCA Committee.
2. Every protest, charge or report made against a result, club, team, delegate, player, office-bearer or member of any club for improper conduct or misbehaviour shall be referred to the Administration Manager and shall be referred to the Investigation Committee.
3. Other than as detailed in item 4 below, no such protest, charge or report shall be entertained unless lodged with the Administration Manager (in writing) 24 hours following the last day of the match giving rise to the protest, charge or report.
4. If the protest, charge or report does not arise out of a match, then the incident giving rise to the protest, charge or report can be lodged within five (5) days of the incident. – subject to Rule 46
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46 MATTERS REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION

The Investigation Committee shall also hear and/or investigate any matter referred to it by the Board of Management or a Committee of the Board of Management and submit a report to the Board of Management in due course.

47 TRIBUNAL HEARINGS

The Administration Manager shall:

- (a) Forward a statement of any protest, charge or report to be heard by the Investigation Committee to the persons, club or teams concerned.
- (b) Appoint a time, date and place for the hearing of the protest, charge or report (to be held unless otherwise advised, in the week following the completion of the match in which the protest, charge or report was made); notify the members of the Investigation Committee or Board of Management as the case may be, summon all necessary parties including any person, club or team concerned together with any necessary witnesses to attend.
- (c) In all cases, individual(s) appearing before Investigation Committee must be accompanied by a Club Representative.
- (d) Full particulars of the procedure to be observed by the Investigation Committee relating to the hearing of every charge, report or protest is shown in Rule 50a of the Rule Book.

48 DECISION ON PROTEST, CHARGE OR REPORT

The Investigation Committee and/or Appeals Tribunal may impose such penalty by way of disqualification, suspension, fine or otherwise, as it may think fit.

49 REPORT ON DECISIONS OF HEARING OF PROTESTS, CHARGES OR REPORTS

1. The Investigation Committee shall announce its decision at the conclusion of the hearing.
2. The Investigation Committee shall report its decision in writing as early as possible to the Board of Management, through the Administration Manager, which shall notify the persons or clubs concerned of the decision and report details of the protest, charge or report and the decision, in most appropriate manner, to members of the Association.
3. A copy of the Investigation Committee report shall be forwarded, if requested, to the persons or clubs concerned.
4. Within 14 days of the original hearing an aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal to Appeals Tribunal, should they be able to demonstrate that:
 - (i) Appropriate Rules and / or procedures were not followed by the Investigation Committee
 - (ii) Decision was based on erroneous or previously unavailable evidence
 - (iii) Penalty handed down is considered to be too severe.
 - (iv) There has been a denial of natural justice
5. Any suspensions or penalties shall be advised to VMCU for information and dissemination to VMCU affiliated Associations.
6. An aggrieved party may lodge a further appeal through the Board of Management to the VMCU in accordance with the rules of that body.

50 (a) INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

- (1) The Chairman shall impress on all principals and witnesses the necessity of observing the following condition:
"Any person or persons giving evidence of an untruthful nature to the Investigation Committee shall, in the case of any player concerned, be disqualified from taking part in any match for such time as the Investigation Committee shall decide and in the case of any other person shall, on a report to the RDCA Board of Management by the Investigation Committee, be dealt with as that body may deem fit".
- (1a) The Chairman shall have the right to call any witnesses as deemed fit.
- (2) The Administration Manager or hearing Convenor shall read the report. The reported person shall then be asked if the charge is admitted to or denied.
- (3) Should the reported person plead **GUILTY** to the charge, the following procedure must be adopted:
 - (a) The informant will give particulars of the incident reported.
 - (b) The reported person will have the right to clarify any point in the evidence provided by the informant.
 - (c) The reported person shall be allowed to make a statement if ~~he~~ they so desire.
 - (d) The informant shall have the right to clarify any point in the evidence of the reported person.
 - (e) All persons shall then retire and the Investigation Panel will arrive at a decision.
- (4) Should the reported person plead **NOT GUILTY** to the charge, the following procedure must be adopted:
 - (a) The informant will give particulars of the incident reported.
 - (b) The informant shall have the right to call any witnesses in support of his report.
 - (c) The reported person shall have the right to question the informant and/or the witnesses.
 - (d) The reported person may make a statement and shall have the right to call witnesses in support of ~~his~~ their statement.
 - (e) The informant shall have the right to question the accused and all witnesses.
 - (f) At the conclusion, all persons shall retire and the Investigation Committee Panel shall arrive at a decision.
- (5) The decision shall be announced in the presence of the informant and the reported person.
- (6) A witness may not leave the room after having given evidence until the conclusion of the hearing of all evidence. A witness may not ask a question or interrupt proceedings at any time.
- (7) If during the consideration of the evidence the Investigation Panel desires to recall any witness, such witness shall be questioned in the presence of the informant and the reported person.
- (8) All disqualifications imposed shall commence from and include the first competition match commencing after the hearing and played by the team of which the reported person was a member at the time that the report or charge was made.
- (9) No person shall be represented by a legal practitioner at any hearing, without the consent of the chairperson.
An advocate may act on behalf of the reported player to determine the facts from the player or players before the Investigation Committee is assembled and to advise the best way to conduct or present the case. The advocate may cross-examine the informant, reported person or any witness..
- (10) Any parties summoned to attend under Rule 47b who do not attend an Investigation hearing after being notified in writing by the RDCA Administration Manager or hearing Convenor, shall be dealt with as shown in paragraph 1 above.

50 (b) APPEALS TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE

- 1) Upon the right to appeal being granted under Rule 49.4, the Administration Manager shall notify the appellant and the other party to the original protest, report or charge in writing of the granting of the right to appeal. The aggrieved party/appellant must within 7 days of receiving notice that the right to appeal has been granted, lodge with the Administration Manager, in writing:
 - i) a summary of the arguments to be put before the Appeals Tribunal as to why the appeal should be granted and
 - ii) a list of witnesses he or she intends to call at the appeal
- 2) All notices given under this Rule shall in the case of a player be given to the player at his address as registered with the RDCA or to his club secretary and in the case of the other party to that party at his last known address.
- 3) The Administration Manager shall appoint a time and venue for the hearing of the appeal and notify the parties in writing of same in the manner set out in Rule 50 (b) 2 above.
- 4) a) The Chairman shall impress on all attendees the necessity of observing the following condition:
"Any person or persons giving evidence of an untruthful nature to the Appeals Tribunal shall, in the case of any player concerned, be disqualified from taking part in any match for such time as the Appeals Tribunal shall decide and in the case of any other person shall, on a report to the RDCA Board of Management by the Appeals Tribunal, be dealt with as that body may deem fit".
b) The Chairman shall have the right to call any witness as deemed fit.
- 5) The Administration Manager or hearing Convener shall read the appeal grounds.
- 6) No person shall be represented by a legal practitioner at any hearing without the consent of the chairperson.
An advocate may act on behalf of the reported player to determine the facts from the player or players before the Appeals Tribunal is assembled and to advise the best way to conduct or present the case. The advocate may cross-examine the informant, reported person or any witness.
- 7) No party may leave the room after having given evidence until the conclusion of the hearing of all evidence. A witness may not ask a question or interrupt proceedings at any time.
- 8) If during the consideration of the evidence the Appeals Tribunal panel desires to recall any witness, such witness shall be questioned in the presence of the appellant.
- 9) The decision shall be announced in the presence of the appellant.
- 10) All disqualifications imposed shall commence from and include the first competition match commencing after the hearing and played by the team of which the reported person was a member at the time that the report or charge was made.

In the event of a player under the age of 16 years appearing before the Appeals Tribunal, a player's advocate may address the Appeals Tribunal on the player's behalf and with the chairman's permission they may question witnesses.

51 MEMBER VACATING SEAT

Any member of the Investigation Committee, Appeals Tribunal or Board of Management, as the case may be, whose club is directly affected by a charge, report or protest, must vacate his seat on the hearing of the same.

52 BY-LAWS

The Board of Management shall have power, to make by-laws not inconsistent with the rules of the Association. At least seven (7) days notice, in writing, of a proposed by-law must be given to each club and any by-laws so made shall be binding on all office-bearers, clubs, teams, delegates, umpires and players and be ratified at the next General Meeting.

53 CLUBS BOUND BY RULES AND DECISIONS

All clubs comprising the Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc shall be bound to conform to the rules and decisions of the Association.

54 PREVIOUS RULES CANCELLED

All previous rules and Regulations of the Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc are hereby cancelled and these rules shall operate forthwith.

55 DIRECTION

If any direction of the Association has not been complied with, within the specified time therefore, the Board of Management is empowered to take such action as it deems fit.

Any breach of the rules is liable to a fine and/or penalty to be determined by the Board of Management, including the loss of match points and/or bonus points

DOMESTIC PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

In the absence of specific rules dealing with playing arrangements for any competition playing under the auspice of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Inc., the following playing arrangements will apply.

56 COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) All forms and communications addressed to the Association must be by email, facsimile, typewritten or written in ink.
- (b) Informatory circulars emanating from RDCA officials must be consecutively numbered to ensure that clubs are aware that all advices have been received. Clubs will be held responsible for ensuring that advices are received in sequence.

57 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) members shall be appointed annually to select teams to represent the Association in matches.

58 ASSOCIATION MATCHES

- (a) "Representative Teams" and practice squads of the Association will be selected by the Selection Committee.
- (b) A player selected in any representative Association team or in any practice squad, who is subsequently unable to play in such representative team or attend practice, shall furnish the Board of Management, at least seven (7) days prior to the match or practice, his notice of unavailability. If a selected player fails to attend or play as required or if the notice of the unavailability is furnished less than seven (7) days prior to the match or practice, the Board of Management may impose such penalty, including suspension or fine, as it considers the occasion warrants.
- (c) Notification of selection shall, for the purpose of this rule, be deemed sufficient if players concerned are advised of their selection personally or by letter at least seven (7) days prior to the match or practice.

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

59 TROPHIES - PREMIERSHIP

Premiership trophies shall be awarded to the premiership teams in all senior, junior and veterans grades. Where applicable perpetual trophies will be suitably engraved and held by the Association.

60 INSURANCE

All shields and trophies shall be insured by the Association to the full insurable value.

61 GRADE TROPHIES

The Association shall provide trophies approved by the Board of Management to the winners of Batting and Bowling averages in every grade in the Association.

To win a trophy:

- (a) A Batsman must bat in at least half the matches played by his team in the particular grade and score more than 250 runs in that particular grade.
- (b) A Bowler must bowl in at least half the matches played by his team in the particular grade and bowl not less than 480 balls and take not less than 20 wickets.
- (c) In One Day Grades a Batsman must play in at least six matches played by his team in that particular grade and score more than 200 runs in the particular grade.
- (d) In One Day Grades a Bowler must bowl in at least six matches played by his team in that particular grade and bowl no less than 240 balls.
- (e) An All-Rounder Trophy shall be presented each year to a player in Chandler Shield., Wilkins Cup and Newey Plate.. The winner of these trophies shall be the player who gains the greatest number of points, based on the following allocation:

Runs	1 point per run
Catches	5 points
Wickets (unassisted)	15 points
Wickets (assisted)	10 points
Run outs	5 points per player
Throw Outs	10 points
Stumpings	10 points

All trophy winners will be provided with a complimentary ticket to the Annual Presentation Function and will be expected to attend the function. In the case of the non-appearance of the trophy winner the club shall be fined \$20 and shall pay the full cost of the ticket. The Board of Management may also take disciplinary action against a player for non-attendance.

NB The conditions authorised in (a) (b) (c) and (d) may be varied by the Board of Management under special circumstances.

62 OTHER RDCA TROPHIES

- (a) Fairest and Best Awards

The following Awards will be made each year, based on votes submitted by Umpires (on a 3, 2, 1 basis) with the winner being the cricketer who polls the most number of votes in the particular grade. Players disqualified during the year (home and away games) will not be eligible for these awards. Should more than one cricketer tie on the most number of votes, a tie will be declared and an award will be made to each player.

Chandler Shield	Bill Dean Medal
Wilkins Cup	Steve Pascoe Medal
Newey Plate	Stuart Newey Medal

(b) Club Championship Trophy

A Club Championship Trophy will be awarded on a yearly basis relating to the games won through-out the season by all teams entered by a club in the Premier and Senior Competition.

Points will be allocated per win on the following basis:

Chandler Shield	6
Wilkins Cup	4
Newey Plate, A and B Grades	3
C, D, E and F Grades	2
Others	0.5

In all grades, a bye is regarded as a win

The total points earned by each club will be tallied and the club with the highest tally declared the winner.

In the event of clubs finishing equal on points, the winner will be determined on a countback based on points earned in Chandler and, if necessary, so on down.

63 ANNUAL AGE TROPHIES

Under 21 and Under 18 Awards

These will be awarded to the best player in the representative games and the recipients will be decided by the Board of Management in consultation with the managers of the teams.

