



BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SENIOR WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATION

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RULES FOR BALLARAT CRICKET COMPETITIONS

The following abbreviations will be found throughout these rules:

BCA – The Ballarat Cricket Association.

ADMINISTRATION

RULE 1 ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 All BCA accounts, including Affiliation Fees, Turf Wicket Levies and BCA Award Dinner admission costs, issued by the BCA Board, SHALL be paid within thirty (30) days (date as specified on the tax invoice).

PENALTY: Failure to pay their account by the specified date on the tax invoice shall result in a late payment fee of \$200.00 unless a Club seeks Board approval for an extension of time of the payment, due to exceptional circumstances.

- 1.2 All fines issued by the Association Board or Committee(s) SHALL be paid or an appeal lodged within fourteen (14) days (date as specified on the tax invoice).

PENALTY: Failure to pay their fine or lodge an appeal by the specified date on the tax invoice shall result in an additional late payment fine of \$200.00.

- 1.3 All Association documents requested including affiliation forms (Teams Nomination forms, Club Executive form, Defaulting Players form), BCA information forms (Senior Club Captains, Wicket Maintenance Officers, and Junior Club Coaches) are to be lodged by the specified date as requested on these forms.

PENALTY: Failure to lodge by the specified date shall result in a late lodgement fee of \$200.

RULE 2 RULES AND BY-LAWS

The Secretaries of all Clubs shall forward to the Operations Officer of the Association on or before 1st May of each year, any suggested amendments or alterations to the Ballarat Cricket Association Rules or By Laws for the forthcoming year.

RULE 3 GENERAL, SPECIAL & JUNIOR COORDINATOR MEETINGS

Should a Club not be represented by a Club Executive Member or prior nominated person, then the Club will be requested to submit in writing, on Club letterhead, the reason for non-attendance to the BCA Board, who will decide, based on this document, if a penalty is warranted.

RULE 4 CLUBS DISBANDING

In the event of a Club disbanding, all players in the Club shall be in the hands of the Association for allocation to other Clubs in the Association.

RULE 5 PENNANT COMMITTEE POWERS AND EMERGENCY RULINGS

Any BCA Club playing a player not possessing the requisite qualifications which shall be defined as a non-registered member of the Club or not named on the competition management platform (PlayHQ) team list for that game shall, subject to the sole discretion of the Pennant Committee, be declared to have lost the match or matches in which such player(s) took part and may be liable to a fine. For each match in which the Club did not gain points a fine as determined by the Pennant Committee may be imposed.

The BCA Pennant Committee shall take action against any member, official, employee, coach or player of a Club or Club's for breaking any Law of Cricket, any BCA Rule, any BCA Policy, any BCA Board direction or for bringing the game into disrepute.

The powers of the BCA Pennant Committee shall include but not be limited to:

- The levying of a Fine against a Club or Club's, any Captain, or any player.
- In its absolute discretion be empowered to increase fines for repeat offences.
- Have the absolute discretion either to wave a fine or fines as is deemed appropriate or to refer the request for waiver to the BCA Board for determination.
- In its absolute discretion, suspend a Captain or player from playing in any match or matches.
- In its absolute discretion, disallow any points earned by a Club in respect of the match.
- In its absolute discretion, amend any points earned by a Club in any match.
- In its absolute discretion, take such action with regard to the proper conduct of cricket as is deemed appropriate by *the Pennant Committee*.
- Refer any matter whatsoever at the Pennant Committee's absolute discretion to the BCA Board for its consideration and determination, which the BCA Board after such referral shall be empowered to take any action that it deems appropriate in the circumstances and such power having regard to Rule 5 but not limited in its discretion to Rule 5 and the Members Protection Policy.

