

SECTION 12

PRESIDENT'S GRADE COMPETITION

All Presidents' Grade competition matches shall be played in accordance with:

- (a) The playing conditions specified in this section;
- (b) The general playing conditions specified in Section 3; and
- (c) The conditions specified in Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) as adopted by the Marylebone Cricket Club,

and to the extent that there is a conflict between those conditions, the conditions shall be applied in the order of priority set out above to the intent that the playing conditions in subparagraph (a) shall take the highest priority and the Laws of Cricket in subparagraph (c) will take the least priority.

In addition, all players, clubs and umpires shall comply with the bylaws of the ACA in force from time to time.

1. THE COMPETITION

- 1.1 Competition formats are subject to change and the ACA shall, before the commencement of each season, establish the competition format.

2. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Minimum age: The President's Grade shall only consist of players who are 40 years of age or older on or before the first day of June preceding the relevant season, with the exception of a maximum of two who are 35 years or older.

3. HOURS OF PLAY

- 3.1 First Innings: 1:00pm – 3:20pm
Interval: 3:20pm – 3:40pm
Second Innings: 3:40pm – 6:00pm
- 3.2 For the sake of clarity, the interval between innings shall be taken at the conclusion of the first innings (regardless of the closing time of that innings), but shall not exceed 20 minutes in length.

4. LIMITATION OF INNINGS (LAW 12.1)

- 4.1 **Number of innings:** Each match shall consist of two innings.
- 4.2 **Number of overs:** Each innings shall consist of a maximum of 35 overs.
- 4.3 **Deemed completion:** The team batting first shall not bat beyond 3.20pm under any circumstances. If, by that time, 35 overs have not been bowled, that team's innings shall be deemed to have been completed. In this event, the team batting second shall face the number of overs which it has bowled.

5. INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO WEATHER

- 5.1 **Weather interference:** If weather interferes with play, there shall not be any subtraction of the number of overs specified in clause 3.2 of this section.
- 5.2 **Adverse weather:** If each team is unable to complete its innings due to adverse weather conditions, the match shall be deemed abandoned and competition points shared.

6. BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

6.1 **Number of overs per bowler:** No bowler shall bowl more than seven overs in each match

7. BATSMAN RETIRING (LAW 2.9)

7.1 **Compulsory retirement:** A batsman must retire when he has scored one hundred runs except if, on his retirement, his team's innings shall end. A retired batsman may resume his innings but only when all other team members have batted and have either been dismissed or compulsorily retired. If two or more batsmen are compulsorily retired, they must resume in the same order as they retired.

8. THE RESULT

8.1 **Tied Matches:** If a match ends with both sides tied on the same number of runs scored (irrespective of the number of wickets lost), the match points shall be shared between the two sides.

9. THE BALL (LAW 5)

9.1 **Approved balls:** Only balls which are approved balls as specified in clause 15 Section 3 shall be used. No other ball shall be used. A new ball shall be used in each innings of each side.