64 PREMIERSHIP SYSTEM

The following premiership point system shall be adopted:

(a) Outright win if the winning team leads on 1st innings	12 points	
Outright win where 1st innings a tie	9 points	
Outright win if winning team behind on 1st innings	8 points	
Outright tie - each team regardless of 1 st innings result		6 points
1st innings win	8 points	
1st innings lead if beaten outright	4 points	
1st innings tie	4 points	
No play or drawn game - each team	4 points	
Team having a fixtured bye	8 points	
Team receiving a forfeit or walk-over		Maximum points awarded in that grade in that round including bonus points

Bonus points:

In home and away matches, bonus points will be awarded in each innings of all senior competition matches only as follows:

- 0.2 of one point for each wicket taken by the bowling team
- 0.1 of one point for every completed ten runs per innings of the batting team

(b) If any teams be equal in premiership points gained at the end of the home and away matches, the relative positions of such teams shall be determined by averages as follows:

The batting averages for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost. The batting average against each team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the number of wickets taken. The former shall be divided by the latter. The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance. In an innings closed or match abandoned, only the wickets lost shall be counted. In an innings completed, ten (10) wickets shall be considered as lost.

(c) If any team withdraws or is expelled from the Association during the home and away matches or for any other reason is unable or refuses to complete the home and away matches, the remaining fixtures shall be regarded as walk-overs.

(d) Except where otherwise determined at the Annual General Meeting, at the conclusion of the home and away matches, the first four teams in each grade shall play off for the premiership in accordance with the *Page 4 Team Finals System*.

65 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION SYSTEM

A promotion and relegation system shall apply to the Senior grades as follows:

Any club being promoted shall conform to the conditions as detailed by the Board of Management (see Rule 66).

If any club does not conform to the conditions of entry into the higher grade, the Board of Management shall decide on the club to be promoted.

The Board of Management shall determine the promotion and relegation system to apply to teams competing in the Senior grades. The basic principle, where possible, is that all Premiers will be promoted and last placed teams relegated.

CLUB/TEAM ENTRIES

66 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMITTANCE, FEES AND GUARANTEES

All new clubs will be eligible for affiliation with the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Inc. subject to the following:

- (a) All applications by clubs desirous of playing cricket with the Association for the ensuing season, shall be made in writing, on forms supplied by the Association and lodged with the Administration Manager not later than the first Friday of August in each year and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) Name, address and telephone number of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Delegates and when available, Junior Team Managers.
 - (2) Team entries for the ensuing season, indicating location of playing grounds, type of wicket and the best means of approach to same.
 - (3) Name of team sharing its wicket and dates on which the ground is unavailable.
 - (4) Telephone number at Pavilion or Ground.
Such entries are to be regarded as final.
Failure to field any nominated team may result in a penalty as decided by the Board of Management.
 - (5) In regard to the nomination of new Clubs into the Association, additional information may be required by the Board of Management before a nomination is placed before the General Committee for decision at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (6) Each Club must certify that it has complied with the requirements of the Member Protection Policy
- (b) A club may enter teams in the Veterans and Junior Competitions without the need to play in the Senior Competition.
- (c) The composition of all grades will be determined by Board of Management.

67 TEAMS COMPRISING THE ASSOCIATION

The teams which shall comprise the Association during the ensuing season shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the Board of Management may thereafter admit teams on conditions that the Committee prescribes.

68 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

Each club shall, in each year, pay to the Finance Manager of the Association, the annual subscription for each team, as determined by the Annual General Meeting together with any other fees and charges levied in accordance with any directive issued by the Board of Management.

69 GUARANTEE

Applicants for admittance to play cricket with the Association shall upon admittance, furnish the Finance Manager with a guarantee of \$100.00. In the opinion of the Board of Management, any club failing:

- (a) To carry out the rules, Regulations or Resolutions of the Association;
- (b) To play a scheduled match, unless excused by the Board of Management for a reason satisfactory to that Committee and unless such reason is communicated, in writing, to the Administration Manager prior to 7.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled commencement of the match, may forfeit the guarantee.

In the event of a club wishing to continue after forfeiting its guarantee, such club may, after making good its default, with the consent of the Board of Management, pay to the Finance Manager a further guarantee of \$100.00 on or before the Tuesday prior to the commencement of the next match.

Should the club not deposit the further guarantee, such club shall be disqualified and debarred from taking further part in the competition. Disqualification shall also apply to the individual members of such clubs and such members shall be debarred from participating in Association Trophy Awards.

70 GUARANTEE FUNDS

All guarantee funds will be lodged in a separate bank account. Such monies will be retained during the period which the club concerned desires to play cricket with the Association, and will be refunded in full upon the termination of this desire and the payment to the Association of all monies outstanding.

71 DEFAULT IN PAYMENT

A club in default at the 31 October in each year, by reason of the non-payment of all fees, charges or levies prescribed by these rules shall incur a fine, and/or penalty which shall be determined by the Board of Management.

72 FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES

- (a) If a team is unable to secure its ground for a match it must give seven (7) clear days' notice to that effect to the opposing club and to the Administration Manager. The Board of Management shall then decide where and when the match shall be played and is empowered to impose a penalty on any club failing to comply with its decision.
- (b) Every team unable to play a competition match shall give notice to the Administration Manager and to the opposing club of its inability to play by 8.00pm on the day preceding the day scheduled for play.
- (c) Any team failing to fulfill any engagement shall forfeit the match in question and shall also be liable to be dealt with by the Board of Management, which may include financial penalties.
- (d) In the event of a club withdrawing a team from the competition or forfeiting a game during the season, then the club must withdraw or forfeit its lowest grade team.

PLAYING ELIGIBILITY

73 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All players must be registered with their respective clubs and a player must be registered with the club with which he desires to play, prior to the commencement of the match.

Each club is responsible for maintaining their own player registration listing comprising ONLY those players that are eligible to be registered with their club.

EXISTING REGISTERED PLAYERS

The existing club player block registration listing at the end of the previous season will be used as the club player block registration listing for the next season.

NEW REGISTRATION – Prior to entry onto a Club's data base, each new player must complete and sign an Association Registration Form. This form must be signed by the Secretary or other official of the club, retained in the club records and produced for verification if required by the RDCA Inc.

No player shall be eligible to play unless registered as above and no player shall be registered unless eligible.

74 APPROVAL BY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, all players shall be and remain at all times subject to the approval of the Board of Management.

75 PLAYER REGISTERING WITH MORE THAN ONE CLUB

Any player who signs the registration forms for and submits himself for registration with more than one club in this Association shall be dealt with by the Board of Management.

76 CLASSIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) A District, Sub-District or Club of another Association shall be permitted free interchange of players between its Senior teams and their highest grade in this Association without permits, provided that such players are duly registered in accordance with the rules of this Association, but this rule shall not permit the transfer of players between teams in this Association without compliance with these rules.
- (b) (1) If a club has two or more teams in this Association, then any player of that club may play in any team of that club, excepting that a player must not play in a grade more than two grades lower, in his club, than played in his previous match without the approval of the Board of Management.
(2) A player may transfer to a team of his club in a higher grade at any time without a permit.
- (c) The number of home and away games to be played by players to be eligible to play in semi-final and/or final matches of any one grade in any season will be determined by the Board of Management.
Players of a team causing a forfeit cannot use that forfeit game as part of their eligibility to play in semi-final and/or final matches.
(Junior matches do **NOT** qualify for senior grades or vice-versa).
It is permissible for any club to freely interchange their **eligible** players between any consecutively graded teams of that club in that final series, provided that sides are competing on the same day or days in semi-final and/or finals matches.
In instances where the higher graded side has progressed to the Grand Final, a player may play in the Preliminary Final in the lower of consecutively graded teams where he played in that team in the Semi-Final or he fulfils other eligibility requirements
- (d) Any winning team playing an unregistered or ineligible player shall be fined \$20 per player and shall lose all points earned in that game. MATCH points will be awarded to the non-offending team.
- (e) Persons called upon to act as "substitutes" MUST be registered players of this Association.
- (f) A registered player of this Association shall not be permitted to play in two matches at the same time or in the same round, either with this or any other Association without a permit from the Board of Management.
- (g) Players from another Association - refer to Rule 77(e).
- (h) No player under the age of 14 years shall be permitted to field within ten (10) metres of the strikers end stumps in any Senior Grade match within this Association. Players aged 14 to 17 years, if fielding within ten (10) metres of the strikers end stumps, except slips and gully, are to wear protective equipment – helmets and protectors. A team in which players under the age of 18 participate will be responsible for marking circles of ten (10) metres radius on the ground where they are to play.

77 CLEARANCES AND PERMITS

Any player wishing to transfer to another club in this Association must first submit a clearance application in duplicate to the respective Senior or Junior Registration Secretary who shall forward both copies of the clearance application to the club which he is leaving.

The club from which the player intends leaving shall deal with the application within fourteen (14) days of its despatch by the Registration Secretary. Following the taking of a decision on the clearance, both copies will be returned to the Registration Secretary who will advise the decision to the club to which the player has sought a clearance. That club has the responsibility to enter player details onto the computer system.

If no action is taken by the club to which the application or clearance is made within fourteen (14) days, the Permit and Registration Committee may deal with the application as it deems fit.

All clearance and associated registrations must be finalised prior to the commencement of the match.

- (a) Any player unable to obtain a clearance from his club in this Association shall have the right to apply to the Permit Committee, who shall have the power to deal with the application.
- (b) Any player who has not played in the Association in the two previous seasons may register to play with the club of his choice without requiring a clearance or permit: with the exception that a player who has crossed to play Senior Cricket from a club in this Association and then desires to return direct to another club in this Association should fulfill obligations defined in this rule and obtain a clearance from his previous club in this Association unless a period of 5 years or more has passed since he last played in this Association.
- (c) Disqualified players from any Association must obtain a clearance before playing in this Association.
- (d) Any player who has played with a club affiliated with another Association during the current season, and desiring to transfer to RDCA Inc must first obtain a clearance from his club, such clearance to be endorsed by the Association he desired to leave. In the event of the club refusing the clearance he may appeal to his Association. Should the club and Association refuse the application for a clearance, he may appeal to the Board of Management of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Inc., whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned. To be eligible to play in following rounds, a player must be registered with the club with which he desired to play, prior to the commencement of the match.
- (e) Interim Permits
The Registration Secretary or Administration Manager of this Association shall have power to grant Interim Permits.

ETHICS

78 CRICKET ATTIRE

- (a) All players must appear on the field in proper cricket attire, comprising white shirt with collar, white pullover if worn, long white trousers, white socks and white footwear which may include coloured stripes.

Players officiating as umpires must wear proper cricket attire plus distinguishing clothing as required under Rule 113

White shorts may be worn only by players under the age of sixteen (16) years, on the 1st September each year.

Umpires shall report players contravening this rule who shall, on a first occasion, be fined \$3.00 and, if a further breach of this rule occurs, shall be dealt with by the Board of Management, which may impose a higher fine or penalty.

- (b) No player shall wear boots or shoes equipped with studs, spikes, sprigs or projections made of metal or hard plastic which could damage the surface when playing on matting or synthetic wickets. The penalty for non-compliance with this rule shall be a fine of \$12.00 and the offending player shall not be permitted to participate in the match until this rule has been complied with.

79 MISBEHAVIOUR

- (a) During the progress of a match, all players and club officials shall behave in an orderly and seemly manner and abide by the spirit of cricket. Bad language will not be tolerated. Smoking on the playing field during the progress of a match is strictly prohibited. Alcoholic beverages must not be consumed during hours of play.

- (b) Clubs will be responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.

- (c) Where an umpire believes a player has infringed the code or conduct, but does not believe a formal report is warranted, the umpire shall inform the player that he will be named. At the same time, the umpire will advise the Team Captain of the naming and that any further such incidents during that match will result in the Captain being named for inability to control his players.

The naming will be formalised by completion of a "Naming Form", which is to be signed by the offending player and/or his captain and/or club representative.

After each naming the player and the club secretary shall be notified in writing. Should a player be named on two occasions over a season, the player shall be automatically

suspended for the next 2 RDCA matches in which the player's team is competing.

Subsequent namings will be dealt with as seen fit by the Board of Management

- (d) Should a player be named in the finals series, such naming shall carry over to the subsequent season.

- (d) Umpires are to report serious breaches of behavior as shown in Rule 107

- (f) It is expected that misconduct by a player or club official shall, in the first instance, bear the following minimum penalties.
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| o Audible obscenity | | Naming |
| o Disputing decision | | Naming |
| o Sledging | | Naming |
| o Alcohol consumption (player) | Report | 4 weeks |
| o Equipment Abuse | Report | 4 weeks |
| o Abusive language – to player | Report | 4 weeks |
| o Abusive language – to Umpire | Report | 8 weeks |
| o Intentional player contact | Report | 12 weeks (min) |
| o Umpire intimidation | Report | Investigation |
| o Other misconduct | Report | Investigation |

If the misconduct recurs these penalties may escalate.

Manager Administration may nominate an appropriate penalty that a reported player may accept in lieu of attending an Investigation Committee hearing.

- (g) Any player suspended during the season shall be deemed ineligible for selection in representative teams.

