

# **SECTION II**

# **BY-LAWS**

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## 1. THE LAWS OF CRICKET

- 1.1. The game of cricket shall be played in accordance with the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 code 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2022) with modifications adopted by Cricket Victoria, the Victorian Country Cricket League, Region 7 or the League itself. All rules pertain to Members and Associate Members of Cricket Latrobe Valley, hereon abbreviated to CLV and unless otherwise stated, senior rules shall be those which are not “junior”. However senior rules shall apply to junior cricket for situations that junior rules do not cover.
- 1.2. Five run penalties, with the exception of rules 28.2 (illegal fielding) and 28.3 (protective helmets belonging to the fielding side), will not apply in any CLV matches.

## 2. CHANGES TO BY LAWS

- 2.1. The Board of Management may from time to time, make, repeal and amend all such By Laws (not inconsistent with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, the Regulations made hereunder, the Statement of Purposes of Cricket Latrobe Valley or these rules), as it shall consider for proper management of the business and affairs of the League.
- 2.2. Such By-Laws shall be binding upon members until set aside at a general meeting of CLV.
- 2.3. The By Laws shall be published in printed form and available to Members and Associate Members.

## 3. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.1. All players (senior and junior) are required to be registered on the CLV PlayHQ website on or before the first day in which a new player participates.
- 3.2. A player, once having registered with an affiliated club shall remain registered with that club until transferred in accordance with By-Law 4 or if the Player does not play with the club for the remainder of that season and the following season.
- 3.3. A player is not permitted to play on permit in another association on Saturday and then play in the CLV on the next day.
- 3.4. Permission will not be granted for a player to participate in CLV senior matches who registers with a CLV club then plays with another Region 7 Association during one season.
- 3.5. A player who is banned from playing in another Association is also deemed ineligible to play in the CLV for the duration of the ban/suspension.
- 3.6. A junior player who registers with a club from another Region 7 association, will be eligible to play with a CLV club in the junior competition once a season permit has been approved.
- 3.7. A registered junior player can only play cricket with another CLV club if the club they registered with does not have a team in the age group they want to participate in.
  - 3.7.1. The junior player can only play senior cricket at the club they register with, unless that club does not have a senior team.
  - 3.7.2. A season permit must be completed and approved before the player can play for another CLV club under this bylaw.
- 3.8. If a club has any doubts as to the eligibility of a player, it is the club's responsibility to clarify the matter with the CLV Secretary before the player participates in a game.

**3.9.** If it is found that a club has not followed these rules in regards to player registration, the player will be considered an ineligible player. A team with an ineligible player will be deemed to have lost the game/s in which player participates, and all premierships points will be awarded to the opposition. A fine may also be imposed on the offending club.

#### **4. PLAYER TRANSFERS**

**4.1.** Transfer applications shall commence on 1 August and finish on 31 December.

**4.2.** Transfer applications will be submitted on PlayHQ and must be approved by CLV before the player can participate in a match with their new club.

**4.3.** A player shall not be permitted to play with a CLV club without first obtaining a transfer where they are a registered player of another club, either within CLV or another association, and have played with that club in the current or previous season immediately prior to their transfer application.

**4.4.** A transfer will not be required where a player has not played with their previous club in either the current or previous season. This player must be registered in accordance with By-Law 3 prior to playing for their new club.

**4.5.** A player will not be granted a transfer if he/she is unfinancial with their present club. An unfinancial player is defined as having debts unpaid by the player to the present club in the previous two years.

**4.6.** If the club to which the transfer application has been sent does not reply within 5 days, then an automatic transfer will be granted.

**4.7.** All appeals in regard to any refused or automatic transfers shall in the first instance be ruled on by the Director of Senior Cricket. Thereafter any such matters shall be referred to the independent Tribunal.

#### **5. POST CHRISTMAS TRANSFERS**

**5.1.** If a player who changes their place of residence as a result of a change in employment or significant personal reasons, seeks a transfer to play in CLV after 31 December and they have played in the current season a transfer application will need to be submitted. The club should also notify the CLV Secretary about the circumstances of the player in order for the transfer to be approved. The transfer must be approved by the player's previous club and by the CLV Secretary before the player will be eligible to participate in CLV matches.

#### **6. PREMIER CRICKET PLAYERS**

**6.1.** A CLV registered player is permitted to play a maximum of 6 playing days with a Premier Cricket club during a season and remain a registered player within CLV.

**6.2.** Where a player plays more than 6 playing days with a Premier Cricket club during a season, they will need a transfer from the relevant Premier cricket club prior to playing again in the CLV competition.

#### **7. THE COMPETITION**

**7.1.** Each season:

**7.1.1.** Clubs will nominate the teams they wish to enter;

**7.1.2.** The Board of Management will sort all teams into grades; and

**7.1.3.** The teams in each grade will compete for the premiership in that grade.

## **7.2. TEAM ENTRIES AND GRADING**

- 7.2.1.** When grading, the Board of Management will observe the following criteria in grading teams:
- 7.2.1.1.** In 6 team competitions, promotion and relegation will generally be based on the premise of one team up and one team down. In the case of a tied grand final, the highest ranked team after the home & away season will be promoted.
  - 7.2.1.2.** In 8 (or more) team competitions, promotion and relegation will generally be based on the premise of two teams up and two teams down.
- 7.2.2.** Clubs will be required to nominate their senior teams to the CLV Secretary by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- 7.2.3.** Upon nominating their senior sides, the club must:
- 7.2.3.1.** Confirm/withdraw their senior teams that played in the previous season.
  - 7.2.3.2.** Proof that annual returns required by Consumer Affairs Victoria to maintain registration as an Incorporated Association have been submitted.
  - 7.2.3.3.** Nominate new teams.
  - 7.2.3.4.** Advise of any exceptional circumstances which may impact on the ability of the club to field teams in the coming season.
  - 7.2.3.5.** Promotion and Relegation - premise of two teams up and two teams down. The team placed highest on the ladder after the home and away season will be promoted, along with the premiership team. If these are the same team, the Grand Final runner up will be promoted. In the case of a tied Grand Final, the highest ranked team after the home & away season will be promoted.
  - 7.2.3.6.** Any clubs owing money to CLV will not be accepted in to competitions until all monies owing are paid in full or a payment plan has been agreed and accepted between the CLV and the club.
  - 7.2.3.7.** Only one team from a club may be permitted to compete in B grade divisions and above.
- 7.2.4.** If a club withdraws a team from a standard competition grade, they must withdraw their lowest team, unless approved by the Board of Management. For example, a club cannot withdraw its B Grade team and maintain its C grade team.
- 7.2.5.** Any new teams will be inserted into the lowest available grade, although the Board of Management reserves the right to insert a new team into a higher grade where circumstances warrant this.
- 7.2.6.** Clubs will only be permitted to have 2 teams in the one (1) division once they have teams in all other grades, unless approved by the CLV Board.

## **7.3. FINAL GRADINGS**

- 7.3.1.** Clubs will be notified at the earliest possible time of final gradings with exception of the two lowest grades.
- 7.3.2.** A club may contest these gradings by notice to the Board of Management within 7 days of this notification. Alterations to final grades will only be considered due to exceptional circumstances.

## **7.4. HELMETS**

- 7.4.1.** CLV endorses Cricket Australia in strongly recommending that all junior and senior players wear British Standard (7928:2013) compliant helmets when batting, wicket keeping up to the stumps and fielding in close to the batter.

## **7.5. SCORERS**

- 7.5.1.** Each team should supply a scorer in all Premier A & A Grade matches. All teams in B & C grades are recommended to supply a scorer for matches, particularly for finals matches.

- 7.5.2.** Every match in the A grade divisions must be live scored on the PlayHQ platform. The home (or first named team) is responsible for organising the live scoring.
- 7.5.3.** Every finals match in the senior and junior divisions must be live scored on the PlayHQ platform. The home (or first named team) is responsible for organising the live scoring.

