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## **PREAMBLE**

Except where specifically stated otherwise, every provision of these Rules is to be read as applying equally to women as to men. Unless otherwise stated, Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI shall conform to the requirements of Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Rules and Women's Premier Reserves and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI shall conform to Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI Rules.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS:**

"CV"	Victorian Cricket Association, trading as Cricket Victoria
"CEO"	Chief Executive Officer of Cricket Victoria
PCMT	Premier Cricket Management Team
"VMCU"	Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union
"VCCL"	Victorian Country Cricket League

## **RULE 1 APPLICATION OF LAWS AND RULES**

### **1.1 LAWS OF CRICKET**

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 6<sup>TH</sup> Edition 2015) shall apply to all matches, except as hereinafter modified.

### **1.2 PREMIER CRICKET MANAGEMENT TEAM POWERS AND EMERGENCY RULINGS**

**1.2.1** The Premier Cricket Management Team (PCMT) shall have the power to take any action deemed appropriate against a club or player breaking a CV Rule or a Law of Cricket.

**1.2.2** Subject to the Articles and By-Laws of CV, the PCMT shall have the power to decide all questions arising out of CV matches not provided for in these Rules.

## **RULE 2 PROGRAMS OF MATCHES**

### **2.1 DETERMINATION OF PROGRAMS**

The Premier clubs shall compete in programs as arranged by the Board of CV and approved by CV Delegates prior to the commencement of the season.

### **2.2 VARIATION TO PROGRAM**

Subject to the approval of the CV Board, the PCMT may, if necessary, alter the program in respect of dates or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played.

## **RULE 3 MATCH VENUES - NOMINATION APPROVAL AND AVAILABILITY**

### **3.1 NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF VENUES**

**3.1.1** Prior to the Annual General Meeting of CV in each season each club shall nominate, for the coming season, the ground to be the home venue for:

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches
- (b) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches
- (c) Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Premier Reserves and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches

**3.1.2** Such grounds shall be subject to the approval of the PCMT.

### **3.2 AVAILABILITY OF VENUES**

#### **3.2.1 *Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI grounds***

Nominated grounds approved by the PCMT for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches shall be available for all matches scheduled by the CV Board in respect to or in connection with:

- (a) the Premier competition;
- (b) all CV Pathway Competition matches;
- (c) matches scheduled by the CV Board in connection with
  - the VMCU Inter-association Competition;
  - the VCCL Country Week Competition; and

(d) such other competitions as the CV Board determines.

#### **3.2.2 *Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI grounds and Women's 1<sup>st</sup>, Premier Reserves and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI grounds***

Nominated grounds approved by the PCMT for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches shall be available for all matches scheduled by the CV Board for the CV Premier and CV Pathway competitions.

### **3.3 CHANGING NOMINATED VENUES**

**3.3.1** The grounds nominated pursuant to 3.1.1(a) and approved pursuant to 3.1.2 shall not be changed without approval of the PCMT.

**3.3.2** Any application to change the nominated venue for any scheduled match shall be lodged in writing with the PCMT not less than one week prior to the first date for which approval is sought.

**3.3.3** Any such application must nominate an alternative venue for the dates the ground will be unavailable and the reason for the ground being unavailable on those dates.

**3.3.4** The PCMT shall have no obligation to consider any application received within one week of the date for which approval is sought.

#### **3.4 APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES**

**3.4.1** The PCMT shall have an absolute discretion as to whether or not to approve an application brought under 3.3.

**3.4.2** In exercising its discretion the PCMT shall be entitled to take into account the suitability of the proposed alternative venue and the policy of CV regarding the use of nominated grounds during the cricket season for purposes other than the playing of cricket.

**3.4.3** Notwithstanding the approval of any application made under 3.3, a club changing its nominated venue may be fined a sum to be determined by the PCMT.

#### **3.5 REFUSAL OF APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES.**

Should approval sought by a club not be granted by the PCMT and the ground subsequently not be available for the playing of any match scheduled by the CV Board in accordance with these Rules, the club shall be in breach of these Rules and subject to the following penalties (which are cumulative with any penalties which may be imposed by CV pursuant to its Articles of Association or its By-Laws):

- (a) the club may be fined a sum to be determined by the PCMT for each day on which the ground is scheduled for use for the playing of a match or matches and during which the ground is not available for such use; and
- (b) the PCMT shall have the power to award points to the opposing club.

#### **3.6 NON-AVAILABILITY OF GROUND - ACCEPTABLE REASONS**

A club shall not be in breach of the Rules by reason of its nominated and approved ground not being available if, but only if:

- (a) the weather is such that even with the use of covers the ground has been rendered unfit for play; or
- (b) the PCMT has, pursuant to 3.8, given approval for the ground not to be available.

#### **3.7 FAILURE TO MEET ENGAGEMENT OR TO HAVE GROUND FIT**

Any club failing to meet its engagement or, with due regard to the weather, to have its ground, or a PCMT approved alternative ground, in a proper condition for play, shall be fined an amount determined by CV. Should the PCMT not accept the reasons given for the default it may also award points to the opposing club.

#### **3.8 USE OF GROUND OTHER THAN FOR SCHEDULED MATCHES**

**3.8.1** If a club wishes to make its ground or grounds available for a use other than the playing of scheduled cricket matches on a day or days during which a match or matches are scheduled for its grounds, the club must make a written application to the PCMT not less than four weeks prior to the relevant date to obtain approval for such use.

**3.8.2** If the application is made less than four weeks prior to the relevant date the PCMT shall be under no obligation to consider the application later.

**3.8.3** The PCMT shall have an absolute discretion as to whether or not to approve the proposed use of the ground. In exercising its discretion the PCMT shall be entitled to take into account the policy of CV regarding the use of grounds during the cricket season for uses other than the playing of cricket.

#### **3.9 DETERMINATION OF SEASONS**

Any club that wishes to allow the use of either of its ovals in contravention of the Determination of Seasons must obtain the written permission of the PCMT.

#### **3.10 WEEKLY GROUND AND PITCH REPORT - SEPTEMBER**

During the month of September each club must report to CV on a weekly basis, on the condition of the ground and pitch on both of its ovals and on the progress being made to have them ready for play on the first Saturday in October.

## **RULE 4 POINTS AND TEAM RANKINGS**

### **4.1 ALLOCATION OF MATCH POINTS (Premiership Series)**

#### **4.1.1 Two-Day Matches (RULE 17)**

<b>Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
Win outright and first innings lead	10
Win outright and first innings tie	8
Win outright and behind on first innings	6
Win on first innings - no further points result	6
Tie outright - each team	5
Tie on first innings - no further points result	3
Tie on first innings with outright loss	2
Loss outright after first innings lead	4

#### **4.1.2 One-Day Matches (RULE 18)**

<b>Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
Win	4
Tie or No Result	2
Loss	0
<b>Bonus point</b> (See notes below)	1

- (i) The team that achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point' i.e. the team shall receive a total of 5 points (4 points for win, 1 bonus point).
- (ii) A team's run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced. However, if a side is bowled out before receiving its overs entitlement under 18.3 its run rate shall be the runs scored divided by the overs entitlement.
- (iii) Where matches are shortened and targets revised using the par score, bonus run-rates and defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score (less one run) and maximum overs.
- (iv) For the team batting second to gain a bonus point the victory must be achieved by the completion of no more than 80% of the number of balls available to the side batting second. i.e. in a 50 over (300 ball) match by the end of the 40th over (240 legal deliveries) or in a reduced overs match the total number of balls set the calculation above.

#### **4.1.3 Twenty20 Matches (RULE 20)**

<b>Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
Win	4
Tie or no Result	2
Loss	0

#### **4.1.4 Penalty Points Deduction**

Premiership Series points gained under 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 are subject to reduction for any penalties incurred for contravention of Rules 7.7, 8.4.7, 10.2, 10.3, 15.10.8 and 16.2.

## **4.2 CRICKET VICTORIA PREMIER SERIES RANKINGS: TEAM AVERAGES**

### **4.2.1 Cricket Victoria Premier Ladder**

All premierships points obtained in 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 count towards the Cricket Victoria Premier ladder.

### **4.2.2 Application and Calculation of Team Averages**

Should there be equality in aggregate premierships points the team higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better team average. Team averages shall be calculated by:

- (a) dividing total runs scored by total wickets lost (batting average);
- (b) dividing total runs scored against by total wickets taken (bowling average); and
- (c) dividing the batting average (a) by the bowling average (b).

### **4.2.3 Determination of Wickets Lost**

A wicket shall be recorded as lost or taken when an innings terminates with any batsman unable to commence, continue, or resume an innings within the scheduled playing time or compulsory number of overs; but a team declaring an innings closed, forfeiting an innings or having it terminated under either RULE 18 or RULE 20 shall be deemed to have lost only those wickets which have actually fallen.

#### **4.3 PREMIER MEN'S ONE-DAY & T20 (WHITE-BALL) PROGRAM RANKINGS**

##### **4.3.1 *One-Day Ladder***

A separate white ball ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured one-day and T20 matches only.

##### **4.3.2 *Team ranking on ladder***

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 4.1.2 but if there is equality in points the team to be ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate.

##### **4.3.3 *Net Run Rate – definition and calculation***

Run rate is the average per over of runs scored in an innings. Net run rate is the difference between the average runs per over scored by a team and the average runs per over scored against it.

##### **4.3.4 *Run Rate calculation***

The calculation of net run rate must include details of no result matches and include the full entitlement of overs of a team which has been dismissed in fewer overs.

#### **4.4 PREMIER WOMEN'S PROGRAM RANKINGS**

##### **4.4.1 *Twenty20 Ladder***

A separate Twenty20 ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured Twenty20 matches only.

##### **4.4.2 *Team ranking on ladder***

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 4.1.3 but if there is an equality in points the team ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate (refer 4.3.3 and 4.3.4).

##### **4.4.3 *One Day Ladder***

A separate One Day ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured One day matches only.

##### **4.4.4 *Team Ranking on ladder***

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 4.1.2 but if there is an equality in points the team ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate (refer 4.3.3 and 4.3.4).

#### **RULE 5 PROGRAMS FOR FINALS ROUNDS**

##### **5.1 CRICKET VICTORIA PREMIER FINALS**

**Note:** All Cricket Victoria Premier finals matches shall be played under RULE 19.

##### **5.1.1 *Quarterfinals***

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the teams finishing first to eighth as per 4.2 shall play quarter-finals as follows: 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team in the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

##### **5.1.2 *Semi-finals***

The quarterfinals winners shall play in semi-finals as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the team ranked higher at the conclusion of the quarter-finals shall be declared the winner.

##### **5.1.3 *Final***

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

The First XI Final shall be played under ordinary conditions, with three days and a reserve day allocated. Should a first innings result not be achieved after three days, play

shall continue into the reserve (fourth) day until a result is attained. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the semi-finals shall be declared the winner.

(b) **Finals Other Xis.**

The semi-final winners shall play in the Final. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the semi-finals shall be declared the winner.

**5.2 MEN'S WHITE-BALL FINALS**

The two highest-ranked teams in each XI (as defined in Rule 4.3) shall play off in a White-Ball Final. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team shall be declared the winner.

**5.3 WOMEN'S FINALS**

**5.3.1 Semi-finals**

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the one-day semi-finals will be played as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

**Note:** In a five-team competition a semi-final will be played between 2 v 3 with 1<sup>st</sup> place progressing straight to the Final.

- All semi-final matches shall play according to RULE 18.
- If play does not commence (i.e., no ball is bowled) on the scheduled day, the match shall be rescheduled for the following day where possible.
- In any match should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

**5.3.2 Finals**

- **T20 Final.** At the conclusion of the home and away matches the T20 Final will be played between the teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on the T20 table according to RULE 20.
- **One-Day Final.** The one-day final will be played between the semi-final winners according to RULE 18.
- One reserve playing day shall be scheduled.
- If play does not commence (i.e. no ball is bowled) on the scheduled day, play shall be rescheduled to the reserve day.

**5.3.3 Result**

Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

**5.4 FINALS VENUES**

Venues for all finals matches shall be determined by the PCMT.

**5.5 PRESENTATION TO PREMIERSHIP WINNERS**

A pennant and/or shield and/or cup shall be presented to each winning club. Each winning club shall receive a maximum of 15 medals or badges for distribution to players and such others as deemed appropriate.

**RULE 6 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN'S ONLY)**

**6.1 WEIGHTING OF PREMIERSHIP POINTS**

CV clubs shall compete in a Club Championship which shall include points from all matches played for premiership points but excluding the competition finals.

Grade	Weighting:
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	2
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	1

**6.2 DETERMINING THE WINNER**



The Championship shall be awarded to the club with the highest aggregate of weighted points and if clubs have equal highest points each shall be declared a joint winner.

## **RULE 7 ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS**

### **7.1 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

#### **7.1.1 *New player eligibility***

A player who has not previously played CV Premier cricket or in the Women's Community Competition shall be eligible to play with any Premier club.

