

SECTION 3

GENERAL PLAYING CONDITIONS

All club cricket in Auckland shall be played in accordance with:

- (a) The specific playing conditions of a grade;
- (b) The general playing conditions specified in this section
- (c) The conditions specified in Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) of 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) will be of the highest priority and the Laws of Cricket in subparagraph (c) will be of 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. STARTING TIME

- 1.1 **Defaults:** If a team, for any reason, is unable or unwilling to commence play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled or rescheduled time for commencement of play on either day of a two day match or on the day of a one day match, the match shall be lost by that team. If the other team is ready to commence play at the scheduled or rescheduled time it may, in lieu of accepting a default, decide to play the match, in which case the time lost shall be made up on the day or days allotted for the match. A team, whether batting or fielding, shall constitute a minimum of seven players ready and willing to take the field.

2. THE TOSS

- 2.1 **Toss for innings:** The captains shall toss for the choice of innings, on the field of play and in the presence of one or both of the umpires, not earlier than 30 minutes, nor later than 15 minutes before the scheduled or any rescheduled time for the match to start. The winner of the toss shall notify his decision to bat or field to the opposing captain immediately following the toss. Once notified, the decision cannot be changed. Captains shall exchange team lists on the appropriate ACA form before the toss is made.
- 2.2 **Deputy:** If the captain is unavailable at the time of the toss, a deputy may act in his stead. An appointed deputy must be nominated to play in the game.
- 2.3 **Team Lists:** Premier Men, Reserve Men, Premier Women & Senior A are required to exchange team lists. No other grades are required to exchange team lists.

3. BALLS TO THE OVER

- 3.1 **Number of balls:** Six balls shall be bowled in each over.

4. MODE OF DELIVERY

- 4.1 **No underarm bowling:** No bowler shall deliver the ball underarm.

5. TIME ON GROUND

- 5.1 **Sole arbiters:** Umpires shall be the sole arbiters of time in respect of play. Any clock on the ground may be used as a guide.

6. WIDE BALLS AND NO BALLS

- 6.1 **Wide balls:** The following rules shall apply in respect of wide balls:
 - (a) **Two day matches:** If a bowler delivers the ball so wide of the wicket, that, in the sole opinion of the umpire, it passes out of reach of the striker standing in

a normal guard position, the umpire shall call and signal “wide” as soon as it has passed the line of the striker’s wicket

- (b) **Limited Over matches:** Any offside or leg side delivery which, in the sole opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called as a wide. As a guide, on the leg side a ball landing clearly outside the leg stump going further away shall be called a wide. Umpires shall consider the level at which the match is being played before such strict enforcement of this rule

- 6.2 **No balls:** The following rules shall apply in respect of full pitched deliveries above waist height:

Any delivery which passes or would have passed, on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is deemed unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. The Umpire at the bowler’s end shall adopt the following procedure:

Premier Men, Premier Women, Premier Reserve:

- (a) In the first instance the Umpire shall call and signal No ball, caution the bowler and issue a first and final warning and inform the other umpire, Captain of the fielding team and the batsman of what has occurred.
- (b) At the first repetition, call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead direct the Captain of the fielding team to take the bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another bowler, provided that the bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively. Not allow the bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
- (c) Report the occurrence to both Captains and ACA who shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the bowler concerned.

All other grades:

- (a) In the first instance the Umpire shall call and signal No ball, caution the bowler and issue a first warning and inform the other umpire, Captain of the fielding team and the batsman of what has occurred.
- (b) At the first repetition, call and signal No ball, caution the bowler and issue a second warning and inform the other umpire, Captain of the fielding team and the batsman of what has occurred.
- (c) At the second repetition, call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead direct the Captain of the fielding team to take the bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another bowler, provided that the bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively. Not allow the bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings
- (d) Report the occurrence to both Captains and ACA who shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the bowler concerned.