## **8. CRICKET BALLS**

- 8.1.** Cricket balls used in all grades shall be approved by the CLV Board of Management. The balls approved by CLV are manufactured by Kookaburra and must be stamped with the CLV logo. In all A,B & C Grade divisions 156g balls are to be used.
- 8.2.** A grade competitions shall use approved four piece balls (minimum standard - Kookaburra Regulation ball) in all matches. A pink ball will be used for 20/20 matches. A white ball will be used for one day matches. A red ball will be used for two day matches and finals.
- 8.3.** B grade competitions shall use approved four piece balls (Kookaburra Senator ball) in all matches. A white ball will be used for one day matches.
- 8.4.** C grade competitions shall use approved four piece balls (Kookaburra Senator ball) in all matches. A white ball will be used for one day matches.
- 8.5.** Women's competitions shall use approved two piece ball (minimum standard – Kookaburra Senator 142g pink) in all matches.
- 8.6.** Under 16 competitions shall use approved four piece balls (minimum standard - Kookaburra Senator ball) in all matches. White balls to be used in all matches.
- 8.7.** Under 14 mixed competitions shall use approved two piece balls (minimum standard - Kookaburra Red King ball) in all matches. White balls to be used in all matches.
- 8.8.** Under 14 female competitions shall use the Kookaburra Senator 142g pink ball in all matches.
- 8.9.** Under 12 competitions shall use the Kookaburra Practice 142g ball in all matches. White balls to be used in all matches.
- 8.10.** Under 10 competitions shall use the Kookaburra Star ball in all matches.

## **9. UMPIRES**

### **9.1. UMPIRES ACCREDITATION**

- 9.1.1.** All umpire members must complete the Cricket Australia National Accreditation.
- 9.1.2.** All umpire panel members will familiarise themselves with CLV Match Rules and Playing Conditions, and may be required to complete an accreditation based on these rules and by laws.

### **9.2. UMPIRE PAYMENTS**

- 9.2.1.** All umpire payments for Home & Away and Finals matches will be determined by the Board of Management in consultation with the Cricket Latrobe Valley Umpires Association (CLVUA) and clubs at a meeting prior to the commencement of the season.
- 9.2.2.** Where no play is possible the umpires shall receive a minimum payment of \$10.00 per club.
- 9.2.3.** If less than 50% of a day's play is completed the umpires shall be entitled to 50% of their scheduled match payment. In all other circumstances the umpires shall be entitled to their full match payment.

**9.2.4.** Payment of the umpire's match fees should be made at the conclusion of each day's play.

### **9.3. UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**9.3.1.** All official umpires will wear appropriate dress whilst officiating, and control the game according to the MCC Laws of Cricket and the current Constitution and Bylaws of CLV.

**9.3.2.** Official umpires must be present at the ground at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of play to ensure the wickets are installed correctly, arrange for the toss of the coin, and to ensure play starts on time. The umpire/s shall assume control for the ground 30 minutes prior to the start of play and make all decisions regarding the use of covers until the end of the day's play. Official umpires shall define the boundary and any other obstructions with the captains prior to the commencement of play.

**9.3.3.** If a ball which has been used for the last over on the first day is to be used again for the start of the second day's play, the official umpire will retain the ball between match days.

## **10. NOMINATION OF TEAMS**

### **10.1. SENIOR CRICKET**

**10.1.1.** Before the toss is conducted prior to the commencement of the match, captains or their deputies shall declare the players in their teams by exchanging team sheets. No alterations can be made to the declared team after the toss is conducted without the consent of the opposing captain.

**10.1.2.** For all A Grade division competitions a Player Point System (See By Law 11) is used and must be followed.

**10.1.3.** A player is not permitted to play in the C Grade division if in the previous round they played in an A Grade division match. If in the previous round a club has a bye, the round is postponed or abandoned, the club must make application to the league to seek permission for a player to drop from the A Grade division to the C Grade division.

### **10.2. JUNIOR CRICKET**

**10.2.1.** Up to 14 players can be nominated in U16 and U14 teams. All players may bat and bowl, but only 11 are permitted on the field at any given time, and the batting team innings will conclude when 10 wickets have fallen.

### **10.3. LATE ARRIVAL TO GAMES**

**10.3.1.** Where a player arrives late to a game, that player is permitted to either commence batting or bowling immediately upon arrival to the game.

## **11. PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM**

**11.1.** A player points system is in place for the selection of teams in the A Grade divisions. It does not apply to Women's, B or C Grade divisions.

**11.2.** The intent of the PPS is to encourage:

**11.2.1.** Player recruitment from outside of the Association and overseas, and

**11.2.2.** Encourage players to explore their potential and opportunities at higher level cricket and be able to return to their home club as a 1 point player.

**11.3.** Each team will be allocated a maximum number of points available for team selection for each day's play. The allocation of points will be aligned to the finishing position of each team in the previous season.

**11.4.** Clubs will be notified prior to the commencement of the season about their maximum point limit for the coming season.

**11.5.** The points limit for individual clubs will vary according to their finishing position in the previous season.

**11.6.** In the inaugural season of CLV and for teams entering the A grade competition for the first time in subsequent seasons this initial points limit will be determined by the Board of Management.

**11.7. PLAYER CATEGORIES AND POINTS ALLOCATION**

<b>11.7.1.</b>	International experience	5 points
<b>11.7.2.</b>	First class/ Premier cricket (1st grade)	4 points
<b>11.7.3.</b>	Players recruited from another CLV club	3 points
<b>11.7.4.</b>	Overseas club cricketer	2 points
<b>11.7.5.</b>	Player from another association	2 points
<b>11.7.6.</b>	Player returning from another club within 3 seasons of their departure.	1 point
<b>11.7.7.</b>	Players returning to club where they played the majority of their junior cricket.	1 point
<b>11.7.8.</b>	International, First Class / District Equivalent players returning to their home club	1 point
<b>11.7.9.</b>	Players that have not played any level of cricket for at least 3 seasons	1 point

**11.8.** Points are allocated based on the players previous season in Australia, unless:

**11.8.1.** The player has international experience within the past two calendar years,

**11.8.2.** The player has been recruited from overseas, and/or

**11.8.3.** The player has not played cricket for more than three years.

**11.9.** Where a player who changes clubs fits more than one category, they shall be considered in the category that attracts the least points. Where doubt exists, the players point allocation will be determined by the Board of Management.

**11.10.** Clubs are able to request special dispensation and/or submit information for consideration where they believe special circumstances exist that could realise a reduction in the points allocated to a player.

**11.11.** Existing club players that are not new recruits are 1 point players.

**11.12.** Each individual player's point allocation will reduce by one point for each consecutive season played with the same club.

**11.13.** Where a team is found to have exceeded their points allocation in a match then this will be deemed a forfeit.

**11.14.** It is the club's responsibility to ensure that they comply with this By-law.

**12. SUBSTITUTE RULE**

**12.1.** The intent of this rule is to accommodate players that are unavailable to play on either the first or second day of a two day game.

**12.2.** For two day games, up to two (2) substitute players may be nominated and identified on the team sheet prior to the toss of the coin. The team sheet must state the player they are replacing and the dates of the substitution. Player substitutions are for a full day of play – one player only can play on day one, and one player can play on day two.

**12.3.** Once a player substitution is listed on the team sheet it cannot be changed without the prior consent of the opposing captain.

**12.4.** Should the player being substituted be not out or part way through an unfinished over at the end of the first day's play, the substitute player shall complete the batting innings or the unfinished over at the commencement of the next day's play.

**12.5.** Should the player being substituted be dismissed batting on day one, the substitute player will not be permitted to bat in that innings on day two.

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**12.6.** The substitute player is permitted to play in a different grade of cricket on the day where they are not the substitute player.

### **13. UNDER AGE PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN SENIOR CRICKET**

**13.1.** All players aged under 16 on 1 September in the season of the competition shall be indicated on the Team Sheet for the application of this By-Law

**13.2.** Any player under eighteen years of age on 1 September in the season of the competition shall wear a helmet with a full-face grill when batting or standing up to the stumps as wicket keeper in any grade of cricket (senior or junior) administered by CLV, or when playing in a representative team for CLV.

#### **13.3. FAST BOWLING INJURY PREVENTION**

**13.3.1.** These guidelines shall apply to any bowler of medium pace or faster, broadly defined as any bowler who is not a spinner, and for whom the wicket keeper would normally stand back.

**13.3.2.** The Players age shall be determined as that on 1 September preceding the cricket season and the limitations apply to that player for the entire season in all levels of competition.

**13.3.3.** There is **no** limit on the number of consecutive overs a junior player can bowl in a match played under one day or T/20 match conditions.

**13.3.4.** In matches played under 2 (two) day match conditions, junior bowlers are limited to a maximum 10 over spell and 20 overs in a day.

**13.3.5.** Break between spells of bowling: Bowlers who complete a spell must not resume bowling until the same number of overs have been bowled from the same end (i.e. If a bowler bowls 5 consecutive overs, then another 5 overs must be bowled from that end before the player may commence another spell of bowling).