#### **7.1.2 *Residency***

To play CV Premier Cricket a player must be a bona fide resident in the State of Victoria, unless the prior approval of the PCMT is obtained.

#### **7.1.3 *Interstate/Overseas players***

New arrivals from outside Victoria shall not play without a permit from the PCMT.

#### **7.1.4 *Requirement for permit***

Every player taking part in the program of matches shall play with the club for which he or she is qualified under these Rules and shall continue to play with that club unless the player obtains a permit to play with another competing club.

#### **7.1.5 *Registration of playing members***

Lodgement and administration of player registration shall be undertaken via the MyCricket system.

#### **7.1.6 *PCMT's powers re registration***

The PCMT shall have power to inquire into and determine the residential or other bona fides of any player seeking registration or who is already registered. Should it be found that a player or an official of a club has knowingly furnished information which is false, the PCMT may suspend the player from playing in CV matches for such time as is deemed appropriate and/or penalise the official's club in accordance with 7.7.1.

### **7.2 TRANSFER TO LOWER XI (MEN'S)**

#### **7.2.1 *Limit of matches played***

Unless the player obtains the sanction of the PCMT no player who has played with the 1st XI in the number of matches fixtured up until Christmas shall be allowed to play in a 2nd XI match during the remainder of the season. The same principle shall apply to all players transferring to lower XIs.

#### **7.2.2 *Playing in the same round in Lower XI match***

A player having played with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> XI shall not be eligible to play with a lower XI in the same round of Premier matches when circumstances have required lower grade matches of that round to be rescheduled and played on a later date, except with the prior approval of the PCMT. A player shall only be permitted to play in one RULE 20 match per round.

### **7.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINAL SERIES**

#### **7.3.1 *Number of games played***

A player of a club, other than a representative player, shall not be eligible to play in Final Series matches unless the player has played three matches or more with the club during the current season or the PCMT gives approval in special circumstances, such as return from long-term injury or representation of the club in a lesser level competition. Note: Women's club players must play minimum three One Day Competition matches and two Twenty20 Competition matches in order to qualify for Finals in a respective format.

#### **7.3.2 *Permit to play in lower XI***

No player who has played with a 1<sup>st</sup> XI shall play in the Final Series 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches unless the player has previously played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI during the current season. If the club's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs are both in the Final Series, a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player may obtain a permit to play with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. The same principle shall apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs.

#### **7.3.3 *Eligibility to play in lower XIs***

A player, unless granted permission by the PCMT, shall not be eligible to play in a final series with

- (a) a lower XI if the number of games played in that XI or a lower XI is less than the aggregate of games played by the player in higher XIs;
- (b) a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI if the player has played in more than two games with a 1<sup>st</sup> XI; and
- (c) a 4<sup>th</sup> XI if the player has played in more than two games with a 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI during the programmed series of that season.

#### **7.3.4 Determining eligibility**

In determining a player's eligibility for final series matches, games of the same round played in different XIs as allowed in 7.4 shall both be counted but games in higher XIs as a replacement player under 7.4 shall not be counted.

### **7.4 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER REPLACEMENT**

#### **7.4.1 Representative player – definition**

For the purpose of this Rule a representative player is:

- (a) a person selected as a player in a representative match, or appointed as an official or support staff for a match under the sanction of Cricket Australia ; and/or
- (b) a player contracted by CV; or
- (c) a player in Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI selected as a player, manager or other official for matches defined in (a) above: or
- (d) a Men's Premier 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player selected to take part in an APS or AGS match.
- (e) The PCMT will consider emergency applications due to a late change to a representative team or altered requirements of Cricket Australia or CV, arising from any event that is wholly acceptable upon receipt of application
- (f) The PCMT may consider any request from the State Chairman of Selectors for any contracted or representative player to be selected to participate in any Premier Club match at any time.

#### **7.4.2 When a representative player can replace/be replaced**

A representative player named as a member of an XI in a CV Premier match of which a day or part of a day of play coincides with a scheduled day of a match as defined in 7.4.1, may replace or be replaced by a player approved by the PCMT. A named player who is injured while on representative match duties between scheduled days of a CV match may also be replaced in accordance with this Rule provided:

- (a) the coach or captain of the representative side reports the injury was sustained in the representative match; and
- (b) a statement is furnished to the PCMT prior to resumption of play in the CV Premier match.

#### **7.4.3 Representation known prior to match commencement (Men's)**

A club requiring a representative player to replace or be replaced by another player shall notify the names of the two players involved to the PCMT.

If representation is known prior to the start of the Premier match:

- (a) Approval of the PCMT shall be required prior to the replacement taking effect and the notification shall be made as follows:
  - by 12 noon on the day prior to the start of the replacement match; or
  - by such time as the PCMT deems reasonable in the particular circumstances
- (b) Notification to the umpires and opposing captain is to be made prior to the start of the Premier match affected. (c) All replacements pertaining to the match shall be noted on the team sheets and the replacements shall occur

#### **7.4.4 Representation not known prior to match commencement (Men's)**

- (a) Approval of the PCMT shall be required prior to the replacement taking effect and the notification shall be made as follows:
  - by 12 noon on the day prior of to the replacement match; or
  - by such time as the PCMT deems reasonable in the particular circumstances

Notification to the umpires and opposing captain is to be made not less than 30 minutes prior to the start of play on day 2

In anticipation of a player being selected for a representative match notification of the names may be given prior to the representative team announcement and approval from the PCMT shall not be required.

#### **7.4.5 *Representative player replacement (Women's)***

A club requiring a representative player to replace or be replaced by another player shall:

- (a) notify the umpires and opposing captain prior to the start of the match affected;
- (b) note all replacements pertaining to the match on the team sheets; and
- (c) note all replacement in the notes section of the MyCricket scorecard.

In the case where a player is not available for a match that player's club shall be permitted to name a player who may or will participate in a lower grade of her club on the same weekend, thereby allowing her to play in more than one game during a given round.

#### **7.4.6 *No alteration allowed after notification***

In all circumstances once notification has been given no alteration shall be made without approval from the PCMT prior to the Premier match involved.

#### **7.4.7 *Request from representative team selectors***

Where representative team selectors have requested that a player, who has been nominated as a replacing player, be rested from a club match the player who was to be replaced by the player may, with the prior approval of the PCMT, be retained as a normally selected player in the match.

#### **7.4.8 *Requirements of replacement player***

A replacing player shall be subject to the provisions of the CV Pennant Rules and Laws of Cricket as would have applied to the player replaced if that player had continued playing in the match.

#### **7.4.9 *Lower XIs***

The principle and provisions of the foregoing shall apply to allow consequential replacement or retention in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs.

#### **7.4.10 *Substitute fielder***

Where a replacement player has not been requested a substitute fieldsman shall be allowed.

#### **7.4.11 *Notification of substitute fielder***

Before the start of a day's play the captain of the opposing side and the umpires shall be informed of the use of a replacement player or substitute fieldsman.

#### **7.4.12 *Representative player withdraws from match***

A player who, for any reason, withdraws from a representative match as defined in 7.4.1 shall not be allowed to take part in any CV Premier match being played at the same time without approval from the PCMT.

#### **7.4.13 *Representative player role in the game***

A player who, due to representative match duties,

- (a) arrives late on a day of a CV match in which the player is nominated to play or is playing, shall not be limited as to when and how the player may take part or resume in the match;
- (b) is a not out batsman and is unable to resume an innings shall be treated under Law 2.9 as retired owing to unavoidable cause and recorded as "retired, not out";
- (c) is a not out batsman shall replace/be replaced by the representative player or the nominated replacement player at the crease.

### **7.5 TRANSFERS TO AND FROM CV PREMIER CLUBS**

#### **7.5.1 *Definition of a CV player***

A CV Premier club cricketer shall mean a player who has played 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> XI cricket with a CV Premier club.

### **7.5.2 Eligibility to play for more than one club**

A player shall not play with more than one CV Premier club during the season unless the player is expressly authorised by these Rules or by the PCMT.

### **7.5.3 Transferring to another club - requirement**

A CV Premier club cricketer may transfer to any other CV Premier club with a MyCricket clearance from the player's club and a permit from the PCMT.

### **7.5.4 Refusal of clearance**

Should a clearance from a player's club be refused, a CV Premier club cricketer may apply to the PCMT for a permit provided that 14 days notice in writing is given to that club of the intention to apply for a permit.

The club with which the player has played shall have the right to be heard by the PCMT. However no permit will be granted under 7.5.2, 7.5.3 and 7.5.4 after 31 December of the current season.

### **7.5.5 Retention of Club Qualification**

Any CV Premier player who ceases to play Premier Cricket remains tied for 10 years (Women 2 years) to the CV Premier club for which they last played should they wish to return to CV Premier club cricket.

### **7.5.6 Special Permits**

Notwithstanding any condition elsewhere mentioned in these Rules, the PCMT, under special circumstances, may grant a permit to a player to play with a club other than the club or clubs for which the player is qualified.

## **7.6 PROCESSING CLEARANCE APPLICATIONS**

### **7.6.1 Recording in Clearance Register**

An application for a transfer between CV Premier clubs, whether directly from a player or through a club, shall be lodged via the clearance system MyCricket.

### **7.6.2 Club notification to PCMT**

The said club on receiving the application shall consider the matter and register its decision via the on-line clearance system.

### **7.6.3 Time period for club to process clearance applications**

If the notification from the said club is not received by the PCMT within 14 days of the application's endorsed date of lodgement, the applicant player may be granted a permit, with immediate effect, to transfer to the club to which the transfer is sought.

## **7.7 PENALTY FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

### **7.7.1 Penalties**

Any club playing a player not possessing the requisite qualification shall, subject to the discretion of the PCMT, be declared to have lost the match or matches in which such player took part and may be liable to a fine. For each match in which the club did not gain points a fine of a sum determined by the PCMT may be imposed.

### **7.7.2 Awarding of points**

The awarding of points to the opposing club or clubs under 7.7.1 shall be at the discretion of the PCMT.

### **7.7.3 Player incorrectly identified as eligible**

Where a club is notified under 7.7.1 that a player is eligible and that player is subsequently found to be ineligible, the club, except in the circumstance provided for in 7.7.2, shall not be penalised for any match in which the player participated prior to that player's ineligibility being brought to its attention.

## **RULE 8 PLAYER POINTS CAP – MEN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> XI (PPC)**

### **8.1 CATEGORIES AND POINTS ALLOTMENT**

A cap of 25 points shall apply. The PCMT may consider applications from clubs to vary the points allocation where they think special circumstances apply to their club.

### **8.2 CATEGORIES AND POINTS TABLE**

The following descriptions, except for the one-point category, refer to players coming into a club with that status. The one-point category may refer to a player coming into a club from another Premier Club, provided the player has not played 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket with that club or another Premier Club.

CATEGORY	PTS	CATEGORY	PTS	CATEGORY	PTS
<u>Players from other Countries</u>		<u>Players from other States</u>		<u>Players from other Premier Clubs</u>	
<b>Current Players</b>		<b>Current Players</b>		<b>Current Players</b>	
Test	10	Test	9	Test	8
International One Day	9	International One Day	8	International One Day	7
International T20	8	International T20	7	International T20	6
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	8	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	7	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	6
One day Domestic	7	One day Domestic	6	One day Domestic	5
Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	6	Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	5	Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	4
Affiliates International One Day	5	Domestic T20 (Duration BBL)	2	Premier grade 21+ games	3
Affiliates International T20	4	Premier grade 21+ games	4	Premier grade 1-20 games	2
Other Non-1 <sup>st</sup> Class	4	Premier grade 1-20 games	3	Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*
		Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*	Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1
		Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1		
<b>Former Players</b>		<b>Former Players</b>		<b>Former Players</b>	
Test	8	Test	6	Test	5
International One Day	7	International One Day	5	International One Day	4
International T20	6	International T20	4	International T20	3
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	6	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	5	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	4
One day Domestic	5	One day Domestic	4	One day Domestic	3
Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	4	Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	3	Domestic T20 (Big Bash)	2
Affiliates International One Day	4	Premier grade 21+ games	3	Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*
Affiliates International T20	3	Premier grade 1-20 games	2	Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1
Other Non-1 <sup>st</sup> Class	1	Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*	New Premier Club	2
		Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1		

\* indicates that the player attracts the same number of points as the player had, or would have had, before leaving the club.

### **8.3 DEFINITIONS**

#### **8.3.1 *Current player:***

Player who has played at the level described within the past two years dating back from 1 October of the current season.

#### **8.3.2 *Former player:***

Player who has not played at the level described during the past two years dating back from 1 October of the current season.

#### **8.3.3 *Original club:***

The club for which a player debuted as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player.