- (h) Penalties, whether automatically accepted or imposed at a hearing, shall be posted on RDCA website.

80 CODE OF CONDUCT

- (1) The following code of behaviour has been recommended by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) for inclusion in local rules books.

- (2) All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and club Officials, Coaches, Captains and Players are requested to adopt this code.

- (3) No player or official shall, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.

Players shall:

- (a) Respect the umpire.
(b) Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire.
(c) Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
(d) When given out, move immediately from the field.
(e) Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties.
(f) Not indulge in "sledging" of opposition players.
(g) Not verbally or physically abuse opposition players or officials.

- (4) Clubs shall place all teams under the control of a responsible person.

(5) Captains shall:

- (a) Instruct all players to avoid time wasting. Incoming and outgoing batsmen are expected to pass on the field of play.

Instruct bowlers to return to the start of their run-up quickly and be ready to bowl without time wasting.

Instruct all fieldsmen to move quickly between overs and whenever required to change position, ie field setting and changes be undertaken without time wasting.

- (b) Ensure that players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

- (6) No alcohol shall be consumed by players or match officials during the hours of play.

- (7) Players shall maintain a standard of dress consistent with RDCA Rule 78

- (8) Clubs will be responsible for the behaviour of their supporters and spectators.

- (9) Player being **NAMED** - see Rule 79(c).

81 LAWS OF CRICKET

The Laws of Cricket as adopted and interpreted by Cricket Victoria as existing at the date of the Annual General Meeting of this Association in any year shall be observed, except as varied by the current RDCA rules including:

- (a) Any law introduced as an experimental law shall be subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting of the General Committee prior to the commencement of the season.
- (b)
 - (1) A ball pitched off the side of the synthetic or matting wickets shall be called and signalled "No Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end. On matting wickets a ball pitched on the centre concrete between mats or on centre or side leathers shall be called and signalled "No Ball" by either umpire.
 - (2) In one day matches, balls which in the umpire's opinion would pass higher than the height of the batsman's shoulder whilst standing in normal guard position shall be called and signalled as a "No Ball" by the umpire at the bowler's end OR by a professional umpire at square leg.
- (c) Declarations of innings may be made at any stage of a match **except** when scores are tied.
- (d) The number of on-side fieldsmen shall not exceed five of whom not more than two may be behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery. In the event of an infringement of this rule by the fielding side, the umpires shall call "No Ball".
- (e) A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players.

82 DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains should see that:

- (1) Conduct of team members is exemplary.
- (2) The team displays high sportsmanship and abide by the spirit of cricket.
- (3) If playing at home that the ground is in order, flags (if required) are in the correct position and stumps are in position at least 5 minutes before the start of play on each day.
- (4) The team is ready to play at the scheduled time.
- (5) A competent scorer is available.
- (6) Before the start of play, captains will exchange list of players who may not be changed without consent of the opposing captain. These names are to be entered in the scorebook by the end of the tea interval on the first day.
- (7) At the end of the match, complete the "Captains Report on Umpires" form.
- (8) Ensure that both scorebooks are correct at the end of each innings and at the conclusion of each day's play. Sign the opposing team's scorebook at the end of the day's play.
- (9) Ensure that officially appointed umpires are paid their fees at the afternoon tea interval.
- (10) Welcome officials of the opposing team and the RDCA (if present) at the afternoon tea interval.
- (11) Has a good knowledge of the rules and laws of cricket and the rules of the Association.

83 CONDITIONS OF PLAY – TWO DAY MATCHES

- (a)
 - (1) All matches shall consist of a designated number of overs (see Rule 84) to be played on days/dates advised prior to the commencement of the season.
 - (2) On the first day of a two-day match, the number of overs to be bowled shall be 80 (70)*, unless the team batting first is dismissed with five or less overs to be bowled, when the team batting second may take the option of forfeiting the balance of the overs due to be bowled on that day
- (b)
 - (1) The team batting first if it is not dismissed shall have its innings compulsorily closed after the scheduled overs have been bowled.
NOTE: No reduction of overs for adverse weather. Play may continue to 7.00pm to make up time lost.
 - (2) The team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the remaining number of scheduled overs (or to 7.00pm on the second day if adverse weather intervenes during the match) whereupon the match shall end.
- (c) Should the innings of the team batting first be completed either by dismissal or declaration prior to completion of the scheduled number of overs then the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the remainder of the designated overs unless they declare or are dismissed. The remaining designated overs may be used for a second innings.
- (d) Where less than 15 overs have been bowled on the first day of a two-day game, this game will not be regarded as having commenced for the purposes of this rule and the game will be played as a one-day game on the scheduled second day of the game.
- (e) If play has not commenced two hours after the scheduled starting time (first day only), captains may agree to abandon play.
- (f) Should a bowler be unable to complete an over in any match, that over shall be completed by another bowler provided that such bowler shall not be the one who bowled the preceding over.
- (g) Notwithstanding playing times as described in Rule 84, Captains may agree to terminate play at or after 5.00pm on the final day if a result or further result cannot be achieved. Any breach of this directive that is brought to the attention of RDCA Management may lead to an explanation being sought and the possibility of a penalty being imposed on the following basis: an offending team(s) will be penalised 0.2 bonus points per over not bowled and, if applicable, this penalty will be awarded to the other team as compensation for overs not played.
- (h)
 - (1) In all matches, where the scheduled number of overs has been completed, the team scoring the greater number of runs from the same number of overs in the first innings, irrespective of the number of wickets lost, shall be declared the winner.
 - (2) When the team batting second is prevented from receiving its over entitlement, the game shall be drawn, unless in the available time a decision is reached.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY - LIMITED / EXTENDED OVER MATCHES

- (a) Limited /extended over matches shall consist of a designated number of overs as indicated in Rule 84 and shall be single innings games. Where in excess of 60 minutes time is lost before the commencement of a match, the remaining time (until 6pm) will be divided equally between teams. In these instances a minimum of 25 overs per side will be required to constitute a game.
- (b) Restrictions shall apply to limited / extended over matches in all grades and these restrictions will be advised prior to the commencement of each season.
- (c) At all times the game shall conclude when the team batting second is dismissed or declares its innings closed.
- (d) In limited / extended over matches captains may agree to conclude the match once a decision is reached.
- (e) Other conditions of play are as outlined in Rule 83 – Two Day Matches
- (f) For the purpose of determining 'Wides' in Limited/Extended over games, a ball that passes the batsman down the 'Leg side' without deflection, shall be deemed wide. On the 'Off side' the ball must pass inside the extension of the painted lines as described in Rule 99.

84 PLAYING HOURS AND OVERS ENTITLEMENTS

A) Chandler, Wilkins, Newey, "A" and "B" grades B) All other grades	2 DAY MATCHES (see note below)	LIMITED /EXTENDED OVER MATCHES (see note below) (1) Ordinary (2) Extended overs	GRAND FINAL
1 Hours of play	A 1.00pm-6.00pm B 1.00pm-6.00pm	(1) A&B 1.00pm-6.00pm (2) A 12noon- until match completed	A 1.00pm-6.00pm B 1.00pm-6.00pm
2 Overs of play per day	A 80 B 70	(1) A 80 B 70 (2) A 100 Refer Rule 83 (g)	A 80 B 70
3 Designated overs per match	A 160 B 140	(1) A 80 B 70 (2) A 100 Refer Rule 83 (g)	A 160 B 140
4 Afternoon tea break (see also Rule 85)	A 3.20pm-3.40pm B 3.20pm-3.40pm	(1) A&B After completion of first innings (20 mins) or as directed by umpire. (2) After completion of first innings (20 mins).	A 3.20pm-3.40pm B 3.20pm-3.40pm
5 Compulsory close. Team batting first Team batting second If team batting first is dismissed or declares	A 80 overs B 70 overs A 160 overs B 140 overs Balance of overs	(1) A 40 overs B 35 overs (2) A 50 overs (1) A 80 overs B 70 overs (2) A 100 overs N/A	As in two day matches As in two day matches
6 Penalty for slow over rate. Refer to Rule 86. Penalty for overs not bowled – refer Rule 83(g)	After 5.00pm. Refer to Rule 86 Refer Rule 83(g)	1 & 2 (A) When overs not bowled within allotted time – refer Rule 86 Refer Rule 83(g)	Not applicable
7 FOLLOW ON may be enforced	If first innings lead is not less than 80 runs	N/A	As in two day matches
8 Bowling restrictions	U.17 players are restricted to 16 overs per day and U.19 players to 20 overs per day. Note! These thresholds include overs bowled in the junior competition.	(1) A 8 overs per bowler B 7 overs per bowler (2) A 10 overs per bowler Same restrictions, as for 2 day matches, apply to U.17 and U.19 bowlers	Nil Same restrictions, as for 2 day matches, apply to U.17 and U.19 bowlers.
9 One day competition	Not applicable	Bowling – 7 overs per bowler Batting - batsman retire at 50 runs	Bowling – 7 overs per bowler Batting - batsman retire at 50 runs

PLEASE NOTE:

- Where summer time (daylight saving) hours are not in operation matches shall commence 30 minutes earlier than indicated in 1 above.
- This rule shall read in conjunction with Rule 83 (conditions of play) and where applicable, Rules 87 (semi-final) and 88 (final matches).
- 100-over one-day games will be played under restrictions as agreed by the Board of Management. These will be notified in the fixture prior to the commencement of each season.

85 AFTERNOON TEA

- In multi-day matches, should an innings terminate, or there be a suspension in play resulting from bad light or weather conditions within 15 minutes of the scheduled tea break, an adjournment will be taken immediately and, upon resumption, play shall continue under the normal playing conditions.

Should the team batting have lost 9 wickets at the time scheduled for the afternoon tea break, play may continue for up to 15 minutes in an endeavour to complete the innings.

- Drinks may be taken if pre-arranged before each session between captains and umpires.

86 PENALTIES FOR SLOW OVER RATE

TWO DAY MATCHES

(1) Basis of Penalty

A penalty of 0.2 bonus points per over will be applied to every over commenced after 6.00pm, plus time allowed for extenuating circumstances.

The rule shall cease to apply (for that day) if the team batting in its first innings is dismissed or declares prior to 5.00pm. If the team is dismissed between 5.00pm and 6.00pm the following number of overs will apply:

5.00pm - 62 5.30pm – 71

Umpires must advise the bowling side captain the status of overs bowled at each scheduled break of play.

(2) Calculation of Penalties

Umpires will indicate on the match report form, the number of overs bowled after 6.00pm, plus time allowed for extenuating circumstances, that was caused solely by the bowling team. Prior to the start of the over commencing after 6.00pm, the umpire shall signal the scorers to record the number of overs completed, notify captains and at the cessation of play, record any penalties in both scorebooks, subject to the conditions referred to in Section 1 above. Where the innings is completed between 5.00pm and 6.00pm, the umpire will note on the match report form the time of the close of the innings and the number of overs bowled.

Clubs may appeal to the Board of Management if they consider there were extenuating circumstances which caused the penalty to be imposed. Appeals must reach the Administration Manager no later than 7.00pm on the Tuesday following the completion of the match in which the penalty was imposed.

LIMITED / EXTENDED OVER MATCHES

Penalties

Where allowances have been made for delays, the completion time shall be extended by the minutes involved. If the side fielding first fails to complete the overs by the due time, its innings shall be limited to the number of overs bowled at that time. An over in progress shall be regarded as a completed over.

87 FINAL MATCHES

The *Page 4 Team Finals System* will be used to decide the winner of the premiership in all grades.

First semi-final	3 v 4 (Elimination final)
Second semi-final	1 v 2 (Qualifying final)
Preliminary final	Winner Elimination final v Loser Qualifying final
Grand Final	Winner Qualifying final v Winner of Preliminary final

SEMI- FINALS

- Matches will be played on the Saturday and Sunday following the end of the home and away games.
- Playing conditions will be the same as for two-day home and away matches.
- The matches may be terminated any time after a first innings decision has been reached at the discretion of the losing captain.
- In the event of a drawn, abandoned or tied game the team finishing higher on the premiership list at the end of the home and away matches shall proceed to the Preliminary or Grand Final as applicable.

PRELIMINARY FINAL

- Matches will be played on the weekend following the completion of the semi-final matches.
- Playing conditions will be the same as for two-day matches
- The matches may be terminated any time after a first innings decision has been reached at the discretion of the losing captain.
- In the event of a drawn, abandoned or tied game the loser of the Qualifying final shall proceed to the Grand Final.

88 GRAND FINAL MATCHES

- Matches will be played on the weekend following the completion of the preliminary final matches.
- Playing conditions will be the same as for two-day matches.
- In the Grand Final, a tied game will result in a shared premiership.
- A drawn game will result in the premiership being awarded to the team that won the Qualifying final.

89 LATE STARTS

- The team or teams responsible for unnecessary delay shall be liable for the fine of \$10.00 or as determined by the Board of Management.
- Should a team not arrive at the ground designated for a match within an hour of the scheduled starting time on either day, then that team shall forfeit the match.