**13.3.6.** Change of bowling type: If a bowler begins with medium pace or faster and changes to slow bowling during play the limitations of this rule remain in place throughout the days play.

**13.3.7.** If a bowler begins with slow bowling and changes to medium pace or faster then this 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.

### **14. PLAYING UNIFORMS**

**14.1.** All playing shirts complete with any sponsor or club logos shall be approved by the Board of Management prior to being worn in any official matches conducted by CLV.

**14.2.** Any club found to be using playing shirts not approved by the Board of Management shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and shall be liable for fines as deemed appropriate by the Board.

**14.3.** All players must be correctly attired. White or cream shirts and pants with shoes that are predominantly white, unless coloured clothing is to be worn as stated in 14.4 & 14.5

**14.4.** Coloured clothing (both shirts and pants) that has been approved by the Board of Management is required to be worn in all A Grade and B Grade division one day matches and 20/20 matches.

**14.4.1.** Teams must wear coloured clothing in Premier B Grade two day matches.

- 14.5.** Women's, C & Junior division grades must wear approved coloured clothing (tops) on days where one day matches or 20/20 matches are played, all members of the team must wearing the same coloured clothing. Teams have the option of wearing coloured or white / cream pants.

## **15. GROUNDS**

- 15.1.** The Board of Management will arrange for the scheduling of all home and away matches and may alter this schedule during the season if circumstances warrant. Dates and times of matches may also be varied if necessary.

## **16. PITCHES**

- 16.1.** All CLV matches will be played on a type of pitch approved by the Board of Management.
- 16.2.** In Premier A grade, all matches must be scheduled to be played on turf wickets, unless extraordinary circumstances exist. In A Grade, matches will be predominately played on turf wickets. Matches in lower senior grades and in junior grades may be played on turf or hard wickets.
- 16.3.** Clubs shall improve the standard of pitch when directed to do so by the Board of Management or the umpire. Spikes can only be worn when the match is played on a turf wicket.
- 16.4.** In matches played on pitches other than turf wickets (synthetic, matting), any ball which hits the ground off either side of the pitch or on the edge of the pitch shall be called a "no ball".
- 16.5.** If the pitch is laid in two halves the ball lands in the middle between the mats the umpire should call dead ball and another ball bowled.

## **17. TURF WICKETS**

### **17.1. USE OF COVERS PRIOR TO MATCH DAY**

- 17.1.1.** The home/host club must ensure the covers are laid on the wicket by dusk on the day preceding the match, or earlier if requested by the CLV board.
- 17.1.2.** If the home/host club does not wish to lay covers on the day preceding the match, they must seek permission to do so from the nominated CLV board member. If the nominated CLV board member approves the request to not use covers on the day before the match the decision shall be informed to both teams participating in the match and the umpires.
- 17.1.3.** Where a club fails to lay covers as directed and fails to obtain approval from the nominated CLV board member as outlined in this Bylaw, the club may be fined and/or penalised match points. The penalty will be considered by the Board of Management and advised as soon as possible after the completion of the match. The Board of Management may award match points to the opposition club participating in this match.

### **17.2. GROUND SUITABILITY**

- 17.2.1.** In the event of wet weather, and where the match has not been abandoned prior to the commencement of play by the nominated CLV board member, the umpire will be the judge as to the fitness of the wicket and ground for play. Where there is no umpire then the captains of the participating teams will assume this responsibility. Umpires and captains must consider their duty of care to player safety when making these decisions

### **17.3. CHANGE OF TURF WICKET VENUE**

- 17.3.1.** If a home team considers a turf wicket venue to be unsuitable for play, the nominated CLV board member must be advised by not later than 9am on the scheduled day of play by the home team.

#### 17.4. ROLLING OF TURF WICKETS

- 17.4.1. The turf wicket may be rolled for not more than seven (7) minutes during the change of innings where the team coming into bat wishes this to happen. Otherwise, there will be no rolling of the wicket during the course of the day's play.

### 18. POINTS SYSTEM

- 18.1. The following points system shall be used for all senior grades of cricket:

#### 18.1.1. TWO DAY GAMES

Outright win – lead on first innings	10 points
Forfeit	10 points
Outright win – tie on first innings	8 points
Outright win – trail on first innings	6 points
First innings win	6 points
Outright tie	5 points
Outright loss after leading on first innings	4 points
First innings tie – no further result	3 points
Draw on first innings	3 points
Outright loss after tie on first innings	2 points

#### 18.1.2. ONE DAY GAMES

First innings win	4 points
First innings tie, draw or abandoned game	2 points
BONUS*	1 point

#### 18.1.3. T/20 GAMES

First innings win	2 points
First innings tie, draw or abandoned game	1 point

#### 18.1.4. BYES (applies in all senior and junior games)

- 18.1.4.1. Nil points will be allocated for byes during the home & away season, unless there is an uneven number of byes allocated in any grade. In this case, a team (or teams) that has an additional bye will be allocated the maximum points attained by any other team in that round. The rounds that the bye team (or teams) receive points will only apply to those rounds as directed by the CLV board.

- 18.2. A bonus point can be earned in A grade division one day matches as follows:

- 18.2.1. The team that achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point.

- 18.2.2. 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 full overs entitlement its run rate shall be the runs scored divided by the full overs entitlement.

- 18.2.3. 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.

***Please note that bonus points are not awarded in B grade or C grade division matches***

## 19. BOWLING PENALTIES

- 19.1. Where bowling teams are late in completing the required number of overs within the allowed time period, then they may be fined or penalised 0.2 points for every over not completed within the allowed period.
- 19.2. The nominated CLV board member will oversee decisions relating to penalties for slow over rates.
- 19.3. Umpire reports should record reasons for delays during the innings, and this will be considered in determining if a penalty is imposed

## 20. HIGHER GRADE BYE

- 20.1. Should there be a bye in the fixture of a higher grade, a maximum of one (1) senior player and an unlimited number of female registered and under 18 (as of 1st September in that season) players who played the previous round in the higher grade may take part in the match contested by the team in the next lowest grade.
- 20.2. If a club is unable to field a team as a result of this rule, they may apply to the nominated CLV board member for a temporary exemption from this rule.

## 21. FORFEITS

- 21.1. If a team is not at the ground and ready to start within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, then that team will be deemed to have forfeited that match. The starting time may be at the commencement of play for the day, or the re-commencement of play following any break.
- 21.2. A team must have at least eight (8) players in attendance (Open divisions) six(6) in (Womens Divisions) to be deemed ready to commence the match.
- 21.3. A team which is found to have an ineligible player will be deemed to have forfeited the match. The performance of players other than the ineligible player shall count in the normal manner for the purpose of any award.
- 21.4. If a club must forfeit a match, their lowest graded team must be forfeited.
- 21.5. Once a team has forfeited three (3) times in the one (1) season, the CLV board may withdraw that team for the remainder of the season. The club will be able to appeal the decision to the CLV board.
- 21.6. If a club withdraws a team after the season has begun, and the CLV board is unable to amend the draw, all teams scheduled to play the withdrawn team will be allocated a forfeit win on first innings points regardless of other results in that round. Match result will be entered as per 22.5 and the winning team will be able to select a side as per 23.2.1

## 22. PERCENTAGE

- 22.1. If two or more clubs have equal points, the one having the highest percentage will be deemed to have the highest ranking on the ladder.
- 22.2. Percentages are calculated according to the formulae:  
$$\frac{\text{Runs scored for}}{\text{Wickets lost}} \quad \text{divided by} \quad \frac{\text{Runs scored against}}{\text{Wickets taken}}$$
- 22.3. For the purposes of calculating percentage, the team declaring its innings closed or having its innings compulsorily closed shall be deemed to have lost only the number of wickets actually taken.
- 22.4. Where a batting team is all out at less than ten wickets due to batsmen being absent or a full team not being fielded, then for the purposes of percentage calculations the batting team is deemed to have lost 10 wickets and the bowling team will be credited with having taken all ten wickets.

- 22.5.** If a forfeit occurs where no play takes place then the forfeiting team is deemed to have lost the maximum number of wickets (10 for a one day game, 20 for a two day game) for 0 runs.
- 22.6.** If a forfeit occurs in a partly completed match then the Board of Management shall determine the percentage.