### **8.4 RULES**

**8.4.1 Points to reduce by one** for each consecutive season played to a minimum of two points for players who are not at their original club. Players who remain at the club where they made their 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut shall attract one point. A player who transferred prior to the implementation of the PPC (Season 2011-12) can return to a one. A transferring player who remains at a Premier Club for five (5) consecutive years, returns to a one.

**8.4.2 A player who changes clubs and fits into more than one category** shall be considered to be in the category which attracts more or most points. However, players whose initial rating is one will retain that rating unless they change clubs.

**8.4.3 The PCMT shall be the final arbiter** in the determination of points allocated and shall make determinations where unforeseen anomalies arise. Clubs are invited to submit what they consider to be special circumstances for consideration by the PCMT.

**8.4.4 A replacement player**, for the purposes of this Rule, shall be deemed to have the same points rating as the player being replaced.

#### **8.4.5 Returning Players–**

- (a) Players returning from interstate to their original club shall have the same status as when they left
- (b) Players returning from interstate to a new club shall be allocated 3 points
- (c) Former 1<sup>st</sup> XI players returning to a new club shall be allocated 2 points
- (d) Player returning to their original club from another Premier club will receive a 50% reduction in the points they would otherwise have attracted (rounded up).

#### **8.4.6 Big Bash Interstate/Overseas Players**

- (a) Only one Big Bash Interstate/Overseas player per club is permitted in a given season.
- (b) Big Bash Interstate/Overseas players shall attract 2 points each.
- (c) A BBL permit, valid for the duration of the BBL series of matches only, shall be issued for each such player. The permit shall expire at the end of the season in which it is issued
- (d) Games played under a BBL permit shall not count for the purpose of qualification for any CV Premier Finals matches.

**8.4.7 Breach of Points Cap** - Unless prior PCMT approval has been obtained, a club exceeding the points cap will incur loss of points. The club will have deducted from its current points on the ladder 6 points in the case of a two-day game, 4 points in the case of a limited-overs or T20 game. If a club has yet to record points for the season it will incur penalties and will have a negative points total.

### **8.5 ACTION BY CLUBS**

Clubs are responsible for ensuring the Player Point status of each player selected in 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches is entering on MyCricket prior to the commencement of each match.

## **RULE 9 WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**

Women's Premier clubs may pay only a playing coach or a non-playing coach.

## **RULE 10 INVESTIGATIONS, DISPUTES/PROTESTS, CONTRIVED RESULTS, APPEALS**

### **10.1 PREMIER CRICKET INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **10.1.1 Powers**

The PCMT shall have power to investigate and adjudicate upon all matters arising out of, or in connection with, Premier matches.

**10.1.2 Representation qualification - PCMT**

A member of the PCMT, being a representative of a club involved in an investigation, shall cease to act on the PCMT and be replaced by CV Management for the duration of that investigation.

**10.2 DISPUTES/PROTESTS**

**10.2.1 Lodgement requirements**

Any club referring a dispute to the PCMT shall, within 48 hours after the scheduled completion of the match in which the cause of disagreement has occurred, lodge a statement in writing with the Premier Cricket Department of the matter in dispute together with a fee of \$500 (this will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld or deemed frivolous), and shall also within the same time lodge a copy of such statement with the Administration Manager of the other club involved.

**10.2.2 Meeting**

The Premier Cricket Department shall call on the disputing clubs to appear before the PCMT, which, after hearing evidence, shall decide thereon.

**10.2.3 Representation qualification - PCMT**

A member of the PCMT being a representative of either of the clubs involved, shall cease to act on that PCMT for the hearing of the dispute/protest.

**10.3 CONTRIVED RESULTS**

**10.3.1 Powers of investigation**

The PCMT shall have power to investigate a match, or the actions of the captains of the clubs or any players involved in a match, if it suspects reasonably that the competing clubs, with or without the assistance or collusion of any other person or club, have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the PCMT decides to carry out an investigation it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or the conduct of either captain or any player and will give any person the opportunity to be heard.

**10.3.2 Outcome**

If the PCMT finds that the clubs, captains or players have colluded to contrive the outcome of a match the PCMT may in its absolute discretion do one or more of the following:

- (a) fine a club, captain or player;
- (b) suspend a captain or player from playing in any match or matches;
- (c) disallow any points earned by a club in respect of the match;
- (d) amend any points earned by a club in the match; or
- (e) take any other action it deems appropriate.

**10.4 APPEALS AGAINST PCMT DECISIONS**

**10.4.1 Procedure**

Clubs may appeal against any PCMT decision. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the CV CEO together with a fee of \$500 (to be returned unless the appeal be deemed frivolous) within 48 hours after receipt of the decision.

**10.4.2 PCMT Appeals Tribunal**

All appeals against PCMT decisions shall be heard by PCAT, as appointed by the CV Board. The decision of the PCAT shall be final.

**RULE 11 CONDUCT: CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**11.1 SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOUR AND BRINGING THE GAME OF CRICKET INTO DISREPUTE**

**11.1.1 Umpires Lodge Reports of Misbehaviour**

An umpire may lodge a report of any member, official, employee or player of any Premier club who engages in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute. Such report is to be lodged with the Premier Cricket Department.

### **11.1.2 Notification of Report**

Where an umpire intends to lodge a report to the Premier Cricket Department that umpire shall notify the person concerned or the captain or official of the person's club and the Premier Cricket Department within 48 hours of the cessation of play on the day on which the misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute occurs.

### **11.1.3 Club to Attend Umpires**

The captain or a representative or an official of both clubs shall ascertain from the umpires after the close of each day's play whether there are to be any persons reported, irrespective of any earlier notification.

### **11.1.4 No Person Available for Notification of Report**

Where a reported person is not available for notification that an umpire intends to lodge a report or the captain or representative or official of a club does not fulfil the requirement of 11.1.3, an umpire shall be deemed to have fulfilled the responsibility for notification of the report under 11.1.5.

### **11.1.5 Lodgement of Report**

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match from which a report arises, the umpire shall lodge with the Premier Cricket Department a report on the appropriate form showing the reported person's name and club and detailing the nature of the misbehaviour or of bringing the game of cricket into disrepute.

### **11.1.6 CV Lays Charge of Misbehaviour, Notifies Person and Club of Charge and Sets Time of Hearing of Charge**

Upon receipt of a report lodged by an umpire the Premier Cricket Department shall on behalf of CV:

- (a) lay a charge against the reported person for misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute;
- (b) notify the reported person and the club of the reported person that a charge has been laid against the reported person; and
- (c) nominate the date and time of the hearing of that charge which shall, if practicable, be heard by the CV Tribunal on the Wednesday following the completion of the match from which a report arises or, if this is not practicable, at the earliest practicable time as determined by the CV Tribunal.

### **11.1.7 CV Tribunal to Receive Copy of Report**

The Premier Cricket Department shall arrange for a copy of the report to be delivered to the Chairperson of the CV Tribunal.

### **11.1.8 Notification of Hearing**

The Premier Cricket Department shall notify the reported person, the umpires involved in the report and any other relevant persons that they are required to attend the hearing of the charge and shall also notify them of the time and place of the hearing.

### **11.1.9 One-Match Suspension May be Offered to Reported Player**

The Premier Cricket Department, in consultation with the CV Tribunal Chairperson and PCMT, may offer a reported player a one-match suspension without a hearing.

### **11.1.10 Acceptance of Penalty Procedure**

The acceptance of a penalty of suspension from playing in one CV match shall be lodged in writing with the Premier Cricket Department not later than 12.00 noon on the day after the Premier Cricket Department has made such offer to the reported person or that person's club.

### **11.1.11 Hearing of Charge if Acceptance not Properly Lodged**

If a notice of acceptance is not lodged as per 11.1.10 the CV Tribunal shall hear the charge.

### **11.1.12 Attendance**

The persons and umpires involved in the report and any other persons as deemed necessary by the CV Tribunal Chairman shall attend the hearing of the charge.

### **11.1.13 Hearing of Charge May Proceed Despite Absence**



In the absence of the reported person, whether the CV Tribunal is with or without notice of the reason or reasons for the absence, the CV Tribunal may proceed with a hearing of a charge or postpone the hearing.

**11.1.14 *CV Tribunal May Adjourn or Postpone Hearing***

A reported person who is unable to attend the hearing of the charge may apply to the CV Tribunal for an adjourned or postponed hearing of the charge and such application must state the reasons for that person's inability to attend. If satisfied with the applicant's reasons the CV Tribunal may convene a postponed hearing of the charge.

**11.1.15 *CV Tribunal to Regulate Own Procedures***

Subject to these Rules the CV Tribunal may regulate the hearing of any charge in any manner it thinks fit.

**11.1.16 *Inquisitorial and Informal Hearing***

The hearing before the CV Tribunal shall be:

- (a) inquisitorial in nature;
- (b) conducted with as little formality and with as much expedition as is deemed warranted by the CV Tribunal; and
- (c) conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice.

**11.1.17 *Rules of Evidence***

The CV Tribunal may hear evidence from any person or any source as deemed necessary or warranted by the CV Tribunal and no hearing before the CV Tribunal is bound by the laws of evidence which apply to Courts of Law.

**11.1.18 *No Reasons Required***

The CV Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any determination which it makes.

**11.1.19 *Legal Representation***

No person shall be represented by a legal practitioner at any hearing of the CV Tribunal unless such representation is with leave of the CV Tribunal Chairperson.

**11.1.20 *Power to Impose Penalties on Players***

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute it may reprimand or fine or suspend or disqualify the player from playing in such matches or for such time as the CV Tribunal deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge.

**11.1.21 *Power to Impose Penalties on Non-Players***

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a member, official or employee of a Premier club has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute, the CV Tribunal may reprimand or fine or suspend the reported person and/or reprimand or fine that player's club or may recommend to CV that the club be suspended or impose upon the reported person or club concerned any other penalty as the CV Tribunal deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge, the circumstances and the reported person's status in the club.

**11.1.22 *Hearing on Penalty***

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute the person shall be provided with a reasonable and separate opportunity to make representations with respect to any penalty to be imposed by the CV Tribunal.

**11.1.23 *Suspension Apply to Next Match***

Unless the CV Tribunal stipulates otherwise, a suspension penalty imposed by it or an accepted one-match penalty shall apply to the next CV match played for premierships points or CV Finals match in which the player's club competes.

**11.2 *MINOR MISBEHAVIOUR***

**11.2.1 *Umpires May Caution***

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

#### **11.2.2 *Umpires Lodge Records of Cautioning***

An umpire shall note a caution on the Umpires' Match Report and shall lodge a record of caution with the Premier Cricket Department.

#### **11.2.3 *Notification of Caution***

- (a) Where an umpire cautions a player, the umpire shall inform the cautioned player that the caution will be officially recorded for the attention of the Premier Cricket Department and shall notify the cautioned player or the captain or official of the player's club of the caution as soon as it is practicable on the day on which the caution occurs.
- (b) The cautioned player, in the presence of at least one umpire, shall sign a Caution Notice, acknowledging the caution.

#### **11.2.4 *Clubs to Attend Umpires***

The captain or a representative or an official of both clubs shall ascertain from the umpires after the close of each day's play whether there are to be any persons cautioned, irrespective of any earlier notification.

#### **11.2.5 *No Person Available for Notification of Caution***

Where a cautioned person is not available for notification that an umpire intends to lodge a caution or the captain or representative or official of a club does not fulfil the requirement of 11.2.4 an umpire shall be deemed to have fulfilled the responsibility for notification of the caution under 11.2.6.

#### **11.2.6 *Lodgement of Report***

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match from which a caution arises the umpire shall lodge with the Premier Cricket Department a record on the appropriate form showing the cautioned person's name and club and detailing the nature of the caution.

#### **11.2.7 *Player Three Times Cautioned to be Charged.***

Should a player have three cautions recorded with the Premier Cricket Department during the same season the Premier Cricket Department shall, on behalf of CV:

- (a) lay a charge against the reported person for misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute;
- (b) notify the reported person and the club of the reported person that a charge has been laid against the reported person; and
- (c) nominate the date and time of the hearing of that charge.

The charge shall, if practicable, be heard by the CV Tribunal on the Wednesday following the completion of the match from which a report arises or, if this is not practicable, at the earliest practicable time as determined by the CV Tribunal.

#### **11.2.8 *One-match Suspension May be Offered to Cautioned Player***

The Premier Cricket Department, in consultation with the CV Tribunal Chairperson and the PCMT, may offer a player cautioned three times a one-match suspension without a hearing.

#### **11.2.9 *Acceptance of Penalty Procedure***

The acceptance of a penalty of suspension from playing in one CV match shall be lodged in writing with the Premier Cricket Department not later than 12.00noon on the day after the Premier Cricket Department has made such an offer to the reported person or that person's club.

#### **11.2.10 *Hearing of Charge if Acceptance not Properly Lodged***

If a notice of acceptance is not lodged as per 11.2.9 the CV Tribunal shall hear the charge.