90 ADVERSE WEATHER COMMITTEE

The Board of Management will determine members of the Adverse Weather Committee.

(a) Wet Weather

This Committee shall inspect a number of grounds and if the majority of grounds are considered to be unsuitable for play on that day, a decision will be placed on the RDCA phone as early as possible, but no later than 11.00am, the number which will be shown in the Fixture Book and also advised at the Pre-season Secretaries Meeting.

A match having commenced, the decision to resume play shall be in the hands of Official Umpires or Team Captains, or Junior Team Managers if official umpires are not in attendance (refer Rule 113(d))

In the event of acute thunderstorm activity in the immediate vicinity of the playing area, play is to cease immediately and all players, umpires and officials are to find safe shelter without delay.

(b) Extreme Heat Policy

Refer to policy as stated in the fixture booklet

(c) Injury Code – Blood Rule

Refer to policy as stated in the fixture booklet

(d) Member Protection including Harassment and Discrimination Policy

Refer to policy as stated on the RDCA website @RDCA.com

MATCH RECORDS

91 ENTRY IN SCORE BOOKS

During the progress of each match each team shall cause to be entered in its own scorebook the detailed scores and bowling analyses of its own and of the opposing team and the times of starting and finishing play on each day. At the conclusion of each day's play, the respective Captains shall see that the analyses of both scorebooks agree and that the names of all players of both teams appear therein and shall sign each other's scorebook accordingly.

92 STARTING TIME TO BE RECORDED

In all matches played in this Association, the time of commencement of play on every day shall be obtained by the scorers from the Umpires and entered in the scorebooks.

93 PRESS REPORTS

For the convenience of press reports, the secretary of all home teams shall notify the result of each day's play to the press correspondent between the hours of 6.30 pm and 8.00pm on that day. Every team failing to comply with this rule shall be fined \$3.00 for each breach thereof.

94 MATCH REPORTS

- Official match results shall be forwarded direct online to the data processing centre by the HOME CLUB. **Failure to lodge a correctly completed match results by the set deadline shall, subject to Board of Management consideration, incur a fine of \$5.00 for every late result.** (Also see paragraph (c).)

Official match results must also be forwarded when a match is washed out (other than when the whole round is abandoned by the Board of Management), or when a team receives a forfeit (by the team receiving the forfeit).

- A Club that submits incomplete or inaccurate match information shall be fined \$1.00 for each error.
 - Any club wishing to challenge published ladders must forward complete details of the challenge together with \$10.00 to the Registration Secretary. No challenges will be accepted later than 7.00pm on the first Saturday of the last home and away round.
- Separate report/s on the officially appointed umpires is to be submitted to the Umpires Secretary by each Captain by 7.00pm on the day following the scheduled completion of the match. Failure to comply will initially result in the Captain receiving a warning of non compliance. Any further failure to comply will result in the Captain receiving a "Naming" for each instance thereafter.

95 TEAM LISTS

- (a) In all matches, each Captain must record their full list of players in accordance with the computer listing in the scorebook prior to or during the afternoon tea interval on the first day of play.
- (b) This list must not differ from those names recorded in terms of Rule 82 without the consent of the opposing Captain.
- (c) Substitutes are only to be permitted in terms of laws of cricket and after advising umpires/opposing captain.
- (d) Failure to advise of substituted player prior to the entry of players names in the scorebook will preclude that player from participating in that match.
(A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players.)
- (e) At the conclusion of the match the scorebook must be signed by the captains or officials of both clubs signifying the correctness of:
 - (1) all names
 - (2) full results
 - (3) match points claimed

GROUND AND EQUIPMENT

96 PITCHES

All competition matches shall be played on synthetic or matting or any other type of pitch approved by the Association.

97 PLAYING SURFACES

- (a) The matting shall not be more than six (6) feet nor less than five (5) feet three (3) inches wide and each mat shall not be less than twenty-six (26) feet long and shall be in good condition. The gap between mats at the centre of the pitch shall not exceed six (6) feet.
- (b) End leather strips of matting wickets shall be painted white and shall indicate the batting crease. On synthetic wickets the batting or popping crease shall be marked IN WHITE, four (4) feet in front of and parallel to the bowling crease. Clubs failing to have painted creases on matting or synthetic wickets shall incur a fine of six dollars (\$6.00).
- (c) A synthetic wicket shall not be more than in (9) feet and not less than six (6) feet wide and not less than seventy-eight (78) feet long.
- (d) The Board of Management may require a club whose matting or synthetic wicket is in its opinion not of the required length or in good condition, to repair or replace the wicket to the satisfaction of the Board of Management within reasonable time.

98 BALL

- (a) In all grades, each team shall provide one new leather ball to be used as the match ball when opponents are batting.
A new ball may be used to commence each team's second innings of a home and away round for all grades.
The balls, so provided must be approved by the professional umpires or by the Captains if no professional umpire be present. A substitute ball, in good condition, shall be provided by each team and handed to the umpire or umpires prior to the commencement of the match for use in case the ball originally provided be lost or becomes unfit for further play.
- (b) Each club will use only balls of Australian manufacture and stamped "RDCA" approved.
- (c) Each ball must be signed by the official umpires or captains, where no official umpire is in attendance, at the conclusion of the first day's play.

99 GROUNDS

All pitches and surrounds must be properly prepared for each day's play by the home team, which shall be responsible for the laying of the matting and the proper fixing of the boundary flags or wickets hats, where raised markings are required to indicate the boundary.

To assist in adjudication of wides in Limited/ Extended over games, a white line must be painted on the popping crease, 75 centimetres either side of the outside stump.

Boundaries shall, where possible, be at least 60 metres distant from the centre of the pitch and shall be marked by raised markings at least 60 centimetres high and not more than 10 metres apart. The minimum number of markings shall be twenty (20). The boundary between markings shall be taken as a straight line.

Permission to alter the existing boundaries MUST be obtained from the Administration Manager. Penalties may apply if changed without consent.

Umpires must be informed of the boundaries marked out prior to the commencement of play.

The batting crease shall be filled in level with the pitch and the approach to the wicket shall be sufficiently level to enable the bowler to obtain a fair run to the wicket.

Chandler Shield, Wilkins Cup and Newey Plate and their reserve grades are to provide a scoreboard at home grounds of a standard which enables details to be easily read from the wicket and to be updated at least once per over. Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in a fine of \$15.00.

100 STUMPS AND MATERIAL

Stumps of the regulation sizes, in good condition, erected so as to be 28 inches in height and 9 inches in width, shall be used in all matches. Fine of \$5.00 if in poor condition.

- (a) The first named team in all matches shall provide sawdust to be available in the event of inclement weather.
- (b) Sufficient materials, satisfactory to the umpire/s, to complete the match, shall be ready 20 minutes before the commencement of each day's play.

101 INSPECTION OF PITCH

If the visiting team desires to inspect the pitch before the matting is laid, a representative must be in attendance on the ground 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the commencement of play.

102 GROUNDS

All grounds and pitches shall at all times be subject to the approval of the Board of Management and any instructions issued by the Board of Management for their improvement must be carried out.

103 PRIOR CLAIM BY ASSOCIATION

The Association shall have prior claim over all grounds of clubs competing in the Association for use in connection with semi-final and final matches. Each club must ensure that before the start of each season, a booking is made for its main ground for possible use for semi finals.

UMPIRING

104 UMPIRES

Professional umpires as available shall be allotted to matches as available. Two umpires shall be appointed to stand in each Chandler 1 game. Each team shall, each match day, pay half the fees of the umpires. In case of non-payment, clubs shall be liable to the Association for any amount due to the umpires and a fine imposed. The fees payable to umpires shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or at any meeting of the General Committee. (Refer Fixture Book for details.)

The professional umpire shall officiate at the bowler's end throughout the match where only one is appointed to a match.

Umpires shall ascertain from the Captain of the Home Club particulars of all boundaries before the commencement of play and advise the visiting captain.

105 DUTIES AND POWERS OF PROFESSIONAL UMPIRES

Upon his arrival at the appointed ground on each day of play, the professional umpire will assume sole control of the match and shall decide as to the weather or ground being unfit for play. If no professional umpire is in attendance, refer to Rule 113(d).

The professional umpire or umpires shall, but only on appeal, be the sole judges of light, weather, condition of ball, time of play and the fitness of the pitch and ground for play. However, in the event of dangerous or unfair playing conditions, the professional umpire/s shall have the right, without appeal, to call a cessation of play. No more than two (2) appeals against the fitness of light shall be allowed in any one innings on any one day. After the second appeal the fitness of light shall be left to the umpire/s.

106 NON-APPEARANCE

If the professional umpire/s are not in attendance, umpires shall be supplied as provided in Rule 113(d).

107 REPORTS

(a) Professional umpires shall forward to the Secretary of the Umpires Association, a report on a form provided by the Association. The report must reach the Umpires Secretary no later than noon on the day following completion of the match.

(b) Professional umpires must report any breach of the rules of misconduct of players or club officials occurring during any match at which they are officiating. Notice of intention to report shall be given to the captain or official of the offending club on the day of the occurrence. Signature(s) of the reported player(s) and/or the captain and/or an official of the reported players club should be obtained on the form but if a signature is not available the reason should be stated on the form. Written notice by fax or email to the secretary of the reported player's club shall be sufficient notice for the purpose of this Rule 107.

(c) Every report under paragraph (b) shall be forwarded to the Administration Manager by the Umpires Secretary, to reach him no later than 24 hours after the completion of a match as detailed in Rule 45

(d) A reported player may elect to have his case determined without a hearing and to accept a penalty of suspension from playing as advised by the Administration Manager in terms of Rule 79 (f)

The Secretary of the club of the reported player must provide written advice to the Administration Manager, no later than noon on the Tuesday following the completion of the match, as to whether the specified suspension will be accepted or a Investigation Committee hearing would be preferred.

The Board of Management of the RDCA may elect to have the Investigation Committee hear the report regardless of the reported player's decision.

PLEASE NOTE: If the Administration Manager has not been advised as indicated above, the case will automatically be referred to the Investigation Committee. Unless advised otherwise, the Investigation Committee will meet during the week following the completion of the match or matches in which the reports are made.

108 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Board of Management may call on any professional umpire to attend meeting of the Association and/or its Committees.

109 EQUIPMENT

Professional umpires shall provide themselves with a white coat and hat, dark trousers, white shirt and copies of the RDCA rules and the laws of cricket. They shall adopt the recognised code of signals and be in attendance at least 20 minutes prior to the start of play. Umpires may wear the official RDCA Umpires white jumper in lieu of the coat, although if two umpires are officiating both umpires must wear similar attire.

110 REMOVAL FROM UMPIRES LIST

Any professional umpire appointed by the Board of Management may at any time be suspended or removed from the Association list by the Board of Management.

111 UMPIRES' CODE OF SIGNALS

Umpires must use the recognised Code of Signalling which is:

"Boundaries"	by waving the arm from side to side across the body.
"Six"	by raising both arms above the head.
"Byes"	by raising an open hand above the head.
"Leg Byes"	by touching a raised leg with the hand.
"One Short"	by bending arm upwards to touch the nearest shoulder with the tips of the fingers.
"No Ball"	by extending one arm horizontally and calling out sufficiently loud for the striker to hear to enable him to play the ball so called.
"Wide Ball"	by extending both arms horizontally.
"Dead Ball"	by crossing and re-crossing both wrists below the waist.
"Cancel Call"	by crossing arms across the chest.
"Out"	by raising the index finger above the head.

NOTE: "No Balls" and "Wides" are not counted in the over, but the "No Ball" or "Wide" AND any runs scored from them are debited against the bowler.

Should an umpire desire to notify an alteration to the scorers, he shall do so by crossing his arms across the chest. Besides signalling, the umpire shall call distinctly for the information of players.

112 FINALS UMPIRES

Each club is required to nominate at least one suitable member to act as an official umpire in the semi-final and/or finals matches. They will be paid the normal finals umpiring fee. They will wear dark trousers, white shirt, white jumper or coat, and white footwear.

A fine, not exceeding \$20.00 will be imposed for failure to comply with this rule unless extenuating reasons, acceptable to the Board of Management, are provided by the club.

113 APPOINTMENT OF AMATEUR UMPIRES

- (a) In case of matches for which non-professional umpire/s have to be provided, such umpire/s shall be provided by the batting side unless otherwise agreed by the respective captains.
- (b) The captain of the batting side may replace an umpire from time to time and the captain of the fielding side may request replacement of an umpire at any time.
- (c) A non-professional umpire shall wear suitable distinguishing clothing acceptable to the professional umpire or in the absence of that umpire acceptable to both captains. Acceptable, suitable, distinguishing clothing is grey dust coat, coloured poncho, dark jumper or coat, coloured trousers (dark blue or black).
- (d) Where no professional umpire is in attendance, the non-professional umpires shall have all the powers and duties of professional umpires, save and except that:
 - (1) No player under the age of sixteen (16) years shall officiate unless by consent of the opposing captains.
 - (2) The captains shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the playing conditions.
Should captains disagree, the match **MUST** start or continue - the aggrieved team having the right to obtain the opinion of an Board of Management Member by ringing mobile telephone number provided in the fixture book (whose decision on the conditions will be final) or refer the matter to the Board of Management under Rule 32
- (e) Where a professional umpire is in attendance and standing at the bowler's end and a non-professional umpire is standing at square leg, the professional umpire shall have the power to over-rule the non-professional umpire, if in the opinion of the professional umpire the non-professional umpire made an incorrect decision.
- (f) Umpires shall ascertain from the captain of the Home Club particulars of all boundaries before the commencement of play and advise the visiting captain.
- (g) At matches where an official umpire is officiating, he must compare time with the captains and advise them, at the appropriate time, that play is to commence in five (5) minutes. At all other matches, captains must compare time.