Umpire guidelines where such a delivery is not subject to the warning process are:

- Deliveries that are so wide of the striker cannot be considered as likely to inflict physical injury, and will only be subject to the No ball call with no official caution or warning process.
- As a further guide, it is expected that balls around the belt height will be called and if the height is marginal (very close and you have a small amount of doubt), then the playing condition will be applied accordingly. i.e. If in doubt, call No ball.

- 6.3 **No balls:** The following rules shall apply in respect of short pitched deliveries above shoulder height:

Premier Men, Premier Women, Premier Reserve, Senior A, B, C Grade

- (a) The bowling of fast short pitched deliveries shall be allowed.
- (b) Refer to relevant competition playing conditions for allowed number.

All other grades

- (a) If a ball passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal “no ball”.
- (b) The procedures of cautioning shall apply as per clause 6.2

- 6.4 Laws 24 and 42.8 of the Laws of Cricket shall apply in addition to clauses 6.2 and 6.3.

7. BOUNDARIES

- 7.1 **Interference by person:** Unless arrangements are made to the contrary, where a ball, which in the sole opinion of the umpire would have reached or crossed the boundary, is stopped by a spectator or by a player from an adjacent game, then, if such interference is intentional, it shall be deemed to have reached the boundary, but if such interference is unintentional, the ball shall not be deemed to have reached the boundary. The action of a spectator or player from another match in picking up the ball shall be deemed to be an intentional action for the purposes of this clause.
- 7.2 **Obstructions overhanging the field of play:** Where trees, sight screens or other permanent structures grounded outside the field of play overhang the field of play, unless the team captains agree to the contrary (and communicate such arrangements to the umpires prior to the start of play), as soon as the ball strikes the overhanging obstruction, the umpire shall award a boundary six to the striker.
- 7.3 **Permanent obstructions within the field of play:** Where there are permanent obstructions within the field of play, unless the team captains agree to the contrary (and communicate such contrary arrangements to the umpires prior to the start of play), as soon as the ball strikes such obstruction, the umpire shall award a boundary four to the striker, regardless of whether or not the ball strikes the obstruction on the full.

8. FITNESS OF GROUND, WEATHER AND LIGHT

- 8.1 **Fitness:** Where appointed, the umpires shall decide if the pitch, the light, the ground and the weather are fit for play before any session of play or whether play should be suspended, provided that:
- (a) The umpire(s) shall first establish whether both captains, or if necessary the batsmen at the wicket, want to continue to play in unfit conditions and, if so, play shall continue;
 - (b) After agreeing to play in unfit conditions, the umpires will only suspend play if conditions subsequently deteriorate. Note: As an example, although persistent drizzle may not increase in intensity this may cause ground or pitch conditions to become dangerous or unreasonable for further play.
 - (c) If conditions have deteriorated so that in the sole opinion of the umpire(s) continuing play would be unreasonable or dangerous they shall immediately suspend play. This shall overrule the allowance in clause 8.1 (a) above.
 - (d) Where no official umpires are appointed, the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather and light shall be decided by mutual agreement between team captains who shall also comply with the requirements contained in Law 3.8 & 3.9 as well as Clause 4 of Section 2 of these Playing Conditions, in respect of dealing with ground officials and groundsmen.
- 8.2 No spiked footwear: Spiked footwear shall not be worn on artificial pitches while batting or bowling, in case of damage. Clubs whose players use such footwear in these circumstances shall reimburse the ACA for the cost of repairs.

9. COVERING OF PITCHES

- 9.1 **Mandatory covers:** Covers are mandatory for pitches used for Premier Men's, Premier Reserve Men's and Premier Women's Grade matches and must be available to cover the pitch and surrounds for a minimum of two nights and days before the commencement of a match on that pitch. The home team shall cover the pitch and remove the covers whenever and wherever necessary. If two teams are playing at a venue other than either of their home grounds the first named team in the official ACA draw shall ensure that the covers are of a standard acceptable to the ACA at that venue.
- 9.2 **Minimum size:** The minimum size of the area to be covered for Premier and Premier Reserve Men's Grade matches is 27 x 9 metres. Where covers are used for matches other than Premier Grade their use must be for the duration of the match and not just

for a part thereof. The area to be covered for these lower grades shall be 27 x 3.6 metres.