#### **11.2.11 *Attendance***

The persons and umpires involved in the caution and any other persons as deemed necessary by the CV Tribunal Chairman shall attend the hearing of the charge.

#### **11.2.12 *Hearing of Charge May Proceed Despite Absence***

In the absence of the charged person, whether the CV Tribunal is with or without notice of the reason or reasons for the absence, the CV Tribunal may proceed with a hearing of a charge or postpone the hearing.

#### **11.2.13 CV Tribunal May Adjourn or Postpone Hearing**

A charged person who is unable to attend the hearing of the charge may apply to the CV Tribunal for a postponed hearing of the charge and such application must state the reasons for that person's inability to attend. If satisfied with the applicant's reasons the CV Tribunal may convene a postponed hearing of the charge.

#### **11.3 BREACHES OF LAWS OF CRICKET**

Where the umpires have occasion to caution a player for a breach of a Law of Cricket the procedure in the Law shall be satisfied by noting the details on the Umpires' Match Report for action by the Premier Cricket Department in accordance with 11.2.

#### **11.4 INELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS**

Any player in any grade who has been suspended by the CV Tribunal for misbehaviour during a Premier cricket game shall be ineligible for a player-of-the-season award in any grade. In the event that a suspension arising from a Premier or final series match extends into the final series or ensuing season or seasons the player shall not be precluded from winning an award in the ensuing season or seasons.

### **RULE 12 INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS**

#### **12.1 REPORTS OF GROUND CONDITIONS, MATCH RESULTS AND PLAYER AVERAGES**

##### **12.1.1 Match-day Grounds Conditions Report**

Where there is any doubt regarding the possibility of play, clubs shall provide a detailed grounds report via phone to the Premier Cricket Department prior to 8:00am on each match day. If no report is received, it will be assumed both grounds are ready for play to commence on time.

##### **12.1.2 Match Report**

All clubs shall lodge on MyCricket a full scorecard of each day's play for each game. 1<sup>st</sup> XI Men's scorecards shall be entered before 8.30pm on match day and emailed or telephoned as required for newspaper publication. Games in all other grades shall be entered by midnight on match days.

##### **12.1.3 Match-day Checklist**

Prior to the commencement of play in all Premier matches, the match-day checklist, as provided by our current insurers, is to be signed by an authorised representative from each team. Completed copies are to be retained on file by home club for a minimum of seven years.

#### **12.2 UMPIRES: APPOINTMENT AND PAYMENT OF FEES**

##### **12.2.1 Appointment**

Two umpires shall be appointed for all matches by CV. For Finals matches an emergency shall also be appointed who shall attend the match and take the place of an on-field umpire who, for whatever reason, becomes incapacitated or unable to continue.

##### **12.2.2 Fees**

Umpires shall be paid a fee for all games to which they are appointed and for which they attend the stipulated venue unless they are notified beforehand that the match is not to take place. Umpires' fees shall be fixed by the CV Board, paid by CV and the total amount divided equally and charged to all Premier clubs.

#### **12.3 CAPTAINS' REPORT ON UMPIRE PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS**

##### **12.3.1 Captains' Report**

Captains' Reports on MyCricket cover appraisal of umpire performance and ground conditions. All clubs are to ensure that captains in all grades complete and lodge the Captains' Reports on MyCricket within 48 hours of the completion of each match.

## 12.4 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

A club failing to comply with any regulation requiring submission of a report or submitting an incomplete or incorrect report may be fined a sum to be determined by the PCMT.

## 12.5 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF CV PENNANT RULES

### 12.5.1 *Amendments to Rules*

Clubs may lodge with the Premier Cricket Department on or before 30 April, any suggested amendments or alterations to the Rules for CV matches for the following season.

### 12.5.2 *Repeal of Rules*

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any Rule may be repealed or altered by a majority of CV delegates at a scheduled Delegates' Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for the purpose.

## RULE 13 GROUND AND PITCH PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE

### 13.1 PREPARATION

The ground may be rolled, watered, mown, or beaten prior to each day's play except for matches played on consecutive days as stated in 13.3 and the pitch may also be rolled and/or beaten and/or swept for seven minutes before the commencement of each innings.

### 13.2 MAINTENANCE OF PITCH DURING PLAY

During play on any day a batter may beat the pitch with that player's bat and players may secure their footholds by the use of sawdust provided that no damage to the pitch is caused.

### 13.3 MATCHES ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS

#### 13.3.1 *Pitch care between days*

Between the completion of play and the start of play on the immediately following day the pitch may be rolled for seven minutes, beaten, swept, and mown at any time but under no circumstances is the pitch to be watered.

#### 13.3.2 *Mowing of outfield between days*

In matches other than the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Final the outfield shall not be mown between the completion of play and the commencement of play on the immediately following day. In a 1<sup>st</sup> XI Final the outfield shall be mown completely between the completion of play and the commencement of play on each consecutive day but if this is not possible because of weather and ground conditions, the umpires may allow play to proceed after partial mowing or without mowing.

### 13.4 CHANGING OR RE-USING PITCH DURING MATCH

#### 13.4.1 *Changing Pitch During Match*

The pitch used for the commencement of a match shall be used until the match is completed unless the approval to change the pitch is obtained from the PCMT. In such an event the opposing club shall be notified of the change as soon as possible. If a club changes a pitch during a match without approval the PCMT shall have the power to fine and/or award points to the opposing club.

#### 13.4.2 *Re-using Pitch During Match*

A current Premier match pitch in use may be re-used for another match up to and including Tuesday providing prior approval of the PCMT is obtained.

### 13.5 USE OF COVERS

The pitches for all matches shall be covered subject to the conditions laid down for the use of covers. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all covers are fit for purpose.

#### 13.5.1 *Cover Measurements*

Covers dimensions shall be as follows:

- **Men's Main ovals:** sufficient covers to cover the entire wicket table.
- **Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Women's Club ovals:** minimum size 9.14 x 27.43 metres (30 x 90 feet).

#### 13.5.2 *Covering Prior to Match Day*

- (a) Covers, properly laid and pegged, are to be in place by dusk on the day preceding a match day. The use of underlay material shall be optional but its use shall be the same in the period prior to each day of a two-day match.
- (b) At all other times curators are permitted to use covers at their discretion to obtain the best possible conditions for play on a match day.
- (c) The PCMT shall have power to waive the provision in 13.5.2(a) and instruct clubs regarding the laying of covers on any specific day.

**13.5.3 *Removing Covers on Match Day***

In good conditions the cover shall be removed no later than 8.30am. Otherwise removal shall be at the discretion of the curator or ground manager having regard to prevailing weather conditions and may be re-laid if necessary.

**13.5.4 *Umpires' Control of Covers***

The umpires shall assume control immediately after the toss or 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each day's play, whichever is the earlier, and make all decisions regarding the use of the cover until the end of play. At all interruptions they shall direct and supervise the laying and removal of covers and report any failure of either side to comply with 13.5.5.

**13.5.5 *Labour for Laying or Removing Cover***

After umpires have assumed control, both teams shall assist with the laying or removal of covers and any other measures deemed necessary by the umpires to expedite the start or recommencement of play.

**13.5.6 *Conditions for Finals Series Matches***

The provisions of 13.5 shall apply to finals series matches in the absence of any specific direction from the PCMT. The PCMT shall be empowered to inspect finals venues and monitor prevailing and predicted weather conditions and to direct the home or host clubs to use covers at any time in the week preceding any day of a match.

**13.5.7 *Failure to Comply with Directions***

A club failing to comply with the directions in 13.5 may be dealt with under 1.2.

**RULE 14 FITNESS FOR PLAY AND EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**14.1 DETERMINING FITNESS FOR PLAY**

**14.1.1 *All matches not cancelled***

If the PCMT has not cancelled all matches the fitness of conditions shall be determined as below.

**14.1.2 *Umpires sole judges***

The umpires together shall decide whether either the conditions of ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

- (a) Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal.
- (b) Conditions shall be regarded as dangerous if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.
- (c) Conditions shall be regarded as unreasonable if, although posing no risk to safety, it would not be sensible for play to proceed.

**14.1.3 *Improvement of ground and pitch***

Before commencement of play on any day the umpires shall ensure all possible steps are taken to improve the ground or pitch to expedite play and shall not abandon play except as provided for in 18.3.2(b) and 20.4.2(a) before the scheduled cessation time unless, in their opinion, the conditions make play impossible.

**14.1.4 *Suspension of play***

The umpires shall suspend play when they consider that conditions are dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

**14.1.5 *Inspection of ground on improvement of conditions***

After any suspension of play, the umpires, unaccompanied by any of the players or officials shall, on their own initiative, carry out an inspection immediately the conditions improve and shall continue to inspect at intervals. Immediately the umpires decide that play is possible they shall call upon the players to resume the game.

#### **14.2 FITNESS OF GROUND**

The umpires shall consider the ground as unfit for play when it is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fieldsmen of the power of free movement, or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets. Play should not be suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet and slippery.

### **RULE 15 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **15.1 NOMINATION OF TEAM, THE TOSS, PLAYER PARTICIPATION**

##### **15.1.1 *Nomination of Teams: All XIs***

Before the toss for choice of innings the captains shall nominate their players. The nominations shall be in writing and may not thereafter be changed without the consent of the opposing captain except as provided in 7.4.

##### **15.1.2 *Toss for Choice of Innings***

Captains shall toss on the field of play no earlier than 45 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled or delayed time for start of play. Immediately after the toss the winning captain must notify the other captain of the decision to bat or field.

##### **15.1.3 *Player Participation: Women's 1<sup>st</sup> WPRes and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI Matches***

In all Women's 1<sup>st</sup> WPRes and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches a captain shall have the option to nominate twelve players. The following conditions shall apply:

- (a) One player in each side shall not bat and only eleven fieldsmen shall be on the field at any one time. With the consent of the umpires unlimited interchange of fieldsmen from the twelve nominated players shall be allowed between overs or after intervals and interruptions.
- (b) The bowling restriction under Law 2.5 shall not apply to a nominated player returning to the field to replace another nominated player. However, the restriction shall apply to a returning nominated player for whom a substitute, other than one of the nominated twelve, has been used.

#### **15.2 DELAY IN START OR CONTINUATION OF PLAY**

If for any reason for which a club is responsible, excluding those covered by 3.7 and 13.4, play on any day does not start within ten minutes of the time appointed or cannot be continued during the match, the umpires, on appeal, shall award the match to the other side if play cannot proceed immediately following the appeal. The PCMT shall determine the points to be awarded.

#### **15.3 INSUFFICIENT PLAYERS: FORFEITURE OF MATCH**

A side which has fewer than four players in attendance at 10 minutes after the time appointed for a match to commence shall forfeit the match and the PCMT shall have power to award appropriate points and/or impose on the forfeiting club a fine, the amount of which the PCMT shall determine.

#### **15.4 UMPIRES' MATCH REPORT**

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of each match the umpires shall together lodge an Umpires' Match Report on MyCricket.

#### **15.5 LATE START OF MATCHES**

If play did not commence within 10 minutes of the time appointed and there is no explanation deemed satisfactory by the PCMT, an offending club shall be fined a sum to be determined by the PCMT.

#### **15.6 PLACEMENT AND MOVEMENT OF SIGHTSCREENS**

- (a) No part of any sightscreen is to be within the field of play and boundary lines shall be marked so sufficient space is provided for screens to be repositioned when required.
- (b) The batting team is responsible for positioning and repositioning the sightscreens:

- (i) at the commencement of its innings and after each interval.
  - (ii) when a bowler alternating between over and round the wicket based on which batter is on strike. Where there is no prompt response to a request for repositioning, the Umpires will direct play to continue until it is convenient for the adjustment to be made without delay.
- (c) If no member of the batting side is in attendance at the sightscreen then the fielding team is responsible for moving the sightscreen if:
- (i) requested by the batter at the crease when a new bowler is brought on to bowl.
  - (ii) a single incidence of a bowler choosing to change direction of attack (from over the wicket to round the wicket or from round the wicket to over the wicket) occurs.
- (d) Time for the adjustment of sightscreens is not an on-field allowance under 16.2.2.

## **15.7 USE OF BALLS**

### **15.7.1 Red Balls**

In all matches played under RULE 17 and RULE 19 the balls shall be red and the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) A new ball shall be used for the first innings of each side.
- (b) For a second innings a new ball shall be used but if both captains agree, a ball of previous use may be used provided that the umpires approve the suitability of such previously used ball.
- (c) A fielding side shall have the option to take a new ball after the completion of 80 overs in matches as follows:
  - Programmed Series - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs
  - Finals Series - All XIs.

### **15.7.2 White Balls**

White balls are to be used in all matches played under RULE 18, and RULE 20. A new ball shall be used in each innings.

### **15.7.3 Provision and Size of Balls**

Unless prior PCMT approval has been obtained, CV approved balls shall be used in all matches. Balls shall be 156g for Men's and 142g for Women's matches. The home club shall provide the umpires with the new balls and a range of used balls.