### **23. QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS**

- 23.1.** To be eligible to play in any finals match, the player must have played a minimum of five days of home and away cricket in the association with that club. Being selected as the 12th player does not qualify in respect of this matter, unless it is as a designated bowler/batter in the B or C Grade divisions.
- 23.2.** In determining the number of games a player has played the following shall apply:
- 23.2.1.** A team which wins on forfeit may nominate 12 players (11 players in the A Grade divisions) who did not play in any other grade on that day. This must be completed by 8pm on the day after the game was scheduled for finish. Suspended players may not be nominated.
- 23.2.2.** A team which loses on forfeit shall not be allowed to nominate players for the purpose of qualifying for finals in the forfeited match.
- 23.2.3.** Where all games in a round are abandoned prior to the scheduled commencement of play, clubs shall be allowed to nominate players for the purpose of qualifying for finals up until 12 noon on the day of the game. Players are not to be nominated after this time.
- 23.2.4.** In the case of a bye, clubs shall not be allowed to nominate players for the purpose of qualifying for finals, unless bye is created "in season", due to a team withdrawing after the season has commenced.
- 23.2.5.** Where a game is washed out, but there are other games played in the round, a team may nominate 12 players (11 players in the A Grade divisions) who did not play in any other grade on that day. This must be completed by 8pm on the day after the game was scheduled for finish. Suspended players may not be nominated.
- 23.3.** To be eligible to play finals in any grade of cricket, the player must have played a minimum of five days in that grade or below in the current season, with the exception listed at Bylaw 23.4.
- 23.3.1.** For the purposes of ranking the grades, the order of grades from top to bottom is;
- 1st Premier A & A Grade
  - 2nd Premier B & B Grade
  - 3rd Premier C & C Grade
  - 4th U/16s
  - 5th U/14s
  - 6th U/12s
- 23.3.2.** Any matches played in the Women's Division shall count towards finals eligibility in any of the Senior Men's grades
- 23.4.** If a player has played a total of nine (9) or more days of cricket in higher grade/s, using the ranking system in 23.3.1, during the current season then the player will not be eligible for selection in the finals for the lower grade team.
- 23.4.1.** Any matches played in the Women's Division will not count in the case of bylaw 23.4
- 23.5.** All players aged under 16 on 1 September in the season of the competition are eligible for senior finals in any grade as long as the following criteria is followed:
- 23.5.1.** They are qualified as per by law 23.3

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- 23.5.2.** If they play 9 (nine) or more days in higher grade, they player will NOT be eligible for finals two (2) grades below. For example, a junior player has played 9 days in A grade over the home & away season, they will be eligible for B grade finals, but NOT eligible for C grade finals.
- 23.6.** Where a club has teams playing in finals in consecutive grades on the same day, then Bylaw 23.4 will not apply to players qualified for the team playing finals in the higher grade. Any players selected in a winning semi-final team, will not have Bylaw 23.4 applied to them, and they will remain eligible to play in the Grand Final team of the same grade.
- 23.7.** Where a club fields two (2) or more teams in the same grade, a player must play at least five (5) days in an individual team to be eligible to represent that team in finals
- 23.8.** Where a club fields two (2) or more teams in the same grade, once a player plays six (6) or more days in an individual team then this player is ineligible to play for the other team/s in that grade for the remainder of the season, including finals.
- 23.8.1.** If a club is unable to field a team during the home & away season as a result of this rule, they may apply to the CLV board for a temporary exemption from this rule.
- 23.9.** A player cannot play in a semi-final in two grades of senior open division cricket.
- 23.10.** A player cannot play in a grand final in two grades of senior open division cricket.
- 23.11.** It is the clubs' responsibility to understand these rules, and must contact the CLV secretary prior to finals commencing for clarification if in any doubt.

## **24. SEMI FINAL MATCHES**

- 24.1. SENIOR CRICKET**
- 24.1.1.** At the conclusion of the home and away matches, where a senior competition has eleven teams or less the top four teams in each grade as decided by points and percentage shall contest the finals series.
- 24.1.2.** The finals series shall consist of two semi-final matches:
- 24.1.2.1.** First placed team vs Fourth placed team
- 24.1.2.2.** Second placed team vs Third place team
- 24.1.3.** In the case of a tie, draw or washout, the team finishing higher on the ladder shall advance to the Grand Final.
- 24.1.4.** Where a senior competition has twelve or more teams, the top six in that grade will contest the finals series, (except where it is announced that the grade is played in two conferences).
- 24.1.5.** The finals series shall consist of two elimination final matches:
- 24.1.5.1.** Third placed team vs Sixth placed team.
- 24.1.5.2.** Fourth placed team vs Fifth place team.
- 24.1.6.** Following the elimination final matches there will be two semi-final matches:
- 24.1.6.1.** First placed team vs lowest ranked Elimination final winner.
- 24.1.6.2.** Second placed team vs highest ranked Elimination final winner.
- 24.1.7.** Where a senior competition has twelve or more teams and is played in two conferences then the top three teams from each conference will contest the finals series.
- 24.1.8.** The finals series shall consist of two elimination final matches:
- 24.1.8.1.** Second placed team vs Third placed team. (conference A)
- 24.1.8.2.** Second placed team vs Third placed team. (conference B)

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- 24.1.9.** Following the elimination final matches there will be two semi-final matches:
- 24.1.9.1.** First placed team (conference A) vs Elimination final winner (conference A).
- 24.1.9.2.** First placed team (conference B) vs Elimination final winner (conference B).
- 24.1.10.** In the case of a tie, draw or washout, the team finishing higher on the ladder shall advance to the Grand Final.
- 24.1.11.** The participating clubs in semi-finals shall supply joint afternoon teas. In the case of 2 day matches, the highest placed club will supply for day 1 and the lower placed club will supply day 2
- 24.1.12.** Club will pay the umpires on all days of semi-final matches.
- 24.2. JUNIOR CRICKET**
- 24.2.1.** At the conclusion of the home and away matches, where a junior competition is played in one zone and has ten teams or less the top four teams in each grade as decided by points and percentage shall contest the finals series.
- 24.2.2.** The finals series shall consist of two semi-final matches:
- 24.2.2.1.** First placed team vs Fourth placed team
- 24.2.2.2.** Second placed team vs Third place team
- 24.2.2.3.** In the case of a tie, draw or washout, the team finishing higher on the ladder shall advance to the Grand Final.
- 24.2.3.** Where a junior competition has eleven teams or more, or is split into two or more zones then the finals format will be announced at the commencement of the season after team participation in the grade has been confirmed.
- 24.3. ALLOCATION OF VENUES FOR SEMI FINAL MATCHES**
- 24.3.1.** Premier A Grade: The first placed team in Premier A Grade shall have first choice from the nominated turf wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in Premier A Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.2.** A Grade: The first placed team in A Grade shall have first choice from the remaining turf wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in A Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.3.** Premier B Grade: The first placed team in Premier B Grade shall have first choice from the remaining turf wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in Premier B Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.4.** B Grade: The first placed team in B Grade shall have first choice from the remaining turf wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in B Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.5.** Premier C Grade: The first placed team in Premier C Grade shall have first choice from the nominated hard wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in Premier C Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.6.** C Grade: The first placed team in C Grade shall have first choice from the nominated hard wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in C Grade shall have next choice from the remaining grounds.
- 24.3.7.** Women's Division: The first placed team in the Women's Division shall have first choice from the grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team shall have the next choice from the remaining grounds.

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Semi Final matches in the Women's Division can be played on either Turf or Hard wickets.

- 24.3.8.** Under 16: Semi-finals in the under 16 competition must be played on turf wickets. The first placed team in the under 16 competition shall have first choice from the nominated turf wicket grounds available for semi-final matches. The second placed team in the under 16 competition shall have next choice from the remaining turf wicket grounds.
- 24.3.9.** Under 14: Semi-finals in the under 14 competition should be played on hard wickets. The highest placed team on the ladder in each semi-final shall host the semi-final game at their home ground unless this is deemed to be unsuitable. Where a ground is deemed unsuitable for play then the Junior Director of Cricket will be responsible for allocating an alternative ground, which may include the home ground of the lower placed team.
- 24.3.10.** Under 12: Semi-finals in the under 12 competition must be played on hard wickets. The highest placed team on the ladder in each semi-final shall host the semi-final game at their home ground unless this is deemed to be unsuitable. Where a ground is deemed unsuitable for play then the Junior Director of Cricket will be responsible for allocating an alternative ground, which may include the home ground of the lower placed team.