10. PRACTICE ON PITCHES

For all grades except Men's Premier, Premier Reserve and Premier Women's:

- 10.1 **No practices:** If, in respect of any ground, the condition of the pitch or ground is deemed to be such that a match shall not be commenced or played on a pitch, practices shall not be allowed on that pitch. Practice within the boundaries shall cease 10 minutes before the time of commencement of play. No person may test a pitch for bounce before the commencement of play by bowling or bouncing a ball on it.

11. ALLOCATION OF PITCHES FOR MATCHES

- 11.1 **Allocation:** The allocation of pitches and grounds shall be determined, from time to time, by the Board of Control or its authorised official. If a local body ground is allocated to the ACA, a club shall not apply for an allocation of grounds in competition with the ACA.

- 11.2 **Pitch:** A match shall be played on the pitch allocated in the ACA draw.

12. ALTERNATIVE PITCHES

- 12.1 **Unfit pitches:** If, for any reason, a ground official or ground authority deems a pitch to be unfit for play during a match, or that undue delay would occur as a result of the pitch's condition before the commencement of play, an alternative pitch may be used with the prior consent of the Board of Directors or its authorised official. The alternative pitch may be at the same ground or any other ground under the control of the ACA. The suitability of the alternative pitch shall be determined by a majority decision of the ground official of the ground where the alternative pitch is situated, the captains of the teams to play on such alternative pitch and the official umpires, if any.

13. COMPETITION POINTS

- 13.1 **Limited Overs:** The competition points for all limited overs grades (including Twenty20 grades and women's grades) shall be:

Result Type	Points
Win	3
Tie (Does not apply to Premier Men's & Women's grades for Twenty20 matches – refer 'bowl off' rule)	1.5
No Result/Abandoned	1.5
Loss	0

- 13.2 **Senior A, B and C Grades:** The competition points for all Senior A, B and C Grades Limited Overs matches shall be as outlined in clause 13.1 with the following addition:

Bonus Points	
Limited Overs victory by 10 wickets	1
Bonus points per run over the entire match	0.01
Bonus points per wicket over the entire match	0.25

- 13.3 **Men's Premier and Premier Reserve two day:** The competition points for the men's Premier and Premier Reserve Grade two day championship competition shall be:

Result Type	Points
Outright Win	4
First Innings Lead (added if team wins outright)	6
Outright Tie	2
First Innings Tie (added if team wins outright)	3
Draw (no result achieved on first innings)	3
First Innings or Outright loss	0
Bonus Points (in addition to all other points gained)	
Outright victory by an innings	1
Outright victory by seven or more wickets	0.5
Bonus Points - per run over the entire match	0.01
Bonus Points - per wicket over the entire match	0.25

- 13.4 **All other two day grades:** The competition points for all other two day grades shall be:

Result Type	Points
Outright Win	6
First Innings Lead (added if team wins outright)	3
Outright Tie	3
First Innings Tie (added if team wins/ties outright)	1.5
Draw (no result achieved on first innings)	1.5
First Innings or Outright loss	0
Default win (Refer Section 2, Clause 7)	Equivalent points gained by the team scoring the most points in the same round
Abandoned Match*	Equivalent to the average number of points gained by teams that completed matches in the same round, or 1.5 points, whichever is greater
Bonus Points (in addition to all other points gained)	
Outright victory by an innings in a two day match	1
Outright victory by seven or more wickets in a two day match	0.5
Bonus Points per run over the entire match	0.01
Bonus Points per wicket over the entire match	0.25

The bonus points gained in all Youth grade two-day matches (Year 8 Post-Christmas, Year 9/10, U19) shall be as per the above with the following exception;

Bonus Points per wicket over the entire match	0.20
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* For all two day grades (excluding Premier and Premier Reserve), an abandoned match shall be declared if;

- (a) as per specific grade playing conditions, day one has been declared cancelled and the fixture reverted to a limited overs match on the second day, AND
- (b) the minimum number of overs required to constitute a limited overs game (as per specific playing conditions) are not achieved on this second day