## **15.8 UNAUTHORISED PERSON HANDLING BALL WITHIN THE FIELD OF PLAY**

If an unauthorised person enters the playing area and handles the ball, the umpire at the bowler's end shall be the sole judge of whether the boundary allowance shall be scored and whether the ball be treated as still in play or be called "dead ball" if a batsman is liable to be put out as a result of the unauthorised person handling the ball.

## **15.9 UMPIRES UNAVAILABLE/INCAPACITATED:**

### **15.9.1 Umpire Replacement**

In the event of an appointed umpire becoming incapacitated or being unavailable, a replacement from the CV Panel of Umpires is to be arranged wherever possible. The replacement umpire shall take full responsibility for the duties of the umpire originally appointed.

### **15.9.2 Umpire Standing Alone**

An umpire who for whatever reason is required to stand alone shall officiate at the bowler's end and adjudicate on all matters within the jurisdiction of that position, The batting side shall provide a replacement to act at the striker's end (square leg) and shall have jurisdiction on all matters pertaining to that position.

### **15.9.3 Incapacitated Umpire Returns**

The umpire who is incapacitated or unable to attend shall resume as soon as possible.

### **15.9.4 Five-Run Penalty Variation**

- (a) An appointed umpire standing alone shall have sole responsibility for the awarding of all five-run penalties under the Laws of Cricket.

- (b) If no officially approved umpires are standing all provisions in the Laws for the award of five penalty runs, except in Laws 41.2, 41.3 and 41.4 shall be disregarded.

**15.10 UNDERAGE PLAYERS - OVERS LIMIT FOR BOWLERS OF MEDIUM AND FAST PACE**

**15.10.1 *Bowling Type Definition***

Bowlers of medium pace or faster, as determined by the umpire, are broadly defined as those for whom the wicketkeeper would normally stand back or as any bowler who is not considered to be a spinner.

**15.10.2 *Age of Player***

A player's age shall be determined as that at 1 September preceding a cricket season and the appropriate bowling limitations shall apply to the player for that entire season regardless of the age group or level of competition being played.

**15.10.3 *Bowling Limitations***

- (a) Bowlers shall be limited to a maximum of consecutive overs in any one spell and to a maximum daily quota as follows:

AGE GROUP	CONSECUTIVE OVERS	DAILY QUOTA
Under 19	8	20
Under 17	6	16
Under 15	5	10
Under 14	4	8

- (b) A part of an over bowled under the provisions of Law 22.8 shall be treated as one full over in the limit for any underage bowler concerned in the over.

**15.10.4 *Break Between Spells: Length of Break***

- (a) The break between spells shall be a minimum of 60 minutes in a match of two or more days and 30 minutes in a match of one day, including scheduled intervals and any unscheduled breaks in play.
- (b) A bowler who has bowled a spell of less than the maximum spell permitted (for their age as defined in 15.10.2) may resume bowling prior to the completion of the necessary break but this shall be considered an extension of the same spell and the maximum spell limit for that age of player shall still apply. Following the completion of the extended spell, the normal break between spells as in 15.10.3(a) shall apply with the break within the spell to be disregarded.
- (c) If a change of innings occurs, and a bowler commences bowling in the new innings within 60 minutes of bowling in the previous innings, this shall be considered an extension of the same spell and the maximum spell limit and daily limits for that age of player shall still apply.
- (d) If any break in play or the end of a day's play results in an over not being completed then that part of the over bowled after the break shall constitute one over for the purposes of calculating the bowler's spell and daily limit. If this over is completed at the start of a new day the over shall be considered the first over of a new spell for that bowler and the first over of the new daily limit.

**15.10.5 *Change of Bowling Type***

- (a) If a bowler begins with medium pace or faster and changes to slow bowling during a day's play that bowler remains subject to the playing condition throughout the day.
- (b) If a bowler begins with slow bowling and changes to medium pace or faster the playing condition applies from the time of the change, and any overs bowled prior to the change shall not be taken into account in either the current spell or the daily limit.

**15.10.6 *Notification of Age***

Captains must notify the umpires on the team sheet for the match those players to whom this playing condition applies and the ages of such players.

**15.10.7 *Responsibility of Captains and Umpires***



- (a) It is the responsibility of the captains and umpires to ensure this playing condition is upheld.
- (b) Where umpires become aware of breaches of this playing condition they are to direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith and if an over is in progress another bowler is to complete the over. That bowler must not have bowled the previous over, and shall not bowl the subsequent over.
- (c) Should a dispute or uncertainty regarding the application of this playing condition occur during play the umpires shall make the final decision on its application based on information available from the scorers or other sources.

#### **15.10.8 Penalties**

Penalties for bowling in excess of the number of overs permitted per spell or for daily limits by underage players regardless of the competition level shall be .05 match points per over or part thereof for each over in excess of the spell or daily limits.

#### **15.11 UNDERAGE PLAYERS - HELMETS**

Players under the age of 19 at 1 September in the current season must wear a cricket helmet with a faceguard when batting, fielding close to the bat (defined as closer than 10 metres to the stumps except slips, gully and wicketkeeper), or when wicket keeping up to the stumps.

#### **15.12 COUNTING OF OVER BOWLED IN PARTS**

An over bowled in accordance with Law 22.8 and treated under 15.10.4(b) or 18.7.4 as one full over for each bowler concerned, shall be counted as a single over for all other over requirements of Rules 16 to 20.

#### **15.13 COLOURED CLOTHING IN LIMITED OVER GAMES**

Players shall be permitted to wear coloured clothing and/or equipment, as approved in advance by Cricket Victoria, for all one-day and Twenty20 matches in all grades.

### **RULE 16 OVER RATES**

#### **16.1 MINIMUM OVERS REQUIREMENT**

In each innings of a match the overs bowled shall be not fewer than the number listed on the Calculation Table in RULE 17 (Two-Day Matches), in RULE 18 (One-Day Matches) or RULE 20 (T20 Matches) for an adjusted batting time calculated by deducting any allowances under 16.2.2 from the actual batting time. Overs bowled less than the calculated match minimum shall be recorded as "Penalty Overs".

#### **16.2 PENALTIES: PROGRAMMED SERIES MATCHES**

##### **16.2.1 *Bowling Side: Penalty Assessment***

A side that bowls fewer overs than required under 16.1, shall be penalised when its accumulated number of Penalty Overs for the programmed series exceeds 15. A penalty of 0.1 points for each Penalty Over for the series shall be deducted from its total match points. A side that reaches 16 Penalty Overs shall immediately have 1.6 points (16 x 0.1) deducted plus 0.1 point for any additional Penalty Overs accrued throughout the remainder of the series.

However, Penalty Overs shall not be accrued in matches:

- (a) under RULE 17 where a side is dismissed and the adjusted batting time taken did not exceed 220 minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs or 175 minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs; or
- (b) under RULE 18, where a side is dismissed or an innings is completed and the adjusted batting time taken did not exceed that listed in the One-Day Calculation Table for the overs which would have applied to compulsorily close the innings.

##### **16.2.2 *Allowances for On-field Delays***

- (a) The Umpires are the sole judge of allowances for on-field delays.
- (b) For the purpose of determining penalties, the following allowances shall be taken into account:
  - (i) Actual time taken for treatment of an injured player on the field.
  - (ii) Actual time taken for a player leaving the field in the event of serious injury.
  - (iii) Actual time to find or replace a ball.
  - (iv) Actual time taken, to a maximum of 4 minutes, for each drinks break in excess of that normally allowed in each session due to conditions of extreme heat.

- (v) Wilful time-wasting for which the batting side is to be penalised under 16.2.3.
  - (vi) Actual time lost due to all other circumstances that, in the opinion of the umpires, are beyond the control of the fielding side.
- (c) There shall be no allowances given for:
- (i) Wickets falling.
  - (ii) Scheduled drinks intervals.
  - (iii) Sightscreen changes.
  - (iv) Tardiness in starting or resuming play.

**16.2.3 *Batting Side: Penalty Assessment***

A batting side shall be penalised at the same rate per over as in 16.2.1 for the number of overs or part thereof relative to the amount of actual batting time wilfully wasted by it in each innings including undue time taken by an incoming batsman to reach the wicket.

**16.2.4 *Notification of Penalties***

Penalty Overs accrued shall be notified to clubs by the Premier Cricket Department.

**16.3 PENALTIES: FINALS SERIES MATCHES**

Clubs incurring Penalty Overs in any finals matches in any grade shall be fined \$50 per over.

**RULE 17 TWO-DAY MATCHES**

**17.1 APPLICATION**

Two-Day Matches are played by Men's Premier 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs only.

**17.2 HOURS OF PLAY AND INTERVALS**

**17.2.1 *Start of Play:***

GRADE	TIME
Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XIs	11.00am
Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> XIs	12.00noon

**17.2.2 *Interval Times and Length***

Unless varied as in 17.2.3 or 17.2.4 intervals shall be of 30 minutes duration and be taken as follows:

GRADE	INTERVAL	TIME	DURATION
Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XIs	Lunch	1.00pm – 1.30pm	30 min
	Tea	3.30pm – 4.00pm	30 min
Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> XIs	Tea	2:30pm - 3:00pm	30 min

**17.2.3 *Taking of Early Interval***

When the time remaining to a scheduled interval is 30 minutes or less the interval shall be taken immediately if:

- (a) an innings ends;
- (b) the players have cause to leave or be off the field for any reason; or
- (c) nine wickets are down and one of the remaining batters is injured and unable to continue within two minutes.

**17.2.4 *Deferment of Interval: Loss of Play Prior to Tea***

If play has been suspended for 30 minutes or more prior to the commencement of the scheduled tea interval, and provided that an entire session/s has/have not been lost the tea interval shall be delayed for 30 minutes.

**17.2.5 *Deferment of Interval : Nine Wickets Down***

Except as in 17.2.3 and notwithstanding the provisions of Law 16.5(b) for completion of an over, an interval will not be taken until the end of the over in progress 30 minutes after the scheduled time if the ninth wicket

- (a) is already down when two minutes remain to the scheduled time; or
- (b) falls within those two minutes or at any later time up to and including the final ball of the over in progress at the scheduled time.

### 17.2.6 **Cessation of Play**

- (a) Play on each day shall cease at 6.00pm for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and 5.30pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches unless interrupted by adverse conditions, in which case the cessation time shall be advanced by the aggregate of time lost to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- (b) Play shall continue past the cessation time applying until completion of the minimum overs requirement in 17.3, but if an interruption occurs or continues after 6.30pm for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches or 6.00pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches play shall not be resumed.
- (c) The captains may agree to end a match on the second day one hour before the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time or any time thereafter if a first innings result has been obtained.

## 17.3 **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

### 17.3.1 **Ordinary Conditions Applying**

Matches in all grades shall be played under ordinary conditions, meaning the playing out of a match with no division of time or overs, but with requirements for the bowling of a minimum of overs.

### 17.3.2 **Minimum Overs Requirements**

- (a) On a day when there has been no loss of playing time or change of innings, play shall not end at the cessation time unless a minimum of 96 overs has been bowled in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and 80 overs in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches. An over completed from a prior day shall be additional.
- (b) Where playing time in excess of 30 minutes is lost, the overs in (a) shall be reduced by the number listed on the table in 17.3.3 for the excess time.
- (c) When a side is dismissed or declares its innings closed the minimum of overs to be bowled from the start of a new innings shall be the greater of:
  - (i) the overs in (a) less the number already bowled and/or deducted for lost time and 3 overs for an innings interval not coinciding with another interval; or
  - (ii) the overs listed on the table in 17.3.3 for the batting time remaining.
- (d) If playing time is lost after the scheduled start of the new innings the overs minimum shall be reduced at the same rate as in (b).
- (e) The umpires shall notify both captains of overs adjustments.

### 17.3.3 **Calculation Table**

Any calculation of overs, except where otherwise specified, shall be made from this table. Column headings are for Available Batting Time (ABT) and the Overs (OV) required for these times. For times exceeding 394 minutes the overs shall be 125 plus the number listed for the excess minutes.

ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV
1 - 4	1	80 - 83	22	159 - 162	43	238 - 240	64	316 - 319	85
5 - 8	2	84 - 87	23	163 - 165	44	241 - 244	65	320 - 323	86
9 - 12	3	88 - 90	24	166 - 169	45	245 - 248	66	324 - 327	87
13 - 15	4	91 - 94	25	170 - 173	46	249 - 252	67	328 - 330	88
16 - 19	5	95 - 98	26	174 - 177	47	253 - 255	68	331 - 334	89
20 - 23	6	99 - 102	27	178 - 180	48	256 - 259	69	335 - 338	90
24 - 27	7	103 - 105	28	181 - 184	49	260 - 263	70	339 - 342	91
28 - 30	8	106 - 109	29	185 - 188	50	264 - 267	71	343 - 345	92
31 - 34	9	110 - 113	30	189 - 192	51	268 - 270	72	346 - 349	93

35 - 38	<b>10</b>	114 - 117	<b>31</b>	193 - 195	<b>52</b>	271 - 274	<b>73</b>	350 - 353	<b>94</b>
39 - 42	<b>11</b>	118 - 120	<b>32</b>	196 - 199	<b>53</b>	275 - 278	<b>74</b>	354 - 357	<b>95</b>
43 - 45	<b>12</b>	121 - 124	<b>33</b>	200 - 203	<b>54</b>	279 - 282	<b>75</b>	358 - 360	<b>96</b>
46 - 49	<b>13</b>	125 - 128	<b>34</b>	204 - 207	<b>55</b>	283 - 285	<b>76</b>	361 - 364	<b>97</b>
50 - 53	<b>14</b>	129 - 132	<b>35</b>	208 - 210	<b>56</b>	286 - 289	<b>77</b>	365 - 368	<b>98</b>
54 - 57	<b>15</b>	133 - 135	<b>36</b>	211 - 214	<b>57</b>	290 - 293	<b>78</b>	369 - 372	<b>99</b>
58 - 60	<b>16</b>	136 - 139	<b>37</b>	215 - 218	<b>58</b>	294 - 297	<b>79</b>	373 - 375	<b>100</b>
61 - 64	<b>17</b>	140 - 143	<b>38</b>	219 - 222	<b>59</b>	298 - 300	<b>80</b>	376 - 379	<b>101</b>
65 - 68	<b>18</b>	144 - 147	<b>39</b>	223 - 225	<b>60</b>	301 - 304	<b>81</b>	380 - 383	<b>102</b>
69 - 72	<b>19</b>	148 - 150	<b>40</b>	226 - 229	<b>61</b>	305 - 308	<b>82</b>	384 - 387	<b>103</b>
73 - 75	<b>20</b>	151 - 154	<b>41</b>	230 - 233	<b>62</b>	309 - 312	<b>83</b>	388 - 390	<b>104</b>
76 - 79	<b>21</b>	155 - 158	<b>42</b>	234 - 237	<b>63</b>	313 - 315	<b>84</b>	391 - 394	<b>105</b>

#### **17.3.4 The Follow-on**

In a match played under this Rule the side which bats first and leads by 100 runs, or by 75 runs if the first day's play is abandoned, shall have the option of requiring the other side to follow on.

#### **17.3.5 Declaration of Close of Innings**

An innings may be declared closed at any time except in circumstances which would result in an immediate cessation of a day's play. A declaration before play starts or during an adjournment should be in sufficient time to allow for seven minutes rolling of the pitch.

#### **17.3.6 Completion of Final Over**

An over shall be started if the scheduled or advanced time for the end of a day's play has not been reached and shall be completed unless weather or light conditions prevent it.

### **17.4 RESULTS OF MATCHES**

#### **17.4.1 Win Outright**

The side scoring an aggregate of runs in excess of the total runs made by the opposite side in its two completed innings shall be an outright winner.

#### **17.4.2 Tie Outright**

If each side has two completed innings and the aggregate scores are equal the result shall be an outright tie.

#### **17.4.3 First Innings Results**

Whether a side gains a further points result or not it shall be entitled to points for:

- a first innings lead if its completed or uncompleted first innings score exceeds the completed first innings score of the opposite side; or
- a first innings tie if its completed first innings score is equal to the completed first innings score of the opposite side.

#### **17.4.4 Drawn Match**

- If the side batting last has not completed its first innings and its score is equal to or less than the score of the opposite side the result shall be a draw.
- If the second innings of the side batting last remains uncompleted a points result shall be determined as in 17.4.3.

### **17.5 CANCELLATION OF FIRST DAY'S PLAY**

### **17.5.1 All Matches Cancelled**

If no play is possible on the first day in all matches of a grade the matches in that grade shall be played on the second day as One-Day matches under RULE 18 as appropriate to the grade. Such matches shall not form part of the One-Day competition.

### **17.5.2 Partial Cancellation**

In the event of a significant interruption to play on the first day, the PCMT shall determine the conditions under which play shall proceed on the second day based on the following principles:

- (a) If a points result is obtained by any team or teams in a particular grade on the first day then all matches in that grade will continue under ordinary conditions on the second day.
- (b) If no points result has been obtained in a particular grade on the first day and in five or more matches, fewer than 36 completed overs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and fewer than 32 completed overs in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches have been bowled, then for that grade the round will be re-scheduled as a One-Day match under RULE 18 as appropriate to the grade. Otherwise the matches in that grade will continue on the second day as matches under ordinary conditions.
- (c) If a match is rescheduled as a One-Day match as prescribed in 17.5.2(b) all individual and team statistics achieved on the first day will be viable as will any effect such team statistics will have on a team's standing on the ladder.

### **17.5.3 Disregard of Toss and Nominations**

Where a match is rescheduled to be played on the second day under RULE 18 any toss for choice of innings or nomination of teams that may have been made on the first day shall be disregarded.

## **17.6 FAST SHORT-PITCHED DELIVERIES LIMIT**

### **17.6.1 Fast Short-Pitched Limit Per Over**

A bowler shall be limited to two fast short-pitched deliveries per over. A fast short-pitched ball is defined as one which passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease. Should a third such delivery be bowled in an over either umpire shall call and signal no ball and caution the bowler in accordance with Law 42.7 (a). If the bowler is no-balled for the same offence a second or third time in the innings the final warning and removal procedures of Law 42.7 shall be applied.

### **17.6.2 Fast Short-Pitched Limit Delivery Not Within Striker's Reach**

Any fast short-pitched delivery, not being a no ball, which passes so high that it is not sufficiently within the striker's reach for it to be hit by the bat with a normal cricket stroke, shall be called and signalled wide by the umpire at the bowler's end. Such a delivery shall be counted in the fast short-pitched limit of two allowed in 17.6.1.

## **17.7 DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR BOWLING**

### **17.7.1 High Full-Pitched Deliveries**

- (a) High Full-Pitched Deliveries

Either umpire shall call and signal "no ball" for any high full-pitched delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease and is to be deemed unfair. Any cautionary or other action is to be implemented by the bowler's end umpire as required.

If the umpire considers that the bowler deliberately bowled a high full pitched ball, deemed to be dangerous and unfair as defined above then the caution, warning prescribed in Law 42.7 shall be dispensed with. The umpires shall complete the process as in Law 42.8.

## **17.8 MAXIMUM OVERS FOR UNDER-AGE BOWLERS OF MEDIUM AND FAST PACE**

Refer Rule 15.10.

## **RULE 18 ONE-DAY MATCHES**

### **18.1 APPLICATION**

This Rule applies to all Premier One-Day matches.

## 18.2 HOURS OF PLAY AND INTERVAL

### 18.2.1 *Start of Play:*

GRADE	TIME
Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> &2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	<b>Standard Time:</b> 10.00am <b>Summer Time:</b> 11.00am
Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> XI Women's Premier Reserves & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	<b>Standard Time:</b> 11.00am <b>Summer Time:</b> 12 noon

### 18.2.2 *Interval Time and Length*

- An interval of 30 minutes shall be taken at the end of the innings of the side batting first.
- If time in excess of 90 minutes is lost, the interval shall be reduced to 15 minutes.

## 18.3 COMPULSORY CLOSURE: LENGTH OF INNINGS

### 18.3.1 *Uninterrupted Innings*

If not delayed, interrupted nor earlier terminated, the innings of each side shall be compulsorily closed after 50 overs for Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches and 45 overs for Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches and Women's Premier Reserves and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches.

### 18.3.2 *Delayed or Interrupted Innings*

- In the event of a delayed or interrupted match a minimum number of 25 overs per side shall constitute a match. In this case the calculations, subsequent over reductions and consequential actions detailed below shall determine the result of the match.
- If the first side's innings is delayed or interrupted the umpires shall reduce the maximum overs by one for each full seven minutes of the aggregate time lost. If the reduction calculation results in fewer than 25 overs the match shall be abandoned.
- Where 25 completed overs or more have been bowled and an interruption is continuing, compulsory closure of the first side's innings shall occur when the reduced overs calculated in (a) equate with the number bowled.
- The side batting second, if there is no further time lost in its innings, shall be entitled to receive the same reduced number, including any part over, as in (a) or (c).
- The second side's overs shall not be adjusted unless adverse conditions reduce the batting time from the end of the interval until 6.20pm (5.20pm Standard Time) in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches and 6.40pm (5.40pm Standard Time) in Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches to less than that listed in the Table at 18.3.3 for those overs. In such case the overs for the reduced time shall be its entitlement, even if less than 25 overs.
- If play ceases in accordance with 18.4(e) the overs already bowled shall be its entitlement for the purposes of this Rule.

### 18.3.3 *Calculation Table*

Calculations of overs, except where otherwise specified, shall be made from this table. Column headings are for Available Batting Time (ABT) and the Overs (OV) required for these times. For times exceeding 231 minutes the overs shall be 60 plus the number listed for the excess minutes.

ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV	ABT	OV
1 - 4	1	49-52	13	95 - 98	25	141-144	37	186-189	49
5 - 8	2	53-56	14	99-102	26	145-148	38	190-193	50
9-12	3	57-60	15	103-106	27	149-151	39	194-197	51
13-16	4	61-64	16	107-110	28	152-155	40	198-201	52

17-20	5	65-68	17	111-113	29	156-159	41	202-205	53
21-24	6	69-72	18	114-117	30	160-163	42	206-208	54
25-28	7	73-75	19	118-121	31	164-166	43	209-212	55
29-32	8	76-79	20	122-125	32	167-169	44	213-216	56
33-36	9	80-83	21	126-129	33	170-173	45	217-220	57
37-40	10	84-87	22	130-132	34	174-177	46	221-224	58
41-44	11	88-91	23	133-136	35	178-181	47	225-227	59
45-48	12	92-94	24	137-140	36	182-185	48	228-231	60

#### 18.4 ENDING OF SECOND SIDE'S INNINGS AND MATCH

Play shall cease immediately one of the following circumstances applies:

- when the score of the opposing side is passed;
- the requirement of overs under 18.3 is completed;
- the innings ends before completion of its required overs;
- the number of overs in (b) is less than 25 and both captains agree a points result is no longer possible; or
- the players are off the field at or leave it after 6.20pm (5.20pm Standard Time) in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches and 6.40pm (5.40pm Standard Time) in Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches.

#### 18.5 DECLARATIONS

Neither side shall be permitted to declare its innings closed.

#### 18.6 RESULTS OF MATCHES

##### 18.6.1 *Win or Tie: Second Side's Overs Entitlement Received*

If the second batting side receives its entitlement of overs under 18.3 or is dismissed in fewer overs, the winner shall be the side with the higher actual score and if the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.

##### 18.6.2 *Win or Tie: Fewer Overs for Second Side*

If a win result has not been reached already and the completed overs received or to be received by the second batting side are fewer than its entitlement under 18.3, a number of runs as calculated in 18.6.4 shall be the first side's par score which, subject to the provision for a draw in 18.6.3, must be exceeded by the second side for a win or equalled for a tie.

##### 18.6.3 *Drawn Match*

If the side batting second receives fewer than 25 completed overs and no other result has been obtained, the match shall be drawn.

##### 18.6.4 *Calculation of Par Score – Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI Matches*

- Interrupted Matches - Calculation of the Target Score**  
If, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than originally allotted (minimum of 25 overs), then a revised target score (to win) should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing. This revised target is to be calculated using the current Duckworth/Lewis method. The target set will always be a whole number and one run less will constitute a Tie.
- Prematurely Terminated Matches**  
If the innings of the side batting second is suspended (with at least 25 overs bowled) and it is not possible for the match to be resumed, the match will be decided by comparison with the par score determined at the instant of the suspension by the Duckworth/Lewis method. If the score is equal to the par score, the match is a tie. Otherwise the result is a victory, or defeat, by the margin of runs by which the score exceeds, or falls short of, the par score.

