

MEN'S GRADE CRICKET TWO DAY MATCHES

All men's Grade Cricket two-day competition matches shall be played in accordance with:

- (a) The playing conditions specified in this section;
- (b) The Auckland Cricket general playing conditions;
- (c) The conditions specified in Laws of Cricket (2017 Code – 2019 edition) 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. THE COMPETITION

- 1.1 Each team shall play each other team once in a complete round robin.
- 1.2 Formats are subject to change due to grade entries received not being compatible with the eight team per grade format outlined in 1.1.

2. HOURS OF PLAY

- 2.1 **3rd and 4th Grade:**
First Session: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Interval: 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Second Session: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- 2.2 **5th to 8th Grade:**
First Session: 12:30pm – 3:20pm
Interval: 3:20pm – 3:40pm
Second Session: 3:40pm – 6:30pm
- 2.3 The session closing time shall be observed only if (i) the required number of overs have been completed or (ii) if time is lost, in which case the closing time shall be used to calculate the number of overs remaining in the day. (Refer clause 4 of this section)

3. LIMITATION ON FIRST INNINGS IN TWO DAY MATCH (LAW 13.1)

- 3.1 **3rd and 4th Grade:** There shall be a limit of 70 overs in the first innings of each team in 3rd to 4th Grade matches.
- 3.2 **5th to 8th Grade:** There shall be a limit of 60 overs in the first innings of each team in 5th to 8th Grade matches.

4. MINIMUM OVERS & OVER RATES

- 4.1 On each day of a 3rd and 4th Grade match, a minimum of 90 overs shall be bowled, based on an average of 15 overs bowled each hour.
- 4.2 On each day of a 5th to 8th grade match or any other adult two day grade match, a minimum of 80 overs shall be bowled, based on an average of 15 overs bowled each hour.
- 4.3 **Reduction to minimum:** If play is suspended the minimum number of overs to be bowled in the day shall be calculated on whichever of the following two calculations produces the greatest number of overs.

- (a) Either one over for each full four minutes playing time remaining from the commencement (or re-commencement) of play to the scheduled time for the close of play
- (b) Or, the minimum number of overs agreed for the day, less the number of overs already bowled and less all allowances for the suspension of play.
- (c) Two overs are to be reduced from the minimum to be bowled for a change of innings, except where this occurs at a suspension of play (including the lunch interval), when there will be no reduction.

N.B. Time lost is to be calculated by assessing the time available remaining in the day working back from the final session closing time.

5. THE FOLLOW ON (LAW 14)

- 5.1 **Enforcement:** If a team batting second scores at least 100 runs less than the score of the team batting first as at the end of its innings, the opposing captain may elect to enforce the follow on, in which case the team batting second shall be required to bat again.
- 5.2 **No outright win:** Where a two day match is reduced to a limited overs match, as per clause 11.1 there shall not be an outright win.

6. DECLARATIONS AND FORFEITURE (LAW 15)

- 6.1 **Entitlement to declare:** The team batting first shall be entitled to declare its first innings closed on the first day but such declaration shall not be made before the elapse of one hour of actual playing time.
- 6.2 **Restrictive declaration:** Either team's first innings cannot be declared prior to a minimum of one hour of playing time, unless the batting team has been dismissed sooner.
- 6.3 **Mutual declarations:** Where umpires consider there has been an agreement between captains for mutual declarations, they shall report the matter to the judicial committee of the ACA in accordance with the bylaws. Where no official umpires are in attendance, the judicial committee may act on any information received. If the judicial committee finds such an agreement has been made, all points for both sides in that match shall be forfeited.

7. ADVANCEMENT OF INTERVAL (LAW 11)

- 7.1 **Advancement:** If, in any match, adverse weather or ground conditions will or does curtail play, the captains may agree to advance the time for the commencement of the lunch interval but they shall not advance any such time by more than 30 minutes.

8. INNINGS CLOSING NEAR INTERVAL (LAW 11)

- 8.1 **Inclusion of interval:** If an innings closes 15 minutes or less before the time fixed for the lunch interval, such lunch interval shall then be taken and shall be deemed to include the 10 minute interval between innings.