114 DUTIES OF UMPIRE AT SQUARE LEG

- (1) Umpire must wear suitable distinguishing clothing acceptable to the professional umpire or in his absence, acceptable to both captains.
- (2) Like the umpire at the bowler's end, the square leg umpire must concentrate fully on the game, remain unbiased and refrain from coaching during over changes.
- (3) Stand within 20 metres of the wicket so that the crease, which is the back edge of the marked line, can be clearly seen.
- (4) Give decisions on STUMPING, HIT WICKET, RUN OUT, SHORT RUN (watch the crease, not where the ball goes), NO BALL (if ball lands on concrete between mats or on middle or side leathers, if ball lands off the side of synthetic pitch, if wicketkeeper has gloves in front of wicket before ball reaches wicket, if bowler appears to throw).
- (5) Umpire may be called upon to assist the bowler's end umpire in his decision (if view blocked during action of a catch, if batsmen had crossed before a catch taken, if more than five fieldsmen on the leg side, if more than two fieldsmen behind square leg).
- (6) Remake the wicket when bails are off.
- (7) Alert bowler's end umpire if fieldsmen are deliberately upsetting batsman by moving or making noises while bowler is running in.
- (8) Umpire may stand at "point" for a better view, eg sun at back, but with the fielding captain's permission.
- (9) Umpire may be replaced if requested by fielding side captain.
- (10) Umpire should be over the age of sixteen (16)
- (11) Umpire may be a person not playing in the match, but only with the consent of both captains.

APPENDIX A

VETERANS COMPETITION RULES

RDCA INC. VETERANS RULES

- MASTERS & LEGENDS COMPETITION -

RDCA Veterans Motto: *Strive to do our Best, Never give up, and Treat people with Respect*

RDCA VET RULES 18/10/02

1. RDCA senior competition rules shall apply if not covered in the following Veterans' rules.

Where senior rules do not cover the issue, the Laws of Cricket apply.

2. Player Eligibility: To be eligible to play in:

A. Masters competition, players must have turned 40 on or before the day of the match.

B. Legends competition, players must have turned 50 on or before the day of the match. *As a concession for the initial years of the establishment of this competition, each side may have a maximum of 2 players who have turned 48, to assist in the establishment of player numbers*

All Veteran players to be registered on the approved Veterans Player Registration Form, *which can be downloaded from RDCA OnLine web-site*. All data is to be obtained, with special note being to obtain e-mail address where available.

The Veterans Club is required to keep a hard copy of every registration form, complete with player's signature. This hard copy must be available to the RDCA Veterans Executive on request.

3. A player may play with a team of his choice without reference to RDCA Senior Competition registration.

Veterans players participating in the Masters competition, may play for alternate Club/s in the Legends competition. Their player registration number is unique, and will follow their movement across Legends sides.

4. Players may be exchanged between teams on the day of the match by agreement between the Captains.

5. All players need to be registered by the end of the game they play. New player registrations have to be completed on-line at the RDCA OnLine web site, by

6.00pm on the day after the game. [www.rdca.com/veterans.pl]

A unique player Registration Number will be allocated for future use.

Change of player particulars is to be updated as required

6. Match result sheet with correct player registration particulars is to be prepared by the HOME team, and is to be entered on-line to the *RDCA OnLine* web-site by 6.00pm on the day after the game.

7. In all matches, players must wear cricket attire that is white or such colours as approved by the Veterans Executive.

8. The Veterans Executive Committee must approve grounds to be used and wicket surfaces.

9. Play to start at 1.00pm.

10. Either team shall bowl a maximum of 36 overs.

11. Each team shall be entitled to bat for 36 overs unless previously dismissed.

12. Afternoon tea shall be taken at the completion of the 36th over, OR the batting team being dismissed. The time to be taken is 20 minutes.

13. Bowlers will be restricted to a maximum of six overs. Eight players must bowl a minimum of one over.

14. Batsman must retire following the ball on which they reach their 40th run and cannot bat again in that innings.

15. The team batting first if it is not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after the scheduled overs have been bowled.

NOTE: No reduction of overs for adverse weather.

Play may continue to 7:00pm to make up any time lost.

When the team batting second is prevented from receiving its overs entitlement, the game shall be drawn, unless in the available time a decision is reached

16. Match points to be awarded as per Senior Domestic Rules of the Association.

17. Finals are only played within the Masters Competition.

The top four teams in each division will play out semi-finals and a Grand Final.

Semi-Finals will be between the following teams 1 versus 4, and 2 versus 3.

All finals will be played at the grounds of the team finishing highest, subject to ground conditions meeting approval of the Veteran's Executive Committee.

18. To qualify for a final, a player must have played in three matches of the Veterans Competition in that grade or lower, in which his club participated.

19. The Premier side in each Masters division will receive a Pennant, known as :

Division One: The Bill Dean Perpetual Shield

Division Two: The Ken Johnston Trophy

Division Three: Division Three Trophy

Division Four: The Max Brown Trophy

No finals apply to the Legends Competition. The team that finishes on top of

the Ladder will be deemed to be the Premiership winner and will receive a pennant.

20. Teams will be graded into Divisions by The Executive Committee.

21. Each team must provide a senior person/s to umpire.

22. A team can play 13 players with only 11 players being allowed to bat, and only up to 11 being able to bowl (i.e. the 11th , 12th & 13th players can either bat or bowl, not both!). The 13 players must be advised prior to the game to the opposing captain. The maximum number of players in the field, at any one time for the fielding side, is eleven.

23. A registration fee, as determined by the Board of Management, be payable for each team represented in the competition. This registration fee is payable by the 30 November of each season.

24. Insurance – Public Liability and Player Insurance. All co-ordinators are to ensure a Public Liability and player insurance policy is in place. Veterans clubs, that do not have a senior side playing in the RDCA senior competition, are to provide copies of these policies to the Finance Manager, before the second round of the season.

25. The objects of the Association shall be the playing and fostering of cricket, free from any objectionable features, and the better acquaintance and fellowship of the players of the Association.
As with all circumstances, provided both of the Captains agree , modification of any aspect of playing conditions is acceptable subject to commonsense prevailing.

25. GAMES RESCHEDULED UNDER MUTUAL AGREEMENT BY BOTH CLUB CO-ORDINATORS

Co-ordinators, provided they are in agreement, can reschedule games due to limited number availability, due to exceptional circumstances.

The Executive has deemed that this flexibility is available, however on the following terms.

- Clubs must notify Executive Secretary prior to the weekend round;
- Game must be played, no later than the following Sunday - no further deferral available; game could be played of a Friday evening or Saturday if can be arranged.

Item 2 is not applicable for the final round of the season

26. *HOT WEATHER –DUE CARE REQUIRED: If both captains agree the game can be reduced to 24 overs each, with batsman retiring at 30 runs, and bowlers limited to a maximum of 4 overs.*

**HOT WEATHER!!!!!!!!!! HOT WEATHER!!!!!!!!!!
THE EXECUTIVE WISHES TO STRESS THAT DUE
CARE BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME
TEMPERATURES / HUMIDITY.....**

**IMPERATIVE IN THE LEGENDS COMPETITION!!!!!!!!!!
CAPTAINS, INVOKE THE RULE TO REDUCE OVERS
OR CANCEL THE GAME SHOULD PLAYERS HEALTH
BE PUT AT RISK!!!!!!**

APPENDIX B

JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

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RDCA JUNIOR PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

Title

The Competition shall be known as the Ringwood & District Cricket Association (Inc) Junior Competition.

Junior Committee

- (a) The Competition shall be administered by the Junior Committee and shall be under the control of the RDCA Board of Management.
- (b) The Junior Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Records Secretary and other members, all elected in accordance with Senior Rule 2. ("Junior Secretary" shall replace the reference to "Administration Manager").
- (c) Not more than two (2) members of any one affiliated club shall be on the Junior Committee.
- (d) The elected President of the Junior Committee shall be the Chairman of all its meetings and in his absence the meeting shall elect a chairman for that meeting.
- (e) The chairman at all meetings shall be entitled to a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- (f) The committee will meet at least monthly and the Junior Secretary shall convene meetings.
- (g) Four members shall form a quorum and business shall not be proceeded with unless such a quorum is present.
- (h) Any member absenting himself without leave from two consecutive meetings of the Junior Committee shall forfeit their seat.

Junior Coordinators

Each club shall nominate a Junior Coordinator (other than the Secretary) who shall receive correspondence from the Junior Committee.

General Meetings

- (a) The Annual Junior Rules Meeting shall be held on the third Monday in August each year.
- (b) Proposed alterations, additions or deletions of Rules must be lodged in writing with the Junior Secretary three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Junior Rules Meeting each year.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting of the Junior Competition shall be held on the third Monday in August each year immediately following the Annual Junior Rules Meeting.
- (d) The Junior Coordinator, plus one other person nominated by the club shall be the Junior Competition delegates of that club and shall attend and be entitled to vote at all General Meetings of the Junior Competition (proxy delegates may be appointed).
- (e) A Club not represented at any meeting shall be fined as defined in Senior Rule 18(a).

Annual Subscription and Registration Fees

The annual subscription for each team shall be an amount determined by the RDCA Board of Management, which shall be paid to the Finance Manager no later than 31st October each year.

Juniors Playing in Senior Matches

Junior players may play in senior grades of any association, provided they are registered in accordance with Senior Rules.

Registration

- (a) At the time of registration, a copy of a birth certificate or statutory declaration (or equivalent) must be provided.
- (b) The Junior Committee may, at its discretion, audit any club at any time during the season and request documentary evidence as described in Junior Rule 7(a) to prove correct registration of players.

Juniors not to be Registered with Multiple Clubs

Junior Players may not be registered or play for more than one Junior Club except as allowed in Junior Rule 15.

Grading Teams

- (a) The Junior Competition shall comprise Under 10 plus all age divisions from Under 12 to Under 17 inclusive, each of which shall be divided into individual grades, which shall be assigned a number.
- (b) Teams shall be graded in numerical order according to strength, with the number one indicating the strongest grade, the number two the next strongest grade and so on.
- (c) The Junior Committee shall determine the grading of all teams entered in the Junior Competition.
- (d) Where a club has more than one team in the same age division, that club is to grade their individual players to ensure that the highest graded players' play in the highest graded team in that age division.
- (e) A minimum of six (6) teams will be required to constitute a grade within an age division.

Forfeits and Withdrawals

- (a) Every club unable to field a competition team shall inform the Junior Secretary by 8:00pm on the Thursday before the match.
- (b) In the event of a club forfeiting a match or withdrawing a team from competition, that club must withdraw its lowest grade team in the division.
- (c) The penalty for non-compliance with this rule shall be a fine of \$25.00.

Over Age or Unregistered Players

Any team playing an unregistered, over-age or ineligible higher grade (as defined in Junior Rule 15.1(a)) player shall lose all points earned in that game and those points shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

Team Managers

- (a) Each team shall appoint a senior person (over 16 years) as Team Manager who shall be responsible for the conduct of the team and for the provision of liquid refreshments as required.
- (b) The name, address (optional) and home and/or mobile telephone number of the Team Manager must be forwarded to the Junior Secretary by the first day in October in each year.
- (c) Each team shall have at least two (2) senior persons in attendance at all times during matches, one to umpire, the other to supervise the scoring.
- (d) Team Managers must be in possession of a current season Junior Information Manual at all games. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their Team Managers have a copy of the latest Junior Information Manual.
- (e) Failure to fulfil any of the above requirements may incur a fine of up to \$20.00 for each offence.

Team Lists and Result Sheets

- (a) In all matches team managers must record their full list of players in the score book in accordance with the RDCA player registration database or player registration form, prior to or during the drinks break on the first day of play.
- (b) When less than thirteen (13) players are listed and the offending team is unable to fill in the blanks then the other team may draw a line clearly through the blank spaces and no further players may take part in the match other than those listed in the score book.
- (c) At the conclusion of the match, the short result of each innings is to be recorded in both score books together with the match points claimed and each score book must be signed by both the team managers, signifying the correctness of:

- All player names of both teams,
 - Short result of each innings,
 - Match points claimed.
- (d) The registrar of the home team shall complete and lodge the required match details on the day following the completion of the match, by such time and at such a place as shall be determined by the Junior Committee and subsequently notified to the Clubs.
- (e) The away team registrar shall lodge the short result figures of the match by such time and at such place as shall be determined by the Junior Committee and subsequently notified to the Clubs.
- (f) A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players registered with that club; otherwise it must forfeit the match.
- (g) Failure to lodge correctly completed match results by the set deadline, subject to Junior Committee consideration, may result in a loss of 4 match points for each late match result.
- (h) Official match results must be completed for forfeits received with players' names listed by the club receiving the forfeit.
- (i) When a game is washed out (other than when the whole round is abandoned by the Junior Committee) and no play takes place, the official match result with names is still required.