##### 18.6.5 *Calculation of Par Score – Matches Other Than Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI*

- Where the overs received or to be received by the side batting second are not fewer than 25 completed overs the par score, subject to adjustments required by 18.4(b), shall be the aggregate of all runs made from the first batting side's highest scoring overs equivalent in number to the second side's overs less 0.5% runs for each over of the difference between the maximum set for the first side and the overs for the second side. If the first side is dismissed in less than the set number the remainder

shall be deemed to have been received as nil scoring overs and included in the calculation as such. A resulting fraction shall be disregarded. The calculation format is outlined in the following table:

#### **CALCULATION OF DECIDING SCORE**

A	Overs entitlement for first side
B.	Overs - second side - if under 25 calculate on 25 (Refer (b)18.6.5(b))
C.	Excess overs to first side (A - B)
D.	Percentage reduction to E $(0.5 \times C)\%$
E.	Runs from highest scoring overs equal to overs in B.
F.	Runs to be deducted from E. $(E \times D)$
G.	Par score unless Penalty Runs apply (E - F disregarding final fraction)
H.	Penalty Runs to be added (G&H)
I.	Par score

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1	Refer to CV Rule 18.6.5.
2	Record of runs scored in each of the first batting side's overs must include byes, leg-byes, no balls and wides, but not penalty runs - see 7 below.
3	An unfinished over in the first batting side's innings is counted as a full over.
4	To win, the second batting side must pass the par score. If that score is equalled and 25 full overs or more are received the result is a tie. If fewer than 25 full overs are received and the second batting side has not passed the par score, nor equalled it in a completed innings, the match is drawn.
5	Details of the first batting side's overs are to be completed at the interval and the form handed to the umpires immediately.
6	The completed form is to be forwarded to CV with the match forms.
7	Any penalty runs applied must not be included in the progressive score. They are to be added in the box at the bottom at the conclusion of the innings.

- (b) Where the overs for the second batting side are fewer than 25 completed overs a minimum par score shall be calculated as in (a) on the 25 highest scoring overs of the side batting first.
- (c) When five-run penalties have been awarded to the side batting first the par score shall be determined by excluding those runs from the calculation and then adding them to the calculated figure. If further five-run penalties are awarded against the side batting second the par score shall be increased equally.

#### **18.6.6 Recording of Highest Scoring Overs**

During the first batting side's innings, in addition to normal recording, the scorers shall prepare a list of the separate totals of the runs scored in each over including all extras other than from five-run penalties. This list and a further list of the five-run penalties shall be made available to the umpires at the end of the innings or on request.

#### **18.6.7 Bonus Point in Shortened Match**

Where matches are shortened and targets revised using the par score as defined in 18.6.4 and 18.6.5 bonus run-rates and defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score (less one run) and maximum overs.

### **18.7 OVER LIMITS FOR BOWLERS**

#### **18.7.1 Limit Per Bowler**

A bowler shall not deliver more than one-fifth of the maximum of overs permitted in 18.3.1 for an interrupted innings or one-fifth of the number as reduced in 18.3.2(a) for adverse conditions. Where overs from a bowler already exceed a reduced limit the number bowled shall be that bowler's limit.

#### **18.7.2 Limit Reached or Exceeded**

No further deliveries shall be made by a bowler who has reached or exceeded a re-calculated limit except to complete an over previously commenced by that player.



### **18.7.3 Fractional Adjustments**

Where the re-calculation of a bowler's limit results in a fraction the limit shall be raised to the next whole number for as many bowlers as is necessary to absorb the balance in whole overs.

### **18.7.4 Part-Over Incapacity or Suspension**

A part of an over bowled under the provisions of Law 22.8 shall count as one full over in the limit of each bowler concerned in that over.

## **18.8 INNER FIELD RESTRICTION AREAS**

### **18.8.1 Marking of Fielding Restriction Area**

- Two semicircles shall be drawn on the field of play.
- The semicircles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch.
- The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 27.5 metres for Premier Men's and 23 metres for Premier Women's matches.
- The semicircles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field.
- The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at seven-metre intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by white plastic or rubber (but not metal) discs.

## **18.9 FIELDING RESTRICTIONS AND POWERPLAYS**

### **18.9.1 On-Side Fieldsmen**

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

### **18.9.2 Powerplay Overs**

In addition to the restriction contained in 18.9.1 above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply (hereinafter referred to as the Powerplay Overs) are set out in the paragraphs and table below.

### **18.9.3 A) Powerplay Overs – Uninterrupted Match Men's**

Subject to the provisions below, the distribution of Powerplay Overs shall be in accordance with that contained in the table at 18.9.4 (Men's) and be taken as follows:

- (a) Powerplay 1: no more than two (2) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs these are 1 to 10 inclusive (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI). In an innings of 45 overs these are 1 to 9 inclusive. (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI).
- (b) Powerplay 2: no more than four (4) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs these are 11 to 40 inclusive (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI). In an innings of 45 overs these are 10 to 36 inclusive (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI).
- (c) Powerplay 3: no more than five (5) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs these are 41 to 50 inclusive (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI). In an innings of 45 overs these are 37 to 45 inclusive (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI).

### **B) Powerplay Overs – Uninterrupted Match Women's**

Subject to the provisions below, the distribution of Powerplay Overs shall be in accordance with that contained in the table at 18.9.4 (Women's) and be taken as follows

- (a) Powerplay 1: no more than two (2) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are 1 to 10 inclusive (WP1) and 1 to 9 inclusive (WPre and WP2)
- (b) Powerplay 2: The second powerplay shall be taken at the discretion of the batters at the wicket (5 overs for an uninterrupted match in WP1 and 4 overs for WPre and WP2). During the second powerplay no more than three (3) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area

WP1: in an innings of scheduled duration between 41 and 50 overs it may not be completed later than the 40<sup>th</sup> over

WPre and WP2: in an innings of scheduled duration of between 27 and 45 overs, it may not be completed later than the 36<sup>th</sup> over.

Should a batting side choose not to exercise their Powerplay overs it will automatically commence at the latest available point

WP1: in 50 over innings this will start no later than the 36<sup>th</sup> over

WPRes and WP2: in a 45 over innings this will start no later than the 33<sup>rd</sup> over

No equivalent restriction applies to innings of shorter duration

Once a batter has nominated a powerplay the decision cannot be reversed.

(c) Fielding restrictions for non powerplay overs: During the non powerplay overs, no more than four (4) fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery

### (C) Fielding restrictions Infringements

In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, either umpire shall call and signal no-ball.

#### 18.9.4 Powerplay Overs – Distribution

The number of Powerplay Overs shall be in accordance with the table below which shall be applied independently to both innings of the match.

Men's

Innings Length	Max Overs/Bowler	1 <sup>st</sup> PP	2 <sup>nd</sup> PP	3 <sup>rd</sup> PP	Innings Length	Max Overs/Bowler	1 <sup>st</sup> PP	2 <sup>nd</sup> PP	3 <sup>rd</sup> PP
50	5 x 10	10	30	10	25	5 x 5	5	15	5
49	4 x 10 1 x 9	10	29	10	24	4 x 5 1 x 4	5	14	5
48	3 x 10 2 x 9	10	29	9	23	3 x 5 2 x 4	5	14	4
47	2 x 10 3 x 9	10	28	9	22	2 x 5 3 x 4	5	13	4
46	1 x 10 4 x 9	9	28	9	21	1 x 5 4 x 4	4	13	4
45	5 x 9	9	27	9	20	5 x 4	4	12	4
44	4 x 9 1 x 8	9	26	9	19	4 x 4 1 x 3	4	11	4
43	3 x 9 2 x 8	9	26	8	18	3 x 4 2 x 3	4	11	3
42	2 x 9 3 x 8	8	25	8	17	2 x 4 3 x 3	4	10	3
41	1 x 9 4 x 8	8	25	8	16	1 x 4 4 x 3	3	10	3
40	5 x 8	8	24	8	15	5 x 3	3	9	3
39	4 x 8 1 x 7	8	23	8	14	4 x 3 1 x 2	3	8	3
38	3 x 8 2 x 7	8	23	7	13	3 x 3 2 x 2	3	8	2
37	2 x 8 3 x 7	8	22	7	12	2 x 3 3 x 2	3	7	2
36	1 x 8 4 x 7	7	22	7	11	1 x 3 4 x 2	2	7	2
35	5 x 7	7	21	7	10	5 x 2	2	6	2
34	4 x 7 1 x 6	7	20	7	9	4 x 2 1 x 1	2	5	2
33	3 x 7 2 x 6	7	20	6	8	3 x 2 2 x 1	2	4	2
32	2 x 7 3 x 6	7	19	6	7	2 x 2 3 x 1	2	4	1
31	1 x 7 4 x 6	6	19	6	6	1 x 2 4 x 1	2	3	1
30	5 x 6	6	18	6	5	5 x 1	1	3	1
29	4 x 6 1 x 5	6	17	6	4	4 x 1	1	2	1
28	3 x 6 2 x 5	6	17	5	3	3 x 1	1	1	1
27	2 x 6 3 x 5	6	16	5	2	2 x 1	1	1	0
26	1 x 6 4 x 5	5	16	5	1	1 x 1	1	0	0

Women's

Innings Length	Max Overs/Bowler	1st PP	Bat PP	Total PP	Innings Length	Max Overs/Bowler	1st PP	Bat PP	Total PP		
50	5 x 10		10	5	15	25	5 x 5		5	2	7
49	4 x 10	1 x 9	10	5	15	24	4 x 5	1 x 4	5	2	7
48	3 x 10	2 x 9	10	5	15	23	3 x 5	2 x 4	5	2	7
47	2 x 10	3 x 9	9	5	14	22	2 x 5	3 x 4	4	2	6
46	1 x 10	4 x 9	9	5	14	21	1 x 5	4 x 4	4	2	6
45	5 x 9		9	4	13	20	5 x 4		4	2	6
44	4 x 9	1 x 8	9	4	13	19	4 x 4	1 x 3	4	2	6
43	3 x 9	2 x 8	9	4	13	18	3 x 4	2 x 3	4	2	6
42	2 x 9	3 x 8	8	4	12	17	2 x 4	3 x 3	3	2	5
41	1 x 9	4 x 8	8	4	12	16	1 x 4	4 x 3	3	2	5
40	5 x 8		8	4	12	15	5 x 3		3	1	4
39	4 x 8	1 x 7	8	4	12	14	4 x 3	1 x 2	3	1	4
38	3 x 8	2 x 7	8	4	12	13	3 x 3	2 x 2	3	1	4
37	2 x 8	3 x 7	7	4	11	12	2 x 3	3 x 2	2	1	3
36	1 x 8	4 x 7	7	4	11	11	1 x 3	4 x 2	2	1	3
35	5 x 7		7	3	10	10	5 x 2		2	1	3
34	4 x 7	1 x 6	7	3	10	9	4 x 2	1 x 1	2	1	3
33	3 x 7	2 x 6	7	3	10	8	3 x 2	2 x 1	2	1	3
32	2 x 7	3 x 6	6	3	9	7	2 x 2	3 x 1	1	1	2
31	1 x 7	4 x 6	6	3	9	6	1 x 2	4 x 1	1	1	2
30	5 x 6		6	3	9	5	5 x 1		1	0	1
29	4 x 6	1 x 5	6	3	9	4	4 x 1		1	0	1
28	3 x 6	2 x 5	6	3	9	3	3 x 1		1	0	1
27	2 x 6	3 x 5	5	3	8	2	2 x 1		0	0	0
26	1 x 6	4 x 5	5	3	8	1	1 x 1		0	0	0

**18.9.5 Powerplay Overs – Commencement**

Each block of Powerplay Overs must commence at the start of an over.

**18.9.6 Powerplay Overs – Interrupted Match Recalculation**

If play is interrupted during non-Powerplay Overs, then on resumption, it is necessary to determine how many remaining Powerplay Overs should be allocated. The total number of Powerplay Overs for the innings is derived from the table in 18.9.4. Any Powerplay Overs already taken prior to the interruption will be deemed to have been in sequence: the initial allocation then the batting side's allocation. The decision of the batting side of when to take any remaining Powerplay Overs is made in the usual way.

**18.9.7 Powerplay Overs – Interruptions**

- If play is interrupted during the first Powerplay and on resumption the overs required to be bowled in that Powerplay have already been exceeded, then the batting Powerplay will assume to have been taken consecutively up to that point.
- If play is interrupted during a Powerplay and on resumption the total number of Powerplay Overs has already been exceeded, then the fielding restrictions will be lifted immediately.

**Note:** This is the only circumstance under which the Powerplay status can be changed during an over.

- If following an interruption while a Powerplay is not in progress, it is found on resumption that the recalculated number of Powerplay Overs remaining equals or exceeds the number of overs to be bowled in the innings, then the batting Powerplay will commence at the start of the next over.

**18.9.8 Powerplay Overs – Signals**

- (a) At the commencement of each block of Powerplay Overs, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating the arm in a large circle.
- (b) The umpire shall also indicate to the fielding captain before any signal is made that the batting side has chosen its Powerplay.

#### **18.9.9 Powerplay Overs – Scoreboard**

Where possible, a “P” or a light or other indicator shall be displayed on the scoreboard whenever the Powerplay Overs are being bowled.

#### **18.10 NO BALL**

##### **18.10.1 Free Hit After a No Ball**

The delivery following any no ball shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or wide), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing. For any free hit, the striker can only be dismissed under the circumstances that apply for a no ball even if the delivery for the free hit is called a wide. Changes to fielding positions are only permitted if a different batter is on strike for the free hit delivery. The bowler’s end umpire will signal a free hit (after the normal no ball signal) by extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

##### **18.10.2 Fast Short-pitched Deliveries Above Shoulder Height of Striker**

- (a) In any one over a bowler shall be permitted to bowl two fast short-pitched deliveries which, having bounced, pass or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease. Should there be a further repetition in the same over either umpire shall call and signal “no ball”.
- (b) Any fast short-pitched delivery, not being a no ball under (a), which passes so high that it is not sufficiently within the striker’s reach for it to be hit by the bat with a normal cricket stroke, shall be called and signalled “wide” ball by the umpire at the bowler’s end.