9. LAST HOUR OF MATCH (LAW 12)

- 9.1 **Number of overs:** A minimum of 15 overs shall be bowled in the last hour on the final day of all competition matches. If both captains agree, the match may be concluded at any time during the last hour regardless of whether this minimum has been bowled. On the final day of a match, drinks shall be taken, either when one hour of playing time remains, or when there are 15 overs remaining to be bowled, whichever is the later. The final hour will then commence at the end of the drinks interval with a minimum of 15 overs to be bowled.

9.2 **Intervals between innings and interruptions of play:** If, at the commencement of the last hour of the match, an interval or interruption of play is in progress or if, during the last hour, there is an interval between innings or an interruption of play, the minimum number of overs to be bowled on the resumption of play shall be reduced in proportion to the duration of any such interval or interruption.

The minimum number of overs to be bowled after a resumption of play in the last hour shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) In the case of an interval or interruption of play being in progress at the commencement of the last hour of the match or, in the case of a first interval or interruption, the deduction shall be made from a minimum of 15 overs. No time shall be made up for any interruptions that commence after the start of the last hour.
- (b) In the case of a later interval or interruption, a deduction shall be made from the minimum number of overs which should have been bowled following the resumption of play in the last hour,
- (c) The deductions shall be based on the following factors;
 - i) The number of overs already bowled in the last hour of the match or, in the case of a later interval or interruption, in the last session of play;
 - ii) The number of overs lost as a result of the interval or interruption (one six-ball over for every full four minutes of interval or interruption);
 - iii) Any over left uncompleted at the end of an innings is to be excluded from these calculations;
 - (aa) Any over left uncompleted at the start of an interruption of play is to be completed when play is resumed and shall count as one over bowled;
 - (bb) An interval is to start at the end of an innings and shall end 10 minutes later. The interval is to start on the call of "time" and end on the call of "play"
- (d) If an innings is completed and a new innings has commenced during the last hour of the match, the number of overs to be bowled in the new innings shall be an amount equal to the one over for every four minutes or part thereof remaining for play or alternatively a number of overs which is equal to the minimum quota of overs to be completed under the circumstances specified in (a), (b) and (c) above. In all cases, the alternative which allows the greater number of overs to be bowled shall be employed

10. LOSS OF TIME DUE TO WET WEATHER ON THE FIRST DAY

10.1 **Loss of time:** If playing time is lost on the first day due to adverse weather conditions and only one team has batted and that team has not completed its innings by the scheduled closing time for that day, that team may continue its innings on the second day for a time equivalent to half of any time lost on the first day, or half the numbers of overs lost on the first day, whichever is the greater.

11. CANCELLATION OF PLAY ON FIRST DAY

11.1 If the first day of a match is cancelled (defined as having less than two hours of actual playing time available), that match shall be played on the second day and shall become a limited overs match to be played under the same conditions as the limited overs competition as per section: Men's Grade Cricket Limited Overs Championship Matches with the exception that Bonus Points are per clause 13.5 of the General Playing Conditions shall apply.

12. NO BALL (LAW 21)

12.1 A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one short pitched delivery per over. A short pitched delivery is defined as a delivery that passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease.

12.2 In the event of the bowler bowling more than one short pitched delivery in an over, the umpire shall call and signal No-ball and invoke the procedures of cautioning as described in clause 6.4 of section: General Playing Conditions.

13. THE BALL (LAW 4)

13.1 **Approved balls:** Only balls which are approved balls as specified in clause 15 of section: General Playing Conditions shall be used. No other ball shall be used. A new ball shall be used in each innings of each side.

14. BONUS POINTS

14.1 Bonus points as detailed in clause 13.4 of section: General Playing Conditions will apply in addition to match points.

15. CLUB COMPETITIONS

15.1 **Points:** All points gained in a men's two-day competition shall count towards regular club competitions and the Club Championship.