## **25. GRAND FINAL MATCHES**

- 25.1.** The winners of all Semi Final matches shall play in the Grand Final match of that respective grade.
- 25.2.** In the event of an abandoned, drawn or tied match after the reserve day/s, the higher placed team on the ladder at the end of the home and away season shall be declared the Premier.
- 25.3.** The host club of all junior & senior Grand Finals will supply afternoon tea & drinks for all days of play. Host clubs will be required to follow the minimum requirements for the afternoon tea as set out by the CLV Board. Host clubs will be reimbursed by the Board of Management if the guidelines are followed.
- 25.4.** The board of CLV will supply the balls for all days of play in junior & senior Grand Finals, they will also pay the umpires for all days of play in the senior Grand Finals

### **25.5. ALLOCATION OF VENUES FOR GRAND FINAL MATCHES**

- 25.5.1.** The Board of Management shall select all Grand Final venues for both senior and junior competitions.
- 25.5.2.** All A and B grade division grand finals must be played on turf wickets. All C grade division grand finals must be played on a hard wicket.
- 25.5.3.** The Women's Division grand final venue is at the discretion of the Board of Management, and can be played on either turf or hard wicket.
- 25.5.4.** The under 16 grand final must be played on a turf wicket. The under 14 and under 12 grand finals must be played on a hard wicket.

## **26. QUALIFICATION FOR AWARDS**

### **26.1. SENIOR CRICKET**

- 26.1.1.** The minimum qualifications for batting and bowling averages in senior grades of cricket shall be:  
Batting: minimum of eight innings and 250 runs in the respective grade.  
Bowling: minimum of 50 overs bowled and 20 wickets in the A and B grade divisions. Minimum of 50 overs bowled and 15 wickets in the C Grade divisions.
- 26.1.2.** Averages are calculated at the end of the home and away matches and do not include performances in finals.

- 26.1.3.** For individual statistics to count towards end of season awards, a match must have one completed innings or 20 completed overs in one day & two day matches or 10 completed overs in a T/20 match.
- 26.2. JUNIOR CRICKET**
- 26.2.1.** The minimum qualifications for batting and bowling averages in junior grades of cricket shall be:  
 Batting: minimum of four innings and 100 runs in the respective grade.  
 Bowling: minimum of 20 overs bowled and 8 wickets in the respective grade.
- 26.2.2.** For the purposes of calculating averages in junior cricket, retired is considered not out.
- 26.2.3.** If a junior player hasn't been dismissed during the home and away season, for the purposes of calculating averages, they will be considered to be dismissed once.
- 26.2.4.** For individual statistics to count towards end of season awards, a match must have one completed innings or 20 completed overs in a 80 over(maximum) match or 10 completed overs in a 40 over (maximum) match.
- 26.3. WOMEN'S CRICKET**
- 26.3.1.** The minimum qualifications for batting and bowling averages in women's grades of cricket shall be:  
 Batting: minimum of six innings and 150 runs in the respective grade.  
 Bowling: minimum of 15 overs bowled and 10 wickets in the respective grade.
- 26.3.2.** For the purposes of calculating averages in women's cricket, retired is considered not out.
- 26.3.3.** Averages are calculated at the end of the home and away matches and do not include performances in finals.
- 26.3.4.** 4 If a player hasn't been dismissed during the home and away season, for the purposes of calculating averages, they will be considered to be dismissed once.
- 26.3.5.** For individual statistics to count towards end of season awards, a match must have one completed innings or 10 completed overs in a match.
- 26.4.** The minimum qualifications may be reviewed the Board of Management should it be considered that the season has been significantly affected by weather or other factors. Any decision made will apply to all players and individual cases will not be considered.

## **27. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 27.1. SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 27.1.1.** The club championship will be determined by points allocated during the home and away matches, and does not include the results of finals.
- 27.1.2.** Points will be accumulated for the Club Championship as follows:
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| Premier A grade | Match points multiplied by six (6)   |
| A grade         | Match points multiplied by five (5)  |
| Premier B grade | Match points multiplied by four (4)  |
| B grade         | Match points multiplied by three (3) |
| Premier C grade | Match points multiplied by two (2)   |
| C Grade         | Match points multiplied by one (1)   |
- 27.1.3.** Where two or more clubs finish on the same number of points then the club with the highest percentage calculated over all grades shall be awarded.
- 27.1.4.** Where a club has two (2) teams in the same grade, then only the highest placed teams match points will be included for the purposes of calculating the Club Championship.

**27.1.5.** Any merged teams will have their points equally split between the 2 clubs when allocated club championship points.

**27.2. JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**27.2.1.** The junior club championship will be determined by points allocated during the home and away matches, and does not include the results of finals.

**27.2.2.** Points will be accumulated for the Club Championship as follows:

U16 grade Match points divided by Home & Away rounds scheduled

U14 grade Match points divided by Home & Away rounds scheduled

U12 grade Match points divided by Home & Away rounds scheduled

U10 grade Not included in Junior Club Championship

**27.2.3.** Where a club has two or more teams in the same grade then only the highest placed teams match points will be included for the purposes of calculating the Club Championship.

**27.2.4.** Where two or more clubs finish on the same number of points then the club with the highest percentage calculated over all grades shall be the winner.

**27.2.5.** Any merged teams will have their points equally split between the 2 clubs when allocating club championship points

**28. PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**28.1.** A player of the year award shall be awarded in all senior grades and the U16 junior competition from performances in the Home and Away season.

**28.2.** Votes shall be awarded by the umpires on a three, two one basis following each match in the A Grade divisions. Where no umpire is in attendance then votes shall be determined by the captains or coaches of the teams participating in the match.

**28.2.1.** No votes will be considered where the game has not completed a minimum of thirty overs or at least one innings.

**28.3.** A points system will be used to determine the Player of the Year in all Women's, B, C and U16 division matches.

**28.3.1.** For individual statistics to count towards the Player of the Year award, a match must have one completed innings or 20 completed overs in one day & two day matches or 10 completed overs in a T/20 or Women's Division match.

**28.3.2.** Points will be allocated on the following basis;

**28.3.2.1.** 1 point per run

**28.3.2.2.** 15 points per assisted wicket

**28.3.2.3.** 20 points per unassisted wicket

**28.3.2.4.** 5 points per catch / stumping

**28.3.2.5.** 10 points per player in assisted run out

**28.3.2.6.** 20 points for unassisted run out

**28.4.** Should two or more players finish on the same number of votes / points at the end of the season they will be declared joint winners.

**29. GRAND FINAL PLAYER OF THE MATCH**

**29.1.** A grand final player of the match award shall be awarded in all senior grades (including Women's) and in the U16, U14 and U12 junior competitions.

**29.2.** The award will be given to the player deemed by the officiating umpires to be the best performed player in the Grand Final match.

**30. UMPIRE ASSESSMENT FORMS**

**30.1.** Umpire assessment forms are to be completed by the captains of each team following the match. These are used to determine future umpire selections and possible learning opportunities to further develop and assist our umpires.

**30.2.** Where Umpire assessment forms are issued it is mandatory that these are completed and returned to the Umpire Association Secretary by designated timeframe set by the Umpires Association.

**30.3.** Clubs that fail to return the Umpire assessment forms within the required timeframe may be subject to fines determined by the Board.

### **31. PROTEST MATCH RESULT**

**31.1.** All protests must be lodged in writing with the CLV Secretary by 8pm on the Monday after the conclusion of the game. The protest will be considered by the nominated CLV board member, who may appoint a committee to assist in these duties, and the club against which the protest has been lodged shall be informed of the details of the protest.

**31.2.** The nominated CLV board member will make all necessary inquiries and adjudicate upon the protest, and provide both clubs with a written notice of the outcome.

**31.3.** The independent tribunal shall hear appeals against the protest ruling.

### **32. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

**32.1.** The nominated CLV board member shall be responsible for seeking nominations and recommending appointments for the following positions in regards to representative cricket for the league:

**32.1.1.** GCL captain, vice-captain and team manager

**32.1.2.** Country Week captain, vice-captain and team manager

**32.1.3.** GCL under 18 coach and team manager

**32.2.** The nominated CLV board member shall be responsible for seeking nominations and recommending appointments for the following positions in regards to representative cricket for the league:

**32.2.1.** GCL under 16 coach and team manager

**32.2.2.** Junior country week under 15 coach and team manager

**32.2.3.** Junior development league under 13 coach and team manager

**32.2.4.** Junior country week girls team coach and team manager

**32.3.** All positions should be advertised prior to the commencement of the season.

**32.4.** Selections for the senior team and under 18 team will be completed by the appointed team coach and team manager together with the nominated CLV board member.