Age Eligibility

To be eligible to play in an age division, players must be under the nominated age prior to the first day of September in the year in which the season commences.

- (a) In the event of a protest regarding the age of any players:
- (1) _____ the team whose player is being queried shall produce a Certified Copy of Birth Entry (or equivalent); and,
- (2) _____ in the event of a protest being dismissed upon the production of the Certified Copy, the club which protested shall be liable to pay the expenses incurred in obtaining the said Certified Copy.
- (b) The Junior Committee will examine exceptional circumstances regarding the eligibility of any player.

Eligibility of Players

Two or More Teams in Junior Competition

If a club has two or more teams in the Junior Competition of the Association:

- (a) No player may play in a lower grade or division without a permit from the Junior Committee if he has played in MORE than four (4) matches (including forfeits received) in higher grades or divisions during the home and away season.
- (b) A player may transfer to a team higher grade or division at any time without a permit.

Eligibility to Play in Finals

- (a) A player, to be eligible to play in semi-final and/or final matches of a particular grade, must have played in at least three (3) matches of this Association in THAT grade or in lower grades or divisions during the home and away season with their club.
- (b) A team receiving a forfeit may use that match to qualify players to play in semi-final and/or final matches.
- (c) A match that is not completed due to adverse weather or playing conditions may also be used to qualify players to play in semi-final and/or final matches unless the entire round is cancelled under Junior Rule 18(b).
- (d) The requirements of Junior Rules 14, 15.1 & 15.4 must be observed when using Junior Rules 15.2(b) and 15.2(c) to qualify players.

Permits

- (a) A club may apply to the Junior Committee for a special permit for a player to play in a grade or division for which he is ineligible under Junior Rule 14(a) or 14(b), if it considers that valid reasons exist for the player's exemption from the Rules.
- (b) All applications for permits must be lodged, in writing, containing full particulars, with the Junior Secretary not later than 7:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the match.

Players Interchanging / Player Numbers

- (a) If one of the competing teams has a least seven (7) players, but less than eleven (11) players available, then registered players from another RDCA Junior Club may be used to make up the number, provided that the following points are observed:
- (1) The players concerned have written approval of their own club or Team Manager.
 - (2) The written approval shall be submitted to the Junior Records Secretary within such time as may be advised by him.
 - (3) The players will be eligible to play finals for that team provided that they have played at least three (3) matches for that team throughout the home and away season.
 - (4) The lending Club has "first call" on all players on loan to other Clubs should the need arise.
 - (5) No player may be borrowed from a team with a current forfeit or bye in that round.
- (b) A team may use up to thirteen (13) players in a match provided all players are registered and provided that no more than eleven (11) players shall field at any one time.
- (c) Any or all of the 13 players may bowl or field in any position, in an innings.
- (d) ALL players must be listed on the team sheet as prescribed under Junior Rule 13.

Substitutes

Persons called upon to act as substitutes MUST be registered players of the Association and must comply with the eligibility requirements in Junior Rules 14, 15.1 and 15.2.

Failure to Observe Player Eligibility Rules

Failure to observe any of Junior Rules 15.1(a), 15.2(a), 15.4(a) (all points) and 15.4(b) will result in those players becoming ineligible and Senior Rule 65(d) (Classification of Players – Loss of Points for Team Winning with Unregistered or Ineligible Players) will apply.

Batting and Bowling Limitations

(a)

Divisions	Under 17		Under 16		Under 15		Under 14		Under 13		Under 12	
	1 & 2	3 to 5	1 & 2	3 to 5	1 & 2	3 to 5	1 & 2	3 to 5	1 & 2	3 to 5	1 & 2	3 to 5
Two-Day Games												
Allocated overs per game	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	90	90
Allocated overs per day	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	45	45
Max overs per bowler	12	10	12	10	10	8	10	8	8	8	8	8
Min overs per bowler	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Max overs in 1 st 25 overs	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Min No of Bowlers	6	7	6	7	6	8	6	8	6	8	7	9
Batter restrictions (runs)	100	60	100	60	60	50	60	40	50	40	30	25

(b)

Limited-over Games												
Allocated overs per innings	30	25	30	25	30	25	30	25	25	25	25	25
Max overs per bowler	6	5	6	5	5	5	6	4	5	4	5	4
Batter restrictions (runs)	50	35	50	35	40	30	35	25	30	25	25	15

Restrictions on Players (All Competitive Grades)

(a) Bowlers

- (1) In all divisions, except Under 14-1, 14-2, 15, 16 and 17 where a team has less than the specified number of minimum bowlers, the minimum number of overs per bowler as specified in the table in Junior Rule 16 is to apply until all bowlers have bowled. The remaining overs are to be then shared around equally with the specified minimum number of bowlers.
- (2) Within the first 25 overs of an innings, a bowler is limited to the maximum number of overs as specified in the table in Junior Rule 16(a).
- (3) If a retired batsman returns to the crease, any bowler may be used without any of the bowler limitations specified in the table in Junior Rule 16.

(b) Batting

- (1) A batsman shall be compulsorily retired at the end of the over in which he reaches the number of runs indicated in the "Batter restrictions (runs)" in the table, see Junior Rule 16. His innings shall be recorded as RETIRED, NOT OUT unless he later returns to the crease under Junior Rule 17(b)(3).
- (2) A batsman may retire at any time due to injury, illness or other unavoidable reason in which case his innings shall be recorded as RETIRED, NOT OUT or RETIRED, HURT as the case may be, unless he later returns to the crease under Junior Rule 17(b)(3).
- (3) When all available players in the team have batted, NOT OUT RETIRED batsmen may return in order of retirement and bat until dismissed or until the close of the innings.
- (4) A batsman who retires for reasons other than those in Junior Rule 17(b)(1) or 17(b)(2) shall be recorded as RETIRED OUT, unless he later returns to the crease under Junior Rule 17(b)(5).
- (5) A batsman not compulsorily retired or retired hurt or retired for other unavoidable reasons in accordance with Junior Rule 17(b)(2) may only return to the crease with the agreement of the opposing captain and/or team manager.

(c) Over limitation

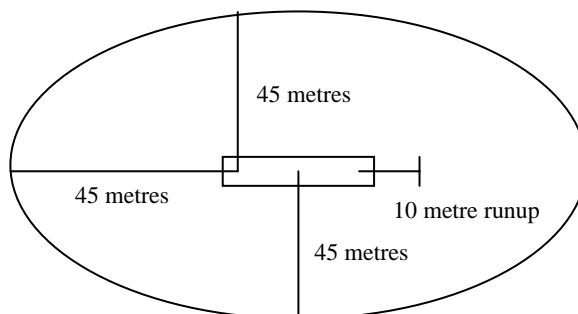
If a bowler commences an over that exceeds the limit of overs bowled as specified in Junior Rule 17(a)(2) the delivery(ies) are to be declared null and void and a replacement bowler will re-bowl the over.

(d) Maximum deliveries per over

No over is to continue beyond 9 deliveries bowled regardless of the number of no balls or wides.

(e) **Under 12 competition**

- (1) **MAXIMUM RUN UP**
In the Under 12 Division, a bowler's approach to the wicket is to be no more than 10 metres. A clearly marked ten-metre line must be marked at each end of the wicket.
- (2) **GROUND**
The radius of the boundaries for all games in the Under 12 division are to be no greater than 45 metres, taken from the middle stump from each end and following the straight line between the two stumps.



General Rules of Conditions of Play

- (a) Home and Away matches will be conducted on days nominated by the Junior Committee between the times specified in Junior Rule 21 or other days and times that are agreed between both clubs and approved by the Junior Committee.
- (b) Should adverse weather result in cancellation of a full round of matches the Junior Committee shall have the power to reallocate dates for those matches.

Bowling of Short-Pitched Deliveries

- (a) In all matches (except as varied in Junior Rule 19(b)), a fast ball that in the opinion of either umpire passes the striker at greater than shoulder height of the striker in the standing position, shall be called a No Ball.
- (b) In two-day games only, Under 14-1, 14-2, 15, 16 and 17 bowlers may bowl a maximum of one short-pitched delivery per over (including a No Ball or Wide) that in the opinion of either umpire passes the striker at greater than shoulder height of the striker in the standing position. The umpire shall immediately inform the bowler and the other umpire that the bowler has bowled the one permitted short-pitched delivery for that over. Any further such deliveries in that over are to be deemed dangerous and unfair shall be called a No Ball by either umpire.

Bowling of High Full-Pitched Deliveries

Any delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is to be deemed dangerous and unfair and called No Ball by either umpire.

Times of Play

Two-Day Games

- (a) Play shall commence at 8:25am and, except as provided hereafter, shall cease at the completion of the over in progress at 12noon.
- (b) A ten (10) minute adjournment is to be taken for drinks at 10:00am, on each day, except that is if a team is dismissed after 9:50am and before 10:00am drinks shall be taken between innings.
- (c) A break of ten (10) minutes shall be taken between innings.

Limited-over Games

All entries in [brackets] refer to evening matches.

- (a) Division 1&2 in Under 14, 15, 16 and 17 games shall commence at 8:00am and except as provided hereafter, shall cease at 12 noon.
- (b) All other games shall commence at 8:15am [5:30pm] and except as provided hereafter, shall cease at 12 noon.
- (c) A break of ten (10) minutes shall be taken between innings.
- (d) The break between innings shall be taken at the completion of the allocation of overs per innings as specified in the table in Junior Rule 16(b) for Limited-over Games or at the completion of the over in progress at 9:55am [6:55pm], whichever occurs earlier.

Extension of Play

Where the allocated number of overs for the day for two-day games, or the allocated overs for the innings of the side batting second in a limited-overs game have not been bowled by the scheduled time, play may be extended for a maximum of 30 minutes in order to complete the overs provided that:

- (a) The team managers agree, except in semi-finals and finals, or where an official umpire has been appointed, where the umpires shall decide.
- (b) The ground is free for such an extension.
- (c) In cases of disputed continuation an RDCA official **MUST** be contacted immediately to give a ruling.

Adverse Weather

If play is not started by 10:30am [6:00pm for evening games] due to adverse weather or playing conditions, play shall be abandoned for the day.

Late Start

Should a team not arrive at the ground designated for the match by 9:30am [5:50pm for evening games] on either day, then that team shall forfeit the match.

Allocated Number of Overs in a Day

The allocated number of overs to be bowled on each day of play for a two-day game in each age division is as defined by "Allocated overs per day" in the table in Junior Rule 16(a),

except that:

- (a) Where play is interrupted due to weather or ground conditions during the first innings of the team batting first, the maximum number of overs to be bowled for that day shall be reduced by one (1) over for each 3.5 minutes of time lost.
- (b) Where less than half the allocated number of overs is bowled on the first day of play, and the innings of the team batting first is not completed, the match shall be deemed to have not commenced and shall be played as a limited-over game on the second scheduled day of play.
- (c) No more than the allocated number of overs in any day may be played, regardless of any early completion of the overs.
- (d) Where a team is found not to have bowled the allocated overs, within the allocated time and without a reasonable excuse, a penalty of the loss of 4 match points may apply to the offending team.

Duration Of Matches

Two-day Games

- (a) All matches shall consist of the "Allocated overs per game" as defined in the table in Junior Rule 16(a).
- (b) The team batting first if it is not dismissed shall have its innings compulsorily closed after the "Allocated overs per day" have been bowled.
- (c) The team batting second shall then be entitled to bat for the remaining overs, ie. half the allocated overs per game unless they declare or are dismissed.
- (d) (1) Where a team batting first is dismissed on the first day and six or more full overs are left to play, the team batting second must bat the remaining overs.
(2) Where five or less overs remain to be bowled and teams choose not to bat the remaining overs as per Junior Rule 23.1(d)(1), the remaining overs are then forfeited without penalty to either side.
- (e) A decision has been reached when a side leads after the first innings regardless of the number of wickets lost, however play may continue to allow an outright decision to be reached within the allocated overs per game.
- (f) When the team batting first is prevented from receiving its over entitlement due to time lost as specified by Junior Rule 23.2(a), then the allocated number of overs to be faced by the team batting second shall be reduced to the actual number of overs faced by the team batting first.
- (g) When the team batting second is prevented from receiving its over entitlement, the game shall be drawn unless, in the available time, a decision is reached.