##### **18.10.3 Dangerous and Unfair Bowling**

- (a) High Full-Pitched Deliveries

Either umpire shall call and signal “no ball” for any high full-pitched delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease and is to be deemed unfair. Any cautionary or other action is to be implemented by the bowler’s end umpire as required.

If the umpire considers that the bowler deliberately bowled a high full pitched ball, deemed to be dangerous and unfair as defined above then the caution, warning prescribed in Law 42.7 shall be dispensed with. The umpires shall complete the process as in Law 42.8.

#### **18.11 WIDE BALL**

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the striker a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. Instructions to umpires in respect of wides is contained in the “Wide Ball Interpretation in “White Ball Cricket” appendix to these rules. In summary the following applies.

- (a) **Leg side** All balls that pass down the leg side and behind the striker shall be interpreted as negative bowling and called “Wide”. The delivery is not a Wide if it passes on or inside the “Wide Guideline (Leg Side)” crease marking when the striker moves towards the off side or it passes between the striker and leg stump.
- (b) **Offside.** A delivery shall be called “Wide” if it passes:
  - (i) outside the “Wide Guideline (Off Side)” with the batsman in a “normal” batting stance; or
  - (ii) wide of the return crease, regardless of the striker bringing it within reach or
  - (iii) a bowler bowling around the wicket bowling full pitched yorkers on the off side just within the “Wide Guideline (Off Side)”.
  - (iv) The delivery is not a Wide if the batsman moves to the off side and brings the ball within reach.
- (c) **Wide - Reverse Sweep or Switch Hit.** When a switch hit or reverse sweep is played or attempted the striker is deemed to have brought the ball within reach on both sides

of the wicket and the Wide Guideline (Off Side) shall apply on both sides of the stumps. The leg stump wide interpretation is no longer in play.

**18.12 NOTIFICATION TO CAPTAINS**

After each adjustment of an anticipated batting time the umpires shall inform both captains of the reduced time and the effect on overs to be bowled, limitation for bowlers, fielding restrictions and, where appropriate, par score.

**18.13 MAXIMUM OVERS FOR UNDER-AGE BOWLERS OF MEDIUM AND FAST PACE**

Directions for limiting the maximum number of overs that under-age medium pace and fast bowlers may bowl consecutively in one spell and in a day's play, and the responsibilities of captains and umpires in this respect, are set out in 15.10.

**18.14 CLOTHING**

Players shall be permitted to wear coloured clothing and/or equipment as approved in advance by Cricket Victoria. See also 15.13.

**18.15 SIGHTSCREENS**

Sightscreens shall be black or covered by dark shade cloth.

**18.16 BOUNDARIES – WOMEN'S MATCHES**

The maximum boundary distance for Women's One-Day matches is 64 metres in an arc from the intersection of the centre line and the popping crease and from the centre line between the two popping creases.

**RULE 19 CRICKET VICTORIA PREMIER FINALS MATCHES**

**19.1 HOURS OF PLAY AND INTERVALS**

**19.1.1 Start of Play:**

GRADE	TIME
Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> &2 <sup>nd</sup> XIs	10.30am
Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> XIs	11.30am

**19.1.2 Interval Times and Length**

Unless varied as in 17.2.3 or 17.2.4 intervals shall be as follows:

GRADE	INTERVAL	TIME	DURATION
Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XIs	Lunch	12.30pm – 1.00pm	30 min
	Tea	3.00pm – 3.30pm	30 min
Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> XIs	Tea	2:00pm - 2:30pm	30 min

**19.1.3 Cessation of Play**

- (a) Play on each day shall cease at 5.30pm for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and 5.00pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches unless interrupted by adverse conditions, in which case the cessation time shall be advanced by the aggregate of time lost to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- (b) Play shall continue past the cessation time applying until completion of the minimum overs requirement in 17.3, but if an interruption occurs or continues after 6.00pm for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches or 5.30pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches play shall not be resumed.
- (c) If a result is obtained on the final day or a result or further result is not possible within advanced time under (b) the match may cease if both captains agree.

**19.2 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

Playing conditions shall be as in 17.3 subject to the following variations:

- (a) A daily minimum of 96 overs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches (80 overs 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches) shall apply and, providing this minimum is not reduced for time lost on the first day and it has not been dismissed, the first batting side may continue its innings

until a maximum of 106 overs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches (90 overs in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches) has been received. The minimum for the second side's first innings shall be 83 overs for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches (67 overs in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches) or, if greater, the number to be bowled from the start of a new innings in accordance with 17.3.

- (b) If there is no time lost on the first day and the innings of the side batting first continues on the second day and is interrupted, any overs deductions are made proportionately to both sides.
- (c) Where time is lost on the first day or on both days and the side batting first continues its innings on the second day the maximum and minimum of overs in (a) shall be reduced by the same proportion as in (b) in relation to the total net time lost; but if such time exceeds 120 minutes before the innings ends the match shall proceed under ordinary conditions.
- (d) For the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Final the limiting provisions in (a), (b) and (c) above shall not apply.
- (e) A new ball is available after 80 overs.

### 19.3 RESULTS OF MATCHES

The provisions of 17.4 shall apply except that if there is no outright result the winner shall be the side which:

- (a) leads on the first innings as defined in 17.4.3(a); or
- (b) in the event of a tie, draw or abandonment without play was the higher-ranked side as provided in 5.1.

## RULE 20 TWENTY20 MATCHES

### 20.1 PLAYING CONDITIONS

The Laws of Cricket (2000– 6<sup>th</sup> Edition 2015) and Premier Rules, except as varied hereunder, shall apply.

### 20.2 DURATION OF MATCH AND NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- (a) The matches will consist of one innings per side, each innings being limited to a maximum of 20 overs.
- (b) Teams shall be 11 per side for Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and 12 per side for Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches and shall be nominated in accordance with 15.1.1.

### 20.3 HOURS OF PLAY AND INTERVALS

#### 20.3.1 Hours of Play

The following hours of play apply.

Grade	First session	Interval	Second Session
Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> XIs	11.00am-12.15pm	12.15pm-12.25pm	12.25pm-1.40pm
Women's Premier Reserves and 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> XIs	2.30pm-3.45pm	3.45pm-3.55pm	3.55pm-5.10pm

**Note:** Start times may only be altered with the approval of the PCMT.

#### 20.3.2 Intervals

Intervals between innings shall be of 10 minutes duration. No drinks intervals are permitted.

### 20.4 LENGTH OF INNINGS

#### 20.4.1 Uninterrupted Matches

Each team shall bat for 20 overs unless all out earlier. If the team batting first is dismissed in fewer than 20 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 20 overs. Strict adherence to RULE 16 (over rates) must be observed.

#### 20.4.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches

- (a) If the first side's innings is delayed or interrupted the umpires shall reduce the maximum overs by one for each full seven minutes of the aggregate time lost. If the reduction calculation results in fewer than 5 overs the match shall be abandoned.

- (b) Where 5 completed overs or more have been bowled and an interruption is continuing, compulsory closure of the first side's innings shall occur when the reduced overs calculated in 18.3.2(a) equate with the number bowled.
- (c) The side batting second, if there is no further time lost in its innings, shall be entitled to receive the same reduced number, including any part over, as in (a) or(b) above.
- (d) The second side's overs shall not be adjusted unless adverse conditions reduce the batting time from the end of the interval until scheduled cessation time to less than that listed in the Table at 18.3.3 for those overs. In such case the overs for the reduced time shall be its entitlement, even if fewer than 5 overs.
- (e) If play ceases due to players being off the field or leaving it after the scheduled cessation time, the match shall end the overs already bowled shall be the side batting second's entitlement for the purposes of this Rule.
- (f) Calculation of par score for all XIs shall be in accordance with the procedure in 18.6.5 substituting "25 over" with "5 overs" in 18.6.5(a) and 18.6.5(b).

## **20.5 OVER LIMITS FOR BOWLERS**

### **20.5.1 *Limit Per Bowler***

A bowler shall not deliver more than one-fifth of the maximum of overs permitted in 20.4. Where overs from a bowler already exceed a reduced limit the number bowled shall be that bowler's limit.

### **20.5.2 *Limit Reached or Exceeded***

No further deliveries shall be made by a bowler who has reached or exceeded a re-calculated limit except to complete an over previously commenced by that player.

### **20.5.3 *Fractional Adjustments***

Where the re-calculation of a bowler's limit results in a fraction the limit shall be raised to the next whole number for as many bowlers as is necessary to absorb the balance in whole overs.

### **20.5.4 *Part-Over Incapacity or Suspension***

A part of an over bowled under the provisions of Law 22.8 shall count as one full over in the limit of each bowler concerned in that over.

## **20.6 THE BALL**

White CV-approved balls will be used as per 15.7.3. One new ball shall be used for each innings.

## **20.7 THE RESULT**

### **20.7.1 *Normal Conditions***

When there is no interruption after play has commenced and when both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same agreed number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.

### **20.7.2 *One1 Eliminator (Women's Matches only)***

In the event of a tie in a women's match, where possible, the result shall be determined by the use of the One 1 Eliminator.

The procedure for the One1 Eliminator is as follows.

- (a) Subject to weather conditions the One1 Eliminator will take place on the scheduled day of the match at a time to be determined by the referee. In normal circumstances it shall commence five minutes after the conclusion of the match.
- (b) The One1 Eliminator will take place on the pitch allocated for the match (the designated pitch) unless otherwise determined by the umpires in consultation with the ground authority with the sides batting in the same order. The umpires shall not change ends. The fielding side shall choose which end to bowl from.
- (c) Prior to the commencement of the One1 Eliminator each team shall select three batters and one bowler.
- (d) The names of the selected players are to be given to the umpires in writing.
- (e) Each team's over is played with the same fielding restrictions as those that are in place for the last over of a normal match.

- (f) The same ball (or a ball of a similar age if the original ball is out of shape) as used at the end of the team's innings shall be used for the "extra" over.
- (g) The loss of two wickets in the over ends the team's one-over innings.
- (h) In the event of the teams having the same score after the One1 Eliminator has been completed, the team that hit the most number of sixes combined from its two innings in both the main match and the One1 Eliminator shall be the winner.
- (i) If the number of sixes hit by both teams is equal, the team that hit the most number of boundaries (fours and sixes) in the One1 Eliminator will be declared the winner.
- (j) In the event that the result is still a Tie after the One1 Eliminator and clauses (h) and (i) above have been applied, the One1 Eliminator (clauses (a) to (g)) shall be repeated until a winner is obtained.

**20.7.3 One1 Eliminator not possible**

- (a) In preliminary matches, if the minimum number of overs has been bowled to constitute a match (five overs per team) and scores are level the match shall be declared a tie.
- (b) If circumstances make a One1 Eliminator impossible in the Final the team that finished higher on the points table at the conclusion of the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

**20.8 FIELDING RESTRICTIONS**

The following fielding restrictions apply.

- (a) At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fielders on the leg side.
- (b) For the first six overs (1-6) of each innings, only twofielders, for the next 14 overs (7-20), only five fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction circles as defined in 18.8.
- (c) For the team batting first, in an interrupted match, the field restrictions will apply as follows:

Total Overs In Innings	No of overs for which restrictions in 20.8(b) above apply
5-6	1
7-9	2
10-13	3
14-16	4
17-19	5
20	6

- (d) For the team batting second, when the number of overs is reduced, where possible the restrictions determined in 20.8(c) are to be maintained for the same proportion of the innings of the side batting second as for the innings of the side batting first (fractions to be ignored).

**20.9 DECLARATIONS**

The captain of the batting side may not declare an innings closed at any time during the course of a match.

**20.10 NO BALL AND WIDE**

The Rules specified in 18.10 (No Ball) and 18.11 (Wide) apply, except that only one short-pitched delivery per over may be bowled.

**20.11 LAW 31 – TIMED OUT**

Law 31 will apply. Either the incoming or not out batter, whichever the circumstances of the match require, must be in position to take guard to be ready to receive the next ball within 90 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket. The incoming batsman is expected to be ready near the boundary so as enter the field of play immediately a wicket falls, and is expected to jog to the wicket.

**20.12 SIGHTSCREENS**

Sightscreens shall be black or covered by dark shade cloth.



**20.13 BOUNDARIES – WOMEN'S MATCHES**

The maximum boundary distance for Women's Twenty20 matches is 64 metres in an arc from the intersection of the centre line and the popping crease and from the centre line between the two popping creases.