13.5 **Defaults and Byes:** The competition points awarded where grades are affected by defaults or byes shall be determined using the following criteria;

- (a) **Default in a limited overs game:** The team defaulted against shall receive points equivalent to the team scoring the most points in the same round (including bonus points if applicable). For clarity, if every other game in the same round is declared a 'no result', the team defaulted against shall receive points equal to a 'no result'. The team defaulting shall not receive points.
- (b) **Default in a two day game:** The team defaulted against shall receive points equivalent to the team scoring the most points in the same round (including bonus points). The team defaulting shall not receive points.

If all teams in a competition have an equal number of byes, no points shall be awarded for the bye. When there is an unequal number of byes in a grade, points shall be awarded as follows;

- (a) **Bye in a limited overs grade:** The team with the bye shall receive points equivalent to the team scoring the most points in the same round (including bonus points if applicable). For clarity, if every other game in the same round is declared a 'no result', points shall be awarded equal to a 'no result'.
- (b) **Bye in a two day grade:** The team with the bye shall receive points equivalent to the team scoring the most points in the same round (including bonus points).

N.B. A bye caused by a team withdrawing from a competition shall be treated the same as a bye caused by uneven team numbers.

13.6 **Champion:**

- (a) Subject to any specific provisions above to the contrary, and to clause 13.7 b), the team which gains the highest aggregate of points at the end of each round shall be the champion of the competition for its grade unless a final must be played. For all two day grades other than Premier and Premier Reserve grades, the champion shall be the team with the highest combined total of match and bonus points gained in all limited overs and two day matches with the exception of any points gained from the semi-final and final limited overs matches. In the event of a team winning the limited overs and the two day competitions they shall be declared the grade winners irrespective of points.
- (b) **Men's Premier Reserve Grade:** The overall champion of the Premier Reserve Grade Major competition shall be the team which gains the highest aggregate of Weighted Points as a result of its finishing positions in both the relevant two day competition and the relevant limited over competition, such Weighted Points to be calculated in accordance with clause 13.9. The overall champion of the Premier Reserve Grade Minor competition shall be the team which gains the highest aggregate of Weighted Points as a result of its finishing positions in both the relevant two day competition and the relevant limited over competition, such Weighted Points to be calculated in accordance with clause 13.9.

13.7 **Equal points:** In the Premier Men, Premier Women and Premier Reserve Grade Limited Over and Twenty20 Competitions the first method for determining a superior side when two or more teams are tied on points at the end of a competition stage shall be determined by net run rate as detailed in clause 14. In the extremely unlikely event that this method does not provide a superior side then the result of the match between the sides that are tied shall determine the superior side.

Should two or more teams in a two day grade be equal on points, the team with the most outright wins will be the winner. Where this method does not provide a superior team, the side with the better net run rate, in accordance with the formula set out in clause 14, shall be the higher finishing side.

Should two or more teams in a one day grade (with the exception of the Premier Men, Premier Women and Premier Reserve Grade) be on equal points at the end of any Grading or Championship Rounds, the higher finishing side will be the team that had the most victories in the respective Grading or Championship Round over the team(s) with which it is tied. Where this method does not provide a superior team, the side with the better net run rate, in accordance with the formula set out in clause 14, shall be the higher finishing side.

Should two or more teams in a Twenty20 grade (with the exception of the Premier Men, Premier Women and Premier Reserve Grade) be on equal points at the end of any competition stage, the higher finishing side will be the team that had the most victories over the entire season over the team(s) with which it is tied. Where this method does not provide a superior team, the side with the better net run rate, in accordance with the formula set out in clause 14, shall be the higher finishing side.

13.8 **Promotion/relegation:**

- (a) **Men's Premier Grade Two Day Championship Competition:** The team which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Premier Grade Minor Two Day Championship Competition shall gain promotion to the Premier Grade Major Two Day Championship Competition. The team which gains the lowest aggregate of points in the Preliminary Round and the Plate Round of the Premier Grade Major Two Day Championship Competition shall be relegated to the Premier Grade Minor Two Day Championship Competition.