**32.5.** Selections for the under 16 team will be completed by the appointed team coach and team manager together with the nominated CLV board member.

**32.6.** Where the Board of Management considers it necessary, they may appoint additional persons to assist with selection or other tasks associated with the representative teams.

**32.7.** All players registered in CLV will be considered for selection in the various representative teams. Where a player does not wish to be considered for selection they should inform the nominated CLV board member at least seven days in advance of their unavailability.

**32.8.** Where a player fails to attend or appear for any representative match where they have been selected to play for CLV, and fails to provide notification and/or satisfactory reasons for not attending, shall be disqualified from playing in the next two (2) playing days in which the players club competes.

**32.9.** The Board of Management will allocate funds to provide the necessary transport, accommodation, playing uniforms and other requirements for the representative teams. Player contributions may also be required for some expenses.

### **33. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 33.1.** Players, officials and registered members of CLV and affiliated clubs are bound and required to comply with The Cricket Australia Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel (effective from 21 November 2022), Appendix 2, Cricket Australia Anti-Discrimination Code (Article 2) and the CLV Social Media Policy.
- 33.2.** Any violations of the code of conduct and / or misconduct behaviour will be made by Umpires, CLV Board Members or Club Officials in accordance with the procedures set by the Board of Management.
- 33.3.** Any suspensions under this rule will be applied to all CLV sanctioned competitions until the time of the infringement is served. No player or official will represent their club or CLV in any capacity (umpiring, coaching, team managing, playing, etc) until the expiry of their suspension.
- 33.3.1.** The counting of suspended playing days shall be determined from the grade / division of the club the player (or official) was suspended in. Abandoned playing days will count as a playing day served, only if it is in the same grade / division the player (or official) was suspended from. Byes will not count as playing days.
- 33.3.2.** The player will not be granted a transfer to another CLV club or association until the suspension period has been served.
- 33.4.** Any team within a grade / division incurring three individual suspensions within the one season shall be penalised 2 premiership points. The club whose team has incurred such a penalty shall have the option of accepting the penalty or arguing its case before a tribunal hearing. Such a hearing may waive the penalty, apply the standard penalty or increase the penalty.
- 33.5.** Misconduct and Code of Conduct violations will be subject to the grading of offences as set out in the CLV Set Penalty Table (SPT) or hearing by a tribunal.
- 33.6.** PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING – APPOINTED UMPIRE
- 33.6.1.** The Umpire(s) are to make a written report on the CLV Misconduct Report Form (MRF).
- 33.6.2.** The Umpire(s) may report a player for multiple offences using the same form (see instructions on the MRF).
- 33.6.3.** Where multiple individuals are reported, a separate MRF is required for each player.
- 33.6.4.** A copy of the MRF should be retained by the Umpire(s), a copy emailed to the Umpire Association Secretary and a copy emailed to the CLV secretary. An emailed photo of the hard copy is acceptable, provided it is legible.
- 33.6.5.** The Umpire(s) or Umpire Association Secretary will classify the alleged offence based on the gradings set out in the SPT and send the MRF to the CLV secretary for action within 24 hours of the regulated conclusion of play (as listed in the CLV playing conditions) on the day that the offence occurred.
- 33.6.6.** It is assumed that the Umpire(s) and/or Umpire Association Secretary will accept the reported player taking an Early Guilty Plea penalty as detailed in the SPT unless they specifically request a Tribunal hearing to take place (this must be noted on the MRF).
- 33.6.7.** Where an alleged offence aligns with a penalty in the SPT but the Umpire(s) and/or Umpire Association Secretary request a formal Tribunal hearing, a written explanation will be required to support the request.
- 33.6.8.** A report may be completed and/or sent on behalf of the Umpire(s) by the Umpire Association Secretary.

- 33.6.9.** Umpire or Umpire Association Secretary may report breaches of the CLV Social Media Policy within 48 hours of the breach being posted online.
- 33.6.10.** It will be at the Umpires discretion to whether they inform the Club(s) and/or Player(s) of their intention to make a report via the MRF.
- 33.6.11.** Upon receiving the MRF, the CLV secretary (or their representative) via email, shall inform the Club(s) of the individual(s) reported and any associated Early Guilty Plea penalty and/or tribunal hearing as per the SPT. The Club(s) will be notified within 48 hours of the regulated conclusion of play (as listed in the CLV playing conditions) on the day that the offence occurred
- 33.6.11.1.** It is the Clubs responsibility to inform the individual person(s) from that club who have been reported via the MRF.
- 33.6.12.** The Player & Club may accept the Early Guilty Plea penalty as per the SPT via return email or via absence of reply. The email must come from the Club endorsed email address.
- 33.6.12.1.** If no Challenge to the prescribed penalty is received within 24 hours of such notice, it will be assumed that the player/Club has accepted an Early Guilty Plea.
- 33.6.13.** The Player & Club may elect to challenge the prescribed penalty and plead Not Guilty to the offence(s) that have been alleged; this can be done via email to the CLV Secretary within 24 hours of being advised of the report. For clarity, the time the email is sent by the CLV secretary is the beginning of this 24 hour period, not when the email is opened by the Club.
- 33.6.14.** The CLV secretary will advise clubs and the Umpires Association of the date, time and venue of a Tribunal hearing at least 24 hours before the scheduled time of the hearing.
- 33.6.14.1.** It is the Club's responsibility to relay all information concerning the Tribunal hearing to the accused player and ensure that the accused player attend the hearing.
- 33.6.15.** Clubs shall give a minimum of 24 hours' notice to the CLV Secretary if an accused player named or club representative acting on behalf of the accused player cannot attend the hearing.
- 33.6.16.** In the event of a Tribunal hearing not being able to take place due to the non-appearance of either the Club and/or accused player (with 24 hour notice) and, should the hearing not be able to be rescheduled prior to the next match in which the accused player is to play, the accused player will be suspended until such time as they are able to appear.
- 33.6.17.** In the event of a Tribunal hearing not being able to take place due to the non-appearance of either the Club and/or accused player (without notice), the hearing will be cancelled and the player will be found Guilty and a prescribed penalty applied as per the SPT or at the tribunals discretion.
- 33.7.** PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING – CLV Board Member or Club Official
- 33.7.1.** For the purpose of this bylaw, only Club Presidents, Secretaries or Team Captains (as listed on PlayHQ for that match) will be classified as Club Officials.
- 33.7.2.** Only CLV Board Member(s) or Club Official(s) can submit a report using the General Conduct/Incident Report Form (GCIR). Any person can complete the GCIR form, but only a CLV Board member or Club Official can submit the report.
- 33.7.3.** A copy of the GCIR form should be retained by the CLV Board Member or Club Official, and a copy emailed to the CLV secretary. An emailed photo of the hard copy is acceptable, provided it is legible.

- 33.7.4.** The completed GCIR is to be emailed to the CLV secretary by Tuesday 8pm following the completion of the match that the offence occurred in.
- 33.7.5.** All matters reported via a completed GCIR form can be either dismissed, forwarded on to an independent investigator or referred directly to the tribunal, this is at the discretion of the CLV Board (or its appointed person) and at a timeline of the CLV Boards choosing.
- 33.8.** All other Matters referred to the CLV Board other than through the above procedures shall be pursued by the Board of Management at its discretion.
- 33.9.** All Early Guilty Plea Penalties shall be effective immediately the instant the Club informs the CLV secretary of acceptance of the plea or at the moment the 24 hour period of challenge has expired.
- 33.9.1.** The CLV secretary will inform the club of the exact date the person may return to duties (playing, coaching, umpiring, etc) within 24 hours of this period.
- 33.10.** The CLV Board shall record all formal warnings, code of conduct points and suspensions on the persons profile on PlayHQ.
- 33.10.1.** The CLV secretary will inform a Club who's player or official has reached two formal warnings or two code of conduct points within one season, before the commencement of the following match in that particular grade.