Time Lost

- (a) If time is lost on the first day of play, then the allocated number of overs for the whole match is reduced by one (1) over for each 3.5 minutes of time lost, rounded up to the next even number of overs. The bowling side must bowl as many of the allocated overs as possible (see Junior Rule 22(d)).
- (b) Where time is lost on the second day of play, the game is to continue until a result is reached or the time as defined in Junior Rule 21.1(a) subject to an extension under Junior Rule 21.3, whichever is the earlier. The bowling side must bowl as many of the allocated overs as possible (see Junior Rule 22(d)).

Limited-over Games

- (a) All matches shall consist of one innings for each side as defined by “Allocated overs per innings” in the table in Junior Rule 16(b).
- (b) The team batting first if it is not dismissed shall have its innings compulsorily closed after the “Allocated overs per innings” have been bowled, or at the completion of the over in progress at 9:55am [6:55pm for evening games], whichever occurs first.
- (c) The team batting second shall then be entitled to bat for the “Allocated overs per innings”, except as provided for in Junior Rule 23.3(d), unless they are dismissed.
- (d) Where the side batting first receives less than the “Allocated overs per innings” as specified in the table in Junior Rule 16(b), the side batting second shall only be entitled to the same number of overs.
- (e) When the team batting second is prevented from receiving its over entitlement, the game shall be drawn unless, in the available time, a decision is reached.

Two-day Semi-Final and Final Matches (General)

(Figures in brackets relate to U12's only)

- (a) The dates, grounds and the general arrangements for all semi-final and final matches are to be determined by the Junior Committee and notified in writing to all Clubs.
- (b) Hours of play on each day of the semi final and final matches shall be 8:25am – 12 noon, however, play may be extended in accordance with Junior Rule 21.3.
- (c) A drink break shall be taken from 10:00am – 10:10am, on each day of the semi-final and final.
- (d) Should an innings be completed or interrupted between 9:50am and 10:00am on any day, then the drinks break will be taken immediately.
- (e) There will be NO over reduction for change of innings or time lost due to adverse weather or ground conditions.
- (f) Play shall continue until the completion of 50 (45) overs or 12 noon whichever is earlier, except play may be extended in accordance with Junior Rule 21.3.
- (g) Semi-final and/or final matches may be terminated after a first innings decision has been reached if requested by the Captain of the team that has lost on the first innings.
- (h) A decision has been reached when a side leads on the first innings, however play may continue, to allow an outright decision to be reached within the scheduled overs of play.
- (i) In a semi-final or final, in the event of no decision, or a drawn game, the team higher on the premiership ladder at the end of the home and away matches shall be deemed to have won the match.
- (j) In a final, in the event of a tied score on the first innings or outright, the premiership shall be shared.
- (k) All batting and bowling restrictions for each grade and division as listed in Junior Rules 16(a) and 17 shall apply for all semi-final and final matches.
- (l) The umpires are in complete control of the match; if there is no official umpire then Junior Rule 27 shall apply.

Semi-Finals

- (a) Semi final matches of 100 (90) overs shall be played on the first Saturday and Sunday after the completion of the home and away rounds.
- (b) Play may be extended to Labor Day Monday if a decision has not been reached by the close of play on the Sunday.
- (c) The team batting first, if it is not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 50 (45) overs have been bowled.
- (d) Upon the completion of the innings of the team batting first, the team batting second, if it is not dismissed, shall be entitled to bat for the remainder of the 100 (90) allocated overs.
- (e) If the innings of the team batting second is completed either by dismissal or declaration before the 100 (90) allocated overs have been bowled, the remaining overs shall be available for second innings play to allow an outright decision to be reached in accordance with Junior Rules 24(g) and 24(h).
- (f) If the 100 (90) allocated overs have not been bowled for any reason by the end of play on the Sunday, and a decision has not yet been reached, then play may continue on the Monday until a decision has been reached or these overs have been bowled, whichever is the earlier.
- (g) One new ball may be used in each innings of each side.

Finals

- (a) Final matches of 100 (90) overs shall be played on the first Saturday and Sunday following the Semi-Final.
- (b) If the final match is not completed within the two allocated days, play shall continue on the following Saturday and Sunday (if required).
- (c) In final matches the team batting first, if it is not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 50 (45) overs have been bowled.
- (d) Upon the completion of the innings of the team batting first, the team batting second, if it is not dismissed shall be entitled to bat for the remainder of the 100 (90) allocated overs.
- (e) If the innings of the team batting second is completed either by dismissal or declaration before the 100 (90) allocated overs have been bowled, the remaining overs shall be available for second innings play to allow an outright decision to be reached in accordance with Junior Rules 24(g) and 24(h).
- (f) If the 100 (90) allocated overs have not been bowled for any reason by the end of play on the fourth (4th) day and a decision has not yet been reached, then the match will be drawn and Junior Rule 24(i) will apply.
- (g) One new ball may be used in each innings of each side.

Control of Match

Except where an official umpire is in attendance the opposing team managers shall be in control of the match.

Weather and Ground Conditions

- (a) At any time before or during the match, if there is a disagreement as to the Weather or Ground Conditions being unfit to play, the match must start or continue.
- (b) The aggrieved team manager has the right to immediately obtain the opinion of a Junior Committee member, whose decision on the conditions will be final and binding.
- (c) If a Junior Committee Member is not available the aggrieved team manager may report the matter to the Junior Committee under Junior Rule 38.2 which states that such a report must be lodged with the Secretary of the Junior Committee in writing within 30 hours from 12:00pm following the last day of the match giving rise to a protest, charge or report.

Follow On

- (a) A team batting first and leading by not less than 60 runs on the first innings shall have the option of requiring the opposing team to follow on.
- (b) In semi-final and final matches, the follow-on shall be 100 runs.

Ball

- (a) In all matches, each team shall provide and use for the duration of the match (whilst opponents are batting) one approved ball.
- (b) An approved ball shall:
 - (1) be red in colour;

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- (2) be made of leather;
 - (3) be stamped to show ball weight, "RDCA" approved and be of Australian manufacture;
 - (4) weigh 156g, except in Under 12 Divisions where it shall weigh 142g;
 - (5) be two-piece.
- (c) In all semi-final and final matches, each team shall supply and may use one approved new ball for each innings.
- (d) Before commencement of each innings, the team manager of the batting team shall check that the ball to be used is an approved ball; the innings shall not commence without an approved ball being used.

Cricket Attire

- (a) All players must appear on the field in proper cricket attire, including (preferably) white flat-soled footwear, which may include coloured stripes or inserts.
- (b) No player shall be permitted to wear a coloured pullover (or other non-regulation dress) whilst bowling, batting or fielding, unless so agreed by the opposing Team Manager.
- (c) Bandages or other devices worn on a bowler's bowling arm for medical reasons must be white or cream in colour or be covered with a white or cream bandage, tape or other similar material.
- (d) A batsman or team manager of a batting side has the right to require that a member of a fielding team remove any non-regulation apparel or equipment.
- (e) The Junior Committee may impose a fine of \$5.00 on a club for each player contravening this rule.

Senior Association Rules Apply

- (a) The RDCA Junior Association operates under the constitution of the RDCA Senior Association.
- (b) The Rules of the RDCA Senior Association shall apply except where varied by the Rules of the RDCA Junior Association.

Player Safety

Close in Fielding

- (a) No fielder under 14 years of age may field within ten (10) metres of the striker's end stumps except wicketkeeper, slips and gully.
- (b) Circles of ten (10) metres radius centred on each middle stump MUST be marked on the ground by the home team for all Junior Competition games and any Senior grade games in which players under 15 years of age participate.
- (c) This rule does not prevent the fieldsman from advancing to field the ball after the ball has been struck or after the ball has rebounded from the Striker, Wicketkeeper or Fieldsman.
- (d) Any balls bowled whilst any player is contravening Junior Rule 33.1(a) shall be called dead ball by either umpire and the balls re-bowled with the offending player(s) repositioned outside the ten (10) metre circle.
- (e) In any Under 15, 16, 17 or Senior Grade game, fielders 14 years of age fielding within ten (10) metres of the striker's end stumps except wicketkeeper, slips and gully MUST wear a protective helmet and protector.

Protective Headgear

- (a) Approved protective headgear (minimum of two helmets) must be available for use in all junior matches.
- (b) All players MUST WEAR HELMETS fitted with face guards WHILE BATTING, unless the club has written permission from that player's parents or guardian.
- (c) All Under 12 wicketkeepers MUST WEAR HELMETS fitted with face guards WHILE WICKETKEEPING, unless the club has written permission from that player's parents or guardian.
- (d) Written permission exempting a player from wearing designated protective headgear must clearly state the exemption, must be dated and signed by the parent or guardian and must be independently witnessed.
- (e) The club must present such written permission on request by the RDCA Junior Committee.

First Aid

- (a) The home team shall have available a First-Aid Kit for use of both teams.
- (b) Each Club Scorebook shall have the telephone number of the nearest Hospital or Medical Service and Ambulance Service written inside the front cover.
- (c) The host club for semi-finals, finals and representative games shall make available to the visiting teams, the telephone numbers and location of the nearest Hospital or Medical Centre and Ambulance Service.

Infringement of Players Safety Rules

- (a) Any infringement of Junior Rules 33.1, 33.2, or 33.3 will incur a fine of up to \$20.00 and any other penalty that the Junior Committee may deem fit (eg. loss of points OR disqualification of Team Manager).
- (b) Any opposing team that does not report infringements of Junior Rule 33, will be dealt with by the Junior Committee, which may impose a penalty equivalent to that in Junior Rule 33.4(a).

Final Umpires

- (a) Each Club playing in the Junior Competition shall provide the names of two suitable persons to officiate as umpires in the semi-final and final series. The Junior Committee may impose a fine as defined by Senior Rule 101 for each name not supplied for failure to comply with this rule.
- (b) Umpires shall provide themselves with dark trousers, white footwear, white shirt, and white jumper or coat.

Team Nominations

Clubs shall advise draft nominations, and proposed team gradings and home ground for each team to the Junior Secretary by 15th September in each year.

Appointment of Umpires to Home & Away Matches

- (a) The Junior Committee may appoint a sub-committee, which may at any time throughout the season appoint an umpire to any match under the Junior Committee's control.
- (b) Persons appointed to such a sub-committee must have appropriate experience and knowledge of the game.
- (c) Any umpire appointed by the sub-committee shall have the powers outlined in Senior Rules 94 (Duties and Powers of Professional Umpires) & 102 (Appointment of Amateur Umpires), and the appointment shall be of an honorary nature (no fee payable).
- (d) Where such an umpire is appointed as the result of a request from one or both clubs in a match, fees shall be paid to the umpire by the requesting club(s) equivalent to that specified for final fixtures.

Resolution of Disputes

- (a) The Junior Committee may adjudicate on any dispute and its decision shall be binding upon all concerned except that,
- (b) Any party to the dispute may lodge an appeal against the decision or any penalty imposed to the Junior Independent Tribunal in accordance with Junior Rule 38.9.
- (c) The time of the event for the purposes of Junior Rule 38.2(b) shall be the time that the decision was handed down by the Junior Committee under Junior Rule 37(a).

Junior Independent Tribunal

Constitution of the Junior Independent Tribunal

- (a) The Junior Committee may refer any protest, report, charge or other appropriate matter to the Junior Independent Tribunal and is required to do so in the event of an appeal under Junior Rule 37(a).
- (b) The Junior Independent Tribunal shall consist of a chairperson plus a minimum of two other persons all of whom shall be independent and shall be nominated by the Junior Committee as required.
- (c) No member of the Junior Committee may also be a member of the Junior Independent Tribunal.
- (d) No person for whom there exists an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest regarding any matter under consideration may sit on the Junior Independent Tribunal in that particular case.

Protests, Charges and Reports

- (a) A protest, charge or report made against a Result, Club, Team, Delegate, Player, Office Bearer or member of any Club for improper conduct, misbehaviour or breach of these Rules shall be referred to the Secretary of the Junior Committee who shall refer the matter to the Junior Independent Tribunal unless it has been dealt with under Junior Rule 37.
- (b) No such protest, charge or report shall be entertained unless lodged with the Secretary in writing within 30 hours from 12:00pm on the last day of the match giving rise to the protest, charge or report, except that if the matter complained of does not arise out of a match, then the time allowed is 120 hours (5 days) from the time of the incident giving rise to the protest, charge or report.
- (c) All protests charges or reports must also be carbon copied to the address of the Junior Coordinator, as contained in the latest copy of the Junior Manual, of the Club/s of which the protest, charge or report concerns.
- (d) In the event that the matter is raised by the Junior Committee itself, the Committee shall cause a written report to be produced within the time limits set in Junior Rule 38.2(b), which shall be forwarded to the parties concerned in accordance with Junior Rules 38.4(a) and 37.4(b).

Matters Referred for Investigation

The Tribunal shall also hear and / or investigate any matter referred to it by the Junior Committee and shall submit a report to the Junior Committee in due course.