N.B. If the team with the highest aggregate of points in the Premier Grade Minor Two Day Championship is not eligible to play in the Premier Grade Major Two Day Championship then there shall be no promotion or relegation between the competitions.

- (b) **Men's Premier Reserve Grade:** The team which gains the highest aggregate of Weighted Points in the Premier Reserve Grade Minor Championship competitions as calculated in accordance with clause 13.9 shall gain promotion to the Premier Reserve Grade Major Championship competitions. The team which gains the lowest aggregate of Weighted Points in the Premier Reserve Grade Major Championship competitions as calculated in accordance with Clause 13.9 shall be relegated to the Premier Reserve Grade Minor Championship competitions. The team which gains the lowest aggregate of Weighted Points in the Premier Reserve Grade Minor Championship competitions as calculated in accordance with clause 13.9 shall be relegated to the Senior A Grade.
- (c) **Other Grade Cricket:** One team (the team having the highest overall points) shall be automatically promoted and one team (the team having the lowest overall points) shall be automatically relegated from each grade from Senior A Grade down to Senior C Grade at the end of the season except where the ACA Bylaws or a ruling from the Board of Directors would restrict such promotion or relegation. (Refer bylaw 5 – Competitions) provided however that there shall be no automatic relegation from the lowest Senior C Grade.

13.9 **Premier Reserve Grade Weighted Points:**

- (a) The finishing position of each team in each of the Premier Reserve Grade Major Championship Competitions (both two day and limited over) shall be determined by the aggregate of points which that team gains in that competition.
- (b) The finishing position of each team in each of the Premier Reserve Grade Minor Championship Competitions (both two day and limited over) shall be determined by the aggregate of points which that team gains in that competition.

- (c) Weighted Points will then be allocated to each team in each competition by reference to that team's finishing position in each competition as follows:

Premier Reserve Grade Major and Premier Reserve Grade Minor Two Day Championship Competitions:

1st = 16 points, 2nd = 14 points, 3rd = 12 points, 4th = 10 points, 5th = 8 points, 6th = 6 points, 7th points = 4 points, 8th = 2 points.

Premier Reserve Grade Major and Premier Reserve Grade Minor Limited Over Championship Competitions:

1st = 8 points, 2nd = 7 points, 3rd = 6 points, 4th = 5 points, 5th = 4 points, 6th = 3 points, 7th = 2 points, 8th = 1 point.

- i) The aggregate of Weighted Points which each team receives shall be calculated by adding the Weighted Points which that team received by reference to its finishing position in each of the relevant two day and limited over competitions
- ii) In the event that two or more teams in either the Premier Reserve Grade Major Championship Competitions or the Premier Reserve Grade Minor Championship Competitions have the same aggregate of Weighted Points, the team which obtained the higher number of Weighted Points in the relevant two day Championship Competition will be placed higher.

14. NET RUN RATE:

14.1 If a net run rate is required to assess a team's placing in a competition, or for any other reason, the net run rate shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) the aggregate number of runs scored shall be divided by the aggregate number of overs received;
- (b) the aggregate number of runs conceded shall be divided by the aggregate number of overs bowled;
- (c) the sum calculated pursuant to sub-clause (b) shall be deducted from the sum calculated pursuant to sub-clause (a) and the sum remaining shall be the net run rate.

In any match where a target score is applied (due to a reduction in the available number of overs) the run rate of the side that batted first shall be calculated by dividing the sum of one run less than the target score by the total number of overs available to the side batting second.

E.g. Side A scores 250 from 50 overs at an average run rate of 5 runs per over. After a rain interruption, Side B must achieve a target score of 224 from 42 overs at an average run rate of 5.33 to win the match. The run rate for Side A will be adjusted from 5.00 to 5.31 per over (being the sum of 223 divided by 42 overs). This recalculation ensures that if Side A win the game then they will have a better net run rate from the match than the side that they beat. Should they lose the match, the net run rate gained will indicate the difference between the two teams based on the adjusted target achieved by Side B.