#### **34. TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES**

- 34.1.** Tribunals are bound by the rules of evidence but should ensure that all relevant evidence is heard and all irrelevant evidence is not acted upon.
- 34.2.** The Tribunal shall consist of three (3) members and a person to record minutes (usually the CLV Secretary). The person recording the minutes shall not participate in the tribunal hearing and shall take no part in determining the decision.
- 34.3.** The tribunal may summon the umpire, who may also have an advocate, and the player charged who may also have an advocate. Advocates may be delegates or officials of clubs but shall not be members of the Legal profession.
- 34.4.** Two representatives of each club shall be permitted in the hearing but shall not be permitted to leave once the hearing has commenced.
- 34.5.** The tribunal chairperson shall ask the charged person if they were the person cited in the incident/s in question and shall also ask the same question of any other person listed in the incident report.
- 34.6.** The tribunal chairperson shall read the report out loud and asks the charged person whether they the report/charge is admitted or denied.
- 34.7.** All witnesses leave the room until they are recalled by the Tribunal. The umpire and their advocate, the charged person and their advocate, and other player advocates are permitted to remain in the hearing.
- 34.8.** The umpire, CLV Board Member or Club Official who reported the incident will be asked to give an account of the circumstances of the charge/report by the tribunal chairperson. They may be questioned by the tribunal members. The charged persons' advocate is then invited to ask any questions.
- 34.9.** Any other persons listed in the report may be called as witnesses and questioned by the tribunal. Questions may also be asked by the umpire or umpires advocate, the board member and the charged players' advocate. It is not automatic that other persons listed in the incident report will be called for evidence.
- 34.10.** The charged person will be asked for their account if the incident and other relevant information. The tribunal may ask questions of the charged person. Questions may also be asked by the umpire or umpires advocate, the board member and the charged players' advocate.

- 34.11.** The charged persons' advocate may call witnesses. Once a witness has been called to give evidence he must remain in the room until the hearing has concluded. The tribunal may ask questions of the witness. Questions may also be asked by the umpire or umpires advocate, the board member and the charged players' advocate.
- 34.12.** After all evidence is presented the advocates are given the opportunity to summarise the case. All persons except the tribunal members and the minute secretary are requested to leave the room while the tribunal considers the evidence and arrives at a decision.
- 34.13.** When a decision has been reached the tribunal chairperson invites the persons involved in the hearing to return to the room and announces the finding.
- 34.14.** Where the report/charge is proven the charged person, or their advocate may plea with respect to the penalty.
- 34.15.** All parties shall then leave the room again whilst the members of the tribunal consider all relevant information, including details of any previous penalties incurred by the charger person. The penalty is determined, recorded by the minute secretary and signed by members of the tribunal.
- 34.15.1.** The tribunal must use the Standard Penalties as per the Set Penalty Table (SPT) as a guide when making a determination. The tribunal may, at their discretion waive the Standard Penalty, apply the Standard Penalty or increase the Standard Penalty.
- 34.15.2.** If a penalty cannot be determined at initial hearing, the tribunal may adjourn and advise of outcome within 24 hours. This outcome will then be circulated to all parties.
- 34.16.** The tribunal chairperson invites the persons involved in the hearing to return to the room again, and the penalty is then announced. (If determined on the night)
- 34.16.1.** If the tribunal diverts from the Standard Penalty, they must inform the hearing of the reasons for the diversion. This shall be noted in the tribunal minutes.
- 34.17.** If a Club wishes to receive a copy of the tribunal minutes, it must via email to the CLV secretary, request a copy of the minutes within 24 hours of the beginning of the hearing. The CLV Board will supply a copy within 7 days of the request.

### **35. RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

- 35.1.** All persons and clubs shall have a right of appeal against decisions made against them.
- 35.2.** Such appeals must be made to the CLV Secretary in writing within three (3) days of the original verdict and accompanied by an application fee of \$500.00
- 35.3.** The Tribunal will hear all such appeals, and in the event that the appeal is against a previous Tribunal decision, the Tribunal members responsible for the original decision will be excluded.
- 35.4.** Should the appeal fail, reasonable costs may be awarded against the person or their club.

### **36. FINES/PENALTIES**

- 36.1.** Penalties listed below are discretionary and not compulsory. The Board of Management shall be responsible for imposing fines upon clubs and will notify clubs in writing where a fine is administered and the reasons for the charge.
- 36.2.** Fines may be imposed for other matters not listed below where the Board of Management deems this is warranted.
- 36.3.** Clubs may lodge an appeal against the fine but must do so within seven (7) days of being notified of the fine.
- 36.4.** Incorrect cricket attire \$10 per player per day

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| <b>36.5.</b>    | Failure to return umpire assessment forms  | \$10                          |
| <b>36.6.</b>    | Creases not marked or incorrectly marked   | \$10                          |
| <b>36.7.</b>    | Late payment of registration fees  | \$50                          |
| <b>36.8.</b>    | Non-attendance at CLV meeting  | \$50                          |
| <b>36.9.</b>    | Forfeit of game  | up to \$250                   |
| <b>36.10.</b>   | Ineligible player  | up to \$250                   |
| <b>36.11.</b>   | Failure to comply with Board directive   | \$100 or loss of match points |
| <b>36.12.</b>   | Failure to comply with CLV By Laws   | \$100                         |
| <b>36.13.</b>   | Failure to comply with match day requirements. This includes, but is not limited to;   |                               |
| <b>36.13.1.</b> | Scorebooks not completed filled out, scorebook photographs not forwarded to CLV, league voting slips not forwarded on to CLV |                               |
| <b>36.13.2.</b> | The first club offence is a written warning from CLV   |                               |
| <b>36.13.3.</b> | Second club offence, 1 premiership point deduction from the offending grade  |                               |
| <b>36.13.4.</b> | Third club offence, 2 premiership point deduction from the offending grade   |                               |
| <b>36.13.5.</b> | Fourth & subsequent club offence, 4 premiership point deduction from the offending grade.                                    |                               |

### **37. EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES**

- 37.1.** In the event of wet weather, the nominated CLV board member will be the responsible person for co-ordinating the inspection of grounds and assessing whether play is possible for all games of senior cricket. The nominated CLV board member for junior cricket will be the responsible person for co-ordinating the inspection of grounds and assessing whether play is possible for all games of junior cricket. Committees may be formed to assist with these duties.
- 37.1.1.** After considering the existing ground conditions and the forecast weather for the remaining part of the day, a decision will be made as to whether play will continue as scheduled, or some or all matches will be abandoned. Match venues may also be altered where the need exists.
- 37.1.2.** Clubs and umpires must be informed by 10am on the morning of the match for senior men's cricket, or by 3.00pm on the afternoon of games of junior cricket and Women's Division, where changes have been made due to this by law.
- 37.2.** Lightning Safety. These guidelines are based on current guidelines issued by the NSW Sports & Recreation Department (2007)
- 37.2.1.** If match captains and umpires are aware of lightning strikes in the area, the use of the 30/30 rule is advised to ascertain lightning risk apart from the obvious visual observation.
- 37.2.2.** 30/30 rule: The first part of the 30/30 rule is determined by counting the seconds from when the lightning flash was seen to when the thunder is heard. Sound travels at about 1 kilometre every 3 seconds, so a 30 second interval means the storm is about 10km away.
- 37.2.3.** As soon as the observed interval between lightning and thunder is less than 30 seconds, Umpires and Captains are advised to suspend play and all players and officials are to leave the ground and move to SAFE areas for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- 37.2.4.** Play can resume once the 30 minutes has lapsed from the suspension of play and the storm has safely moved more than 10km from the area. This is judged by using the 30/30 rule.

- 37.2.5.** SAFE areas include fully enclosed vehicles with windows closed and substantial enclosed buildings.
- 37.3.** Catastrophic Fire Danger. On days declared catastrophic fire danger by the relevant government agency, all matches on this day will be abandoned.

## **38. WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

- 38.1.** Clubs will, as a minimum requirement, have the following people obtain a Working With Children Check:
- 38.1.1.** Junior Coordinator
  - 38.1.2.** Junior Blast and Master Blast Coordinator
  - 38.1.3.** Junior Team Managers and Coaches
  - 38.1.4.** Senior Coaches, Club Secretary, Team Captains, Umpires involved in direct contact where junior players are playing in a senior team
  - 38.1.5.** Other members of the club who are involved in regular contact with children and who are not directly supervised by a person who has completed a Working With Children Check (regular contact includes coaching, and/or electronic contact).
- 38.2.** The Club Secretary is to maintain a register for recording Working With Children Checks.
- 38.3.** The register is also to record individuals holding those exemptions, endorsed by Cricket Victoria policy, from the Working With Children Checks legislation.
- 38.4.** The register must confirm the Club Secretary has received written confirmation from the Department of Justice that the volunteer has listed the club on their approved application updates for an existing WWC cardholder. It is not sufficient to just sight a Working with Children Card.
- 38.5.** There is a legal obligation for applicants and cardholders to notify the Department of Justice and Regulation when their personal, contact or organisation's details change.
- 38.6.** The CLV Board of Management will, as a minimum requirement, have the following people obtain a Working With Children Check:
- 38.6.1.** All members of the CLV Board of Management
  - 38.6.2.** Representative Cricket Team Managers and Coaches.
  - 38.6.3.** Other adults who are involved in the representative cricket program and are in regular contact with children who are not directly supervised by a person who has completed a Working With Children Check (regular contact includes. coaching and/or electronic contact).
  - 38.6.4.** Other members of the Junior Executive who are involved in regular contact with children who are not directly supervised by a person who has completed a Working With Children Check (regular contact includes. coaching and/or electronic contact).
  - 38.6.5.** All umpires
- 38.7.** The CLV Secretary is to maintain a register, provided by each club, of the people within the League who have been approved under these requirements.

