



## Ballarat Cricket Association Governing Procedure 7 Grade Divisions, Promotion, Relegations and Finals

This process is applicable in the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) where there will be two divisions within a senior grade. The following process will be followed in such a situation.

1. Should a club have two teams affiliated in one grade, each team will be allocated to a different division within that grade.
2. Initial allocation of teams will be based on final ladder positions from season 2021 – 2022.
3. In the future, clubs will only be able to nominate affiliation in a grade, not a division within a grade. It is up to the BCA Board and Pennant Committee to determine which division the team will participate.
4. New team affiliations to a particular grade will usually be allocated to the lowest division in that grade. However, the BCA retains the sole discretion of team affiliations including, if necessary, the relegation of a team from the top division in a particular grade.
5. Finals will be played within the division only, and each division will play a final four structure.
6. If there are more than sixteen teams in a grade the top division will consist of 8 teams and the remaining teams will be in the second division, including if there is a bye due to uneven teams
7. Promotion and relegation will apply, but only within each division – not from grade to grade
  - ✓ The two grand finalists from the lower division will be promoted.
  - ✓ Should one of these teams be from a club that already has a team in the top division, then the third ranked team will be promoted.
  - ✓ The bottom two teams in the top division after the conclusion of the home and away program of matches will be relegated.
  - ✓ Should one of these teams be from a club with a team already in the lower division, then the third bottom team will be relegated.
8. The divisions within a grade will be treated the same for the purposes of Rule 10.1

**10.1** - After the completion of Round one (1) no player in home and away matches shall be demoted or relegated by any more than one grade/level from that played in the preceding round without the approval of the Pennant Committee. Registered Junior players are exempt from these restrictions. Levels are as below:

Level 1 - 1st XI      Level 2 - 2nd XI      Level 3 - 3rd XI      Level 4 - 4th XI      Level 5 - 5th XI

9. Rule 10.3 (b) will not apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and 5<sup>th</sup> XI when divisions are used within those grades
 

**10.3** - Clubs with more than 1 team in a particular grade must adhere to the following Pennant Committee Rules:

**(b)** On resumption of matches after the Christmas break, players must only play for one team in that grade for the remainder of the season. (This restriction does not apply to registered Junior players).
10. The divisions within a grade will be treated the same for purposes of Rule 15 Finals Qualifications