For the purposes of the calculation in (a), (b) and (c) above:

- (a) an over which has been commenced but, for any reason, not completed shall be counted as follows

xx.1 overs = xx.167 overs

xx.2 overs = xx.333 overs

xx.3 overs = xx.500 overs

xx.4 overs = xx.667 overs

xx.5 overs = xx.833 overs

and

- (b) if a team is dismissed before the total available overs have been bowled in the relevant innings, the total available overs in that innings shall be deemed to be the number of overs received in order to calculate the net run rate for that innings.

15. BALLS

15.1 **Use of balls:** Law 5 of the Laws of Cricket and the instructions to umpires issued by the MCC shall apply to the use of balls in any match except:

- (a) In all matches a new ball shall be used in each innings.
- (b) A new ball may be requested by the fielding team in Men's Premier and Premier Reserve Grade during the course of either innings after the completion of 80 overs with one ball in that innings.
- (c) A four-piece ball shall be used in all men's Premier, Premier Reserve, Senior A, Senior Open - Afternoon and Women's Premier grade matches, but in all other matches a two-piece ball shall be used.
- (d) The Board of Control shall approve the quality and type of ball for all competitions and notify every club of its decision before the commencement of the season.
- (e) Only one brand and type of ball may be used by each team in each match. For the purposes of clarity if a team starts a match with a Kookaburra Red King they are not permitted to change the ball for a Kookaburra Practice or Dukes Challenger. They must complete the match with a Kookaburra Red King.

15.2 **Approved balls:** The schedule of approved balls is as follows:

2016/17 Season Approved Balls		
Grade	Kookaburra Ball	Dukes Ball
MENS		
Premier Limited Overs	Turf 156g - White	
Premier Two Day	Turf 156g - Red	
Premier T20		Turfmaster 156g - White
Premier Reserve	Regulation 156g	
Senior A	Club Match 156g	
Senior B & C	Red King 156g	
Limited Over Grades	Red King 156g Crown 156g	Avenger 156g Top Line 156g
Saturday & Sunday T20 grades		T20 Orange 156g
U19 (Senior Open), Y9/10 (Junior Open)	Crown 156g	Top Line 156g
Y8 Post Christmas	Crown 156g	Top Line 156g
Twilight Grades	Crown 156g	Top Line 156g
WOMENS		
Women's Premier	Club Match 142g - White Senator 142g - White	
Women's Premier T20	Senator 142g - White	
Emerging Hearts & First Grade	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g
JUNIOR BOYS		
Y6 – all grades	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g
Y7 – all grades	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g
Y8 – all grades	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g
JUNIOR GIRLS		
U12 & U10	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g
U14	Crown 142g	Top Line 142g

15.3 **Changing a ball:** A ball may only be changed during an innings in the following circumstances:

- (a) on the direction of umpires appointed by the ACA to control the match; or
- (b) following agreement by the captains; or

(c) where the ball has clearly lost its spherical shape; or

(d) where the string is coming out of the seam.

16. TEAMS FIELDING LESS THAN ELEVEN PLAYERS

16.1 **Side deemed all out:** Where a team in a two day grade has less than eleven players that team will be, and is deemed to be, dismissed by the fielding side when only one of its players remains who has not been dismissed. For the avoidance of doubt, such a team may only declare its innings closed in the following circumstances:

(a) where that team has seven players, before the fall of its sixth wicket;

(b) where that team has eight players, before the fall of its seventh wicket;

(c) where that team has nine players before the fall of its eighth wicket; and

(d) where that team has ten players before the fall of its ninth wicket.

17. GRADES WHERE TWELVE PLAYERS CAN BE USED

17.1 Any team in a Senior B, Senior C, One Day Grades, President's, Saturday or Sunday Twenty20, Emerging Hearts, Under 19, Year 9-10 or Year 8 Post-Christmas Grade, may select twelve players to play in any match.