### **39. REGISTRATION FEES**

- 39.1.** An affiliation fee shall be endorsed by the Board of Management and is payable by each member club for each registered player and team.
  - 39.1.1.** A registration fee per nominated team shall be endorsed by the Board of Management and is payable by each member club.
- 39.2.** To be eligible to participate in CLV competitions a club shall pay their affiliation and registration fees in three instalments by the following dates:
  - 39.2.1.** First instalment due 30 November
  - 39.2.2.** Second instalment due 31 December
  - 39.2.3.** Third instalment due 28 February

### **40. LATE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES**

- 40.1.** Late payment of registration fees may incur a penalty of \$100.00.
- 40.2.** Where a payment is overdue, the club shall be notified in writing and should payment not be received within seven (7) days, all teams associated with that club may be ineligible for premiership points until such time as the payment is made.
- 40.3.** Teams may also be ineligible to play in finals matches, and players from the club will be ineligible for individual league awards where the registration fee remains outstanding.

### **41. COMMITTEES:**

- 41.1.** The Board shall operate under a committee system. Such committees shall act as Sub-Committees to the Board and report on regular basis. Such committees shall be structured as specified in sub-clauses under this By-Law and described hereunder.
- 41.2.** The nominated CLV board member for junior cricket shall be directly responsible for the scheduling of all Meetings of the Junior Coaches or Junior Coordinators. Such Meetings should be held at least three (3) times during the season for the purpose of providing information to Coaches. Decisions made at such meetings shall be accepted as recommendations to the Board of Management who shall deal with such matters as appropriate.
- 41.3.** The Finance Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary. It shall oversee the financial arrangements and transactions of the Association. It shall prepare an annual budget prior to the start of each season and provide a copy to all Clubs. It shall recommend to the Board all fees, fines, and levies to be paid by the Clubs during the season and distribute same. It shall coordinate all grant and funding applications, advertising, sponsorship and donations.
- 41.4.** The Match Committee shall consist of the Vice President, Secretary and one additional Board Member, as elected by the Board. Its duties shall be:
  - 41.4.1.** To draw up each season's fixtures
  - 41.4.2.** Make recommendations regarding grounds
  - 41.4.3.** Make decisions regarding inclement or extreme weather conditions.
  - 41.4.4.** To adjudicate on all Match Results
  - 41.4.5.** Adjudicate on all Ineligible Player Protests
  - 41.4.6.** Recommend Finals Venues to the Board for endorsement.
- 41.5.** The Rules Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, one additional board member as elected by the Board and two elected Club Members
  - 41.5.1.** The Committee shall be responsible for the ongoing review of the By-Laws and Playing Conditions and Match Rules.

- 41.5.2.** The Committee shall only accept Rule Change submissions from the Board of Management and Member Clubs between 1st and 31st of March each year and make recommendations to the incoming Board of Management concerning Rule changes for the following year.
- 41.5.3.** Only Bylaw changes affecting playing conditions that have been approved or delegated to the clubs shall only be presented to member Clubs at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Such a meeting is to be held after the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 41.5.4.** All other approved bylaw changes shall be voted on by the Board of Management.
- 41.5.5.** Any bylaw changed rejected by the Rules Committee will not proceed past the Rule Committee.
- 41.6.** The Board of Directors may constitute other Committees under the By-Laws as deemed necessary.
- 41.7.** All correspondence to the board will be submitted to the CLV Secretary and must be lodged by elected member club President and/or Secretary only.

## **42. HEAT POLICY**

- 42.1.** Cricket is a summer sport and therefore it is inevitable that at times matches will be scheduled for play during periods where high temperatures are experienced. Clubs should;
  - 42.1.1.** encourage the use of appropriate clothing, hats and sunscreen, and
  - 42.1.2.** ensure there are sufficient drinks available at all times for rehydration.
 Captains can;
  - 42.1.3.** consider limiting bowling spells, and
  - 42.1.4.** use a 12th player to rotate players on and off the field.
- 42.2.** Captains, umpires and other officials have a duty of care in regard to the players safety and should monitor others who may not be aware that they are suffering from dehydration or heat stress.
- 42.3.** High Temperature Policy - Senior Cricket
  - 42.3.1.** On days where the forecast maximum temperature is 33 degrees Celsius or higher at the venue of play, during hours of play, the umpires and captains shall implement the High Temperature Policy, which enables;
    - 42.3.2.** drinks breaks at 40 minute intervals, and
    - 42.3.3.** substitute fielders (penalty times as per MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 (Rule 24) apply)
- 42.4.** High Temperature Policy - Junior Cricket
  - 42.4.1.** On days where the forecast maximum temperature is 30 degrees Celsius or higher at the venue of play, during hours of play, the coaches shall implement the High Temperature Policy, which enables;
    - 42.4.2.** drinks breaks every 10 overs, or sooner by mutual agreement,
    - 42.4.3.** substitute fielders (penalty times as per MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 (Rule 24) apply), and
    - 42.4.4.** matches will be concluded as soon as a match result is achieved.
- 42.5.** Extreme Temperature Policy - Senior Cricket
  - 42.5.1.** Enactment of the Extreme Heat Policy will see all scheduled matches for that day cancelled.

- 42.5.2.** Upon confirmation at 8am on the morning of play with the Bureau of Meteorology, clubs and umpires will be advised that the Extreme Temperature Policy has been enacted where the relevant criteria for each grade of cricket is expected to be met or exceeded.
- 42.5.3.** The temperature will be taken by the nearest automatic Bureau of Meteorology Monitoring Station, i.e., Latrobe Valley.
- 42.5.4.** The Match Committee will be responsible for overseeing this policy and notifying clubs when it is implemented, and which grades are affected.
- 42.5.5.** Where the policy is enacted, clubs will be advised by 9am.
- 42.5.6.** All Senior Grades: On days where the forecast maximum temperature for the Latrobe Valley is 38 degrees Celsius or higher for 2 hours or more during the scheduled hours of play (One and Two Day Matches), or the duration of a T20 Match, the Extreme Temperature Policy will be enacted.
- 42.6. Extreme Temperature Policy - Junior Cricket**
- 42.6.1.** Enactment of the Extreme Heat Policy will see all scheduled matches for that day cancelled.
- 42.6.2.** Upon confirmation at 2pm on the afternoon of play (evening matches), or 7am (morning and/or day matches) with the Bureau of Meteorology, clubs and umpires (where applicable) will be advised that the Extreme Temperature Policy has been enacted where the relevant criteria for each age group is expected to be met or exceeded.
- 42.6.3.** The nominated CLV board member for junior cricket will be responsible for overseeing this policy and notifying clubs when it is implemented, and which grades are affected.
- 42.6.4.** Where the policy is enacted, clubs will be advised by 3pm (evening matches) and 8am (morning and/or day matches).
- 42.6.5.** Evening Matches:
- 42.6.5.1.** U/14s and U/16s - On days where the forecast maximum temperature for the Latrobe Valley is 36 degrees Celsius or higher during the scheduled hours of play the Extreme Temperature Policy will be enacted.
- 42.6.5.2.** U/10s and U/12s - On days where the forecast maximum temperature for the Latrobe Valley is 34 degrees Celsius or higher during the scheduled hours of play the Extreme Temperature Policy will be enacted.
- 42.6.6.** Day Matches:
- 42.6.6.1.** U/14s and U16s - On days where the forecast maximum temperature for the Latrobe Valley is 36 degrees Celsius or higher for 2 hours or more of the scheduled hours of play the Extreme Temperature Policy will be enacted.
- 42.6.6.2.** U/10s and U12s - On days where the forecast maximum temperature for the Latrobe Valley is 34 degrees Celsius or higher for 2 hours or more of the scheduled hours of play the Extreme Temperature Policy will be enacted.