Tribunal Hearings

The Secretary of the Junior Committee or Tribunal Officer shall:

- (a) Forward a written copy of any and all protests, charges and/or reports referred to the Tribunal to the Chairman and other members of the Junior Independent Tribunal, as appointed under Junior Rule 38.1(b) a reasonable time prior to the hearing.
- (b) Organise a hearing for the Wednesday immediately following the completion of a Saturday match or the Friday for a match concluding on the Sunday or Monday.
- (c) Summon all necessary parties to attend, including any person, Club or team concerned and any necessary witnesses. These persons are to be given no less than 36 hours notice of their requirement to attend the hearing. The Junior Secretary or Tribunal Officer shall liaise with the appropriate Junior Coordinators to ensure the appropriate persons attend the hearing. The club Junior Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that the required representatives from their club are in attendance.

Report by Defending Party

- (a) The Secretary may request, but not compel, a person, club or team subject to a protest, charge or report under these rules to provide a written report on the events surrounding the protest charge or report.
- (b) The Secretary must inform the defending party that provision of such a report is entirely voluntary.
- (c) A report provided by the defending party under this rule may not be used as evidence in the Junior Independent Tribunal hearing unless tendered by the defending party during the hearing.

Burden of Proof

The burden of proof in all instances shall lie upon the person or body making the protest, charge or report.

Decision on Protest, Charge or Report

- (a) Provided that all provisions of Junior Rules 38.1 to 38.5 inclusive are met, the Junior Independent Tribunal shall consider the evidence, arrive at a decision and if the protest, charge or report is found proven, may impose any penalty considered appropriate.
- (b) If any provisions of Junior Rules 38.1 to 38.5 inclusive are not met, the protest, charge or report shall be found to be not proven and any person, Club or team in preparing its defence shall be met by the Junior Committee.
- (c) If Junior Rule 38.7(b) is invoked upon a matter involving interpretation of the rules, no ruling on the correct interpretation of the rule in question may be deemed to have been made.

Report on Decisions of Hearing of Protest Charges or Reports

- (a) The Junior Independent Tribunal shall announce its decision at the conclusion of the hearing.
- (b) The Junior Independent Tribunal shall report to the Junior Committee, which shall notify the persons or clubs concerned of the decision and shall report details of the protest, charge or report and decision to the next meeting of the Junior Committee.
- (c) A copy of the Junior Independent Tribunal report shall be forwarded, if requested or in any case where the protest, charge or report is found proven, to the persons or clubs concerned.

Right of Appeal

Any person, club or team against who a protest, charge or report is found proven by the Junior Independent Tribunal may lodge an appeal against the decision, or the severity of the penalty imposed, though the Committee of the RDCA to the VMCU in accordance with the rules of that body.

Junior Independent Tribunal Procedures

- (a) The Chairman shall impress on all principals and witnesses the necessity of observing the following condition:

"Any person or persons giving evidence of an untruthful nature to the Investigation Committee/Tribunal (Committee) shall, in the case of any player concerned, be disqualified from taking part in any match for such time as the Committee shall decide. In the case of any other person shall, on a report to the RDCA Junior Committee by the Committee, be dealt with as that body may deem fit."

The Tribunal Secretary shall read the report. The reported person shall then be asked if they admit or deny the charge.

Should the reported person plead GUILTY to the charge, the following procedure must be adopted:

- 1) The informant will give particulars of the incident reported.
- 2) The reported person will have the right to clarify any point in the evidence provided by the informant.
- 3) The reported person shall have the right to clarify any point in the evidence of the reported person.
- 4) The informant shall have the right to clarify any point in the evidence of the reported person.
- 5) All persons shall then retire and the committee will arrive at a decision.

- (b) Should the reported person plead NOT GUILTY to the charge, the following procedure must be adopted:
- 1) All witnesses other than the informant and a club representative (who is not a witness), the reported person and their advocate (who is not a witness) shall leave the room and be called when required.
 - 2) The informant will give particulars of the incident reported
 - 3) The informant shall have the right to call any witnesses in support of their report
 - 4) The reported person shall have the right to question the informant and/or the witnesses.
 - 5) The reported person may make a statement and shall have the right to call witnesses in support of their statement.
 - 6) The informant shall have the right to question the accused and all witnesses
 - 7) At the conclusion, all persons shall retire and the Committee shall arrive at a decision.
- (c) The decision shall be announced in the presence of the informant and the reported person.
- (d) A witness may not leave the room after having given evidence until the conclusion of the hearing of all evidence. A witness may not ask a question or interrupt proceedings at any time.
- (e) If during the consideration of the evidence the committee desires to recall any witness, such witnesses shall be questioned in the presence of the informant and the reported person.
- (f) All disqualification's imposed shall commence from and include the first competition match after the hearing played by the team of which the reported person is a member.
- (g) The reported person and the informant may use a player's advocate.
- (h) The duties of the player's advocate are:

To determine the facts from the player or players before the Committee is assembled and to advise the best way to conduct or present the case. The advocate is permitted to enter the meeting and remain until the hearing is finished and the Committee is considering its decision.

The advocate may not cross-examine the informant, reported person or any witness. He may not speak during the hearing except that if a player has difficulty, or is in doubt as to how to answer a question, the player may, with the consent of the chairman, speak to and be answered by the advocate.

- (i) In the event of a player Under 16 years of age appearing before the Committee, a player's advocate may address the Committee on the player's behalf and with the chairman's permission he may question witnesses.
- (j) WITNESSES, whether called by the informant or player, who do NOT attend an Investigation or Tribunal hearing after being notified by the Junior Secretary or Tribunal Officer, shall be dealt with as provided for in Junior Rule 39 (a).

Junior Coaching Requirements

- (a) Each club must have at least one (1) accredited coach (ACB Level 1 standard or better) per division, where teams are entered.
- (b) The deadline for qualification in any season is 31st December.
- (c) Clubs have the right of appeal in writing to the Junior Secretary if they are unable to meet the established criteria.
- (d) Failure to comply will result in a fine equivalent to the cost of attending an authorised accreditation course multiplied by the number by which the club falls short of the criteria.

Awards

Trophies

The Association shall provide trophies approved by the Junior Committee, to the winners of Batting and Bowling Averages in every grade in the Junior Competition except in the Under 10 and Under 12 non-competitive grades. The Junior Committee may vary the requirements to qualify for batting and bowling in each grade where no player qualifies by the rules below, if the amount of play during the season is curtailed by adverse weather or ground conditions.

Qualification

To qualify for a particular grade:

A batsman must play in more than half the matches played in that grade and score at least the number of runs in that grade as per the table below. A bowler must play in more than half the matches played in that grade and bowl at least the number of balls in that grade as per the table below.

Grade	Batting	Bowling
Under 15, 16 & 17 – Divisions 1 & 2	200 runs	240 balls
Under 15, 16 & 17 – Divisions 3 and below	200 runs	210 balls
Under 13 & 14 – Divisions 1 & 2	200 runs	210 balls
Under 13 & 14 – Divisions 3 and below	160 runs	180 balls
Under 12 – Divisions 1 & 2	120 runs	180 balls
Under 12 – Divisions 3 and below	100 runs	144 balls

Club Championship

Clive Fairbairn Perpetual Club Championship

- (1) Points are to be awarded to teams fielded in competitive grades by multiplying the corresponding number of points from the following table by the number of premierships points for each team as they appear on the premierships ladder at the end of the home and away games.

Under 12 to Under 17 – Division 1 – 10 points

Under 12 to Under 17 – Division 2 – 7 points

Under 12 to Under 17 – Division 3 – 6 points

Under 12 to Under 17 – Division 4 – 5 points

Under 12 to Under 17 – Division 5 – 3 points

- (2) The total number of points thus gained by all competitive teams fielded by the club for all the home and away games of the season shall then be divided by the number of competitive teams so fielded to calculate an average.
- (3) The Total Championship Points will then be determined by the first multiplying the average calculated in 41.3(2) above by 0.1 (10%), then multiplying by the number of teams (competitive and non-competitive) fielded and finally calculating the result to the average calculated in 41.3(2) above.

Premiership Points System

The following premiership points system shall be adopted:

Outright win if winning team leads on 1 st innings	12 points
Outright win where 1 st innings is a tie	9 points
Outright win if winning team lost 1 st innings	8 points
Outright tie – each team	6 points
1 st innings win	8 points
1 st innings lead if beaten outright	4 points
1 st innings tie – each team	4 points
No play or drawn game – each team	4 points
Team receiving bye	Maximum points
Team receiving a forfeit or walkover	Maximum points

Guidelines for U10 & U12 Non-Competitive Grades

GENERAL

The Under 10 and 12 non-competitive grades are intended as a training ground for younger players or those whose ability has not yet developed to the state where they can play in competitive grades.

The aim is to provide these players with an enjoyable game of cricket under conditions more appropriate to their level of development.

There are few laid down rules for these games, it being intended that Team Managers consult **before** the match and agree upon the conduct of the game, having regard to the circumstances of the day and bearing in mind the spirit and purposes of this grade.

PLAYER SAFETY

- (a) All batsmen and wicketkeepers must wear approved protective headgear.
- (b) No fieldsman, other than the wicketkeeper, shall field within nine (9) metres of the bat.

OR

- (c) No fieldsman shall field within nine (9) metres of the bat on the leg side or forward of the gully on the off side or within six (6) metres of the bat between gully and the wicketkeeper (ie. slips area).

OR

- (d) Any fieldsman fielding within nine (9) metres of the bat in the area behind the wicket between gully and the wicketkeeper must wear protective headgear.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

The registration of players in U10 and U12 non-competitive grades is compulsory.

Free interchange of players between Clubs is permitted.

Games played in non-competitive grades will not qualify a player to play in a semi-final and/or final match of any competitive grade.

MATCH RESULTS

Official match result sheets are to be completed with player names only and handed in to the result secretary at completion of each round.

TROPHIES

The Association will award trophies to the best-conducted teams.

Players will be eligible for Club trophies at the discretion of each club.

CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- (a) In all matches each side is to bat and bowl in each day of play.
- (b) The side batting first shall bat until the drinks adjournment.
- (c) The side batting second shall be entitled to receive the same number of overs as was bowled to the side batting first.
- (d) An innings shall not end at the fall of the 10th wicket but shall continue to the expiration of available time or until the required number of overs has been bowled in the case of the team batting second.
- (e) To limit loss of playing time involved in dismissed batsman leaving the ground and being replaced by new batsmen, batsmen should bat in pairs for a set number of overs as determined by the number of batsmen available, changing ends when dismissed. Compulsory retirement at 20 applies or on completion of the number of overs, however Team Managers should consider earlier retirement to give as many batsmen as possible a bat.
- (f) After all the batsmen in a side have batted once, any batsmen may return to the crease whether he had retired or dismissed. Team Managers should consider a second innings for a batsman who was dismissed for a low score rather than a batsman who made a high score.
- (g) A maximum of three (3) overs applies to any bowler. Preferably all players should bowl two (2) overs each. As players will be of varying ability, final bowling arrangements are left to the Team Manager's discretion with the provision that all players are given an opportunity to bowl at least one (1) over.
- (h) To minimise delays between overs, and subject to agreement between opposing Team Managers, batches of overs may be bowled consecutively from one end with the batsmen changing ends at the end of each over.
- (i) If rain interrupts during the innings of the side batting first, the innings of the side batting second shall be limited to the number of overs bowled to the side batting first.
- (j) All overs are of a maximum six (6) deliveries regardless of the number of wides or no balls bowled. To encourage batsmen to score runs off the bat, wides and no balls should not be entered in the scorebook. Byes and leg byes however should be scored.
- (k) Where the number of players on each team differs, say 8 on one and 16 on the other, player interchange should occur to even up the numbers, eg. 12 on each side so as to give all players equal opportunity to bat and bowl.

TIME

Friday Evenings

Times of Play – 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Drinks Break – 6:50pm to 7:10pm

Saturday Mornings

Times of Play – 8:30am to 11:30am

Drinks Break – 10:00am to 10:15am

BALL

Subject to agreement between opposing Team Managers, either a 140g or 142g ball of Australian manufacture or a synthetic ball approved by the Junior Committee may be used, provided that only one type is used throughout the whole match.

PITCH

Subject to agreement between opposing Team Managers, the length of the pitch for a match may be reduced to a minimum of 17 metres.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play in the non-competitive grades, players must be under the nominated age as at the first day of September in the year in which the season commences.

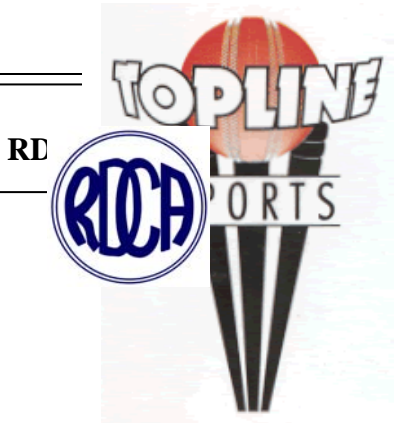
MATCH REPORT

At the completion of each match both team managers must complete the RDCA Junior Non-Competitive Match Sheet and return it to the RDCA Junior Secretary within 72 hours of the completion of each round. Failure to comply with this guideline may incur a fine of up to \$10.00 per offence.

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