17.2 In any situation where twelve players are being used by any team, the captain of a team which has an additional player must advise the opposition captain of the name of the player in his side who will bat but not bowl and the name of the player who will bowl but not bat. Neither of these players shall be allowed to be the wicket-keeper. This advice must be provided prior to the commencement of the match. In the case of a two day fixture, the advice must be provided before the start of play on the first day.

17.3 A team with twelve players must only have eleven players on the field at any one time.

17.4 There will be no "stand down" time on a player who comes into the game and wishes to bowl after being on the side-line.

This playing condition has been included for the purposes of allowing clubs to avoid entering teams which they may be unable to fill every week, but still provide cricket for most or all of their registered players.

18. WOMEN PLAYING IN "MEN'S" COMPETITIONS

18.1 Women are permitted to play in Men's competitions where there is no cricket available for them to play in their usual grade, or at any time with permission from ACA.

19. PENALTY RUNS

19.1 Penalty runs shall apply in Premier Men's and Women's Grade competitions.

19.2 Penalty runs shall only be awarded in all other grades under the following rules:

41.2 – Fielding the ball and;

41.3 – Protective helmets belonging to the fielding side

20. UNDERAGE PLAYERS IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS

20.1 It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that any players under 16 years of age wishing to play in a Senior or Adult grade has the requisite skill and ability to safely participate in such grade.

21. DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR BOWLING

21.1 **Short pitched deliveries:** Law 42.6(a) shall be replaced by the following;

(a) A fast short pitched ball is defined as a ball which passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease.

- (b) The Umpire at the bowlers end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when each fast short pitched delivery has been bowled.
- (c) In addition, for the purpose of this regulation and subject to Law 42.6(a)(i) below, a ball that passes above head height of the batsman, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a Wide.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt any fast short pitched delivery that is called a Wide under this playing condition shall also count as one of the allowable short pitched deliveries in that over.
- (e) In the event of a bowler bowling more than the allowed fast short pitched deliveries in an over as defined in a) above, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall signal No ball on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify this fast short pitched delivery. The Umpire shall call and signal No ball and then tap the head with the other hand.
- (f) If a bowler bowls more than the allowed fast short pitched deliveries in an over, not only must the Umpire call No ball but he must invoke the procedures of cautioning as described in Law 42.7(a).
- (g) If a bowler is No balled a second time in the innings for the same offence, the Umpire shall advise the bowler this is his final warning as provided for in Law 42.7(b).
- (h) A third such offence in the same innings shall cause the Umpire to invoke Law 42.7(c) i.e. the bowler shall be removed forthwith and cannot bowl again in that innings.

The above is not a substitute for Law 42.6(a)(i) (as amended below) which Umpires are able to apply at any time.

21.2 Law 42.6(a)(i) shall be replaced by the following:

The bowling of fast short pitched balls is unfair if the Umpire at the bowler's end considers that by their repetition and taking into account their length, height and direction, they are likely to inflict physical injury on the striker, irrespective of the protective clothing and equipment he may be wearing. The relative skill of the striker shall also be taken into consideration. In the event of such unfair bowling, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall adopt the following procedure:

- (a) In the first instance the Umpire shall call and signal No ball, caution the bowler and inform the other umpire, the Captain of the fielding team and the batsmen of what has occurred.
- (b) If this caution is ineffective, he shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final warning.
- (c) Both the above caution and final warning shall continue to apply even through the bowler may later change ends.
- (d) Should the above warnings prove ineffective the Umpire at the bowler's end shall:
 - i) At the first repetition call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another bowler, provided that the bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively. See Law 22.8. (bowler incapacitated or suspended during an over).
 - ii) Not allow the bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
 - iii) Report the occurrence to the Captain of the batting team as soon as the players leave the field for an interval.
 - iv) Report the occurrence to the Executive of the fielding side and to any Governing Body responsible for the match who shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the bowler concerned.

21.3 **Deliberate Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls:** Law 42.8 shall apply, except that the reference to Law 42.6(b) and Law 42.7 be deleted.