RULE 6 DETERMINATION OF AND PROGRAMMES OF MATCHES

- 6.1 The season will commence not before 1st October and shall end in the next succeeding calendar year pending available weeks and consideration for the Easter holiday as the BCA Board requires.
- 6.2 The affiliated Clubs of the Association shall compete in a Premiership series of matches. Programmes shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee who shall place the number of Club nominated teams into grades that the Pennant Committee decide upon from Club histories and current Junior player lists and have them approved by the BCA Board prior to the commencement of the season. (BCA By-Law 1 applies – *“The Association shall consist of such Clubs, sections, divisions and competitions as the BCA Board in its absolute discretion deems to be appropriate from time to time”*).
- Any BCA Club who disputes the Pennant Committee grading of their teams (Senior or Junior) shall lodge on Club letterhead or official email from the current and relative Club Executive, a written response detailing their reasons of dispute within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Pennant Committee notice (i.e., the date on the team's placement notice). If no disputes are lodged those team placements will be deemed final for the current season.
- 6.3 Two days not necessarily consecutive or **any period of time during a day** shall be allocated for each match excepting finals, providing always that upon the joint applications, in writing, of the competing Clubs, a majority of the Pennant Committee may fix other days and times for commencing or continuing any match.
- 6.4 The grounds on which the matches shall be played shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee and they may, if necessary, alter the programme in respect of dates or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played. The playing of matches due to wet weather will be decided upon by the Pennant Committee in conjunction with the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, based upon a common-sense approach as to play as much cricket as is possible under the prevailing conditions. Player safety is always the BCA priority in consideration of play on days of wet weather. If a split round is scheduled across a weekend in the same grade and a washout occurs, all completed game points stand.
- 6.5 Competition Turf matches only: Clubs seeking to change the match venues between the two competing teams shall jointly lodge a written request to the Operations Officer for the Pennant Committee by 6.00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the match.
- 6.6 The Pennant Committee shall determine the suitability of the grounds and playing conditions. The decision of the Pennant Committee **shall be communicated via email** to all clubs and through the BCA website and social media platforms as well.

RULE 7

BCA DEFAULTING PLAYERS

No defaulting player of any Club of the Ballarat Cricket Association since the inauguration of the premiership matches shall be allowed to take part in the premiership matches.

- 7.1 The Secretary of each Club must furnish to the Operations Officer of the Association on or before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, on the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#), a list of all current defaulting players at their Club with outstanding defaults.

Once received these defaulting players shall remain on the [Defaulting Players List](#) until removed by the Clubs using the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#).

- 7.2 Clubs may only add to their defaulting players list throughout the season by completing the details contained in the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#), for defaults in the current season.
- 7.3 Any player listed on a club's defaulting player list shall be ineligible to play with any other BCA Club, until the Operations Officer of the Association/Chairman of the Pennant Committee is notified prior to 5.30pm on the Friday preceding the next scheduled match, by using the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#) to remove their default.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5.

RULE 8

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

All players either male or female that have never registered with any Australian Cricket Club shall be required to register online via competition management platform (PlayHQ) prior to the start of the next scheduled match.

- 8.1 Club Registered Junior Players are to be considered the same as Senior registered players irrespective of having played Senior cricket or not.
- 8.2 Players requesting registration to a Club from outside the BCA, shall not be endorsed until a Transfer is received from their previous Club in regard to financial consideration/suspension. Once endorsed, the player/s are tied to their nominated Clubs unless transferred to another BCA Club under Rule 9. Any Club playing a player/s in its Senior or Junior grades that has not been correctly registered or cleared shall be dealt with under Rule 5.
- 8.3 No BCA Registered player shall play in two Senior BCA matches concurrently.
- 8.4 Minimum age of a player to participate in senior cricket is 12 years of age at the time of playing. Clubs are required to obtain parental consent. Participation of a younger player requires written documentation of exceptional circumstances, prior to approval from the chair of the BCA Junior sub-committee or the Chair of the BCA plus parental consent.

RULE 9

TRANSFERS

- 9.1 The Association Board shall determine the opening and closing dates for Player Transfers each year in accordance with By-Law 1 (f)
- 9.1.1 All Transfers lodged for players seeking to move between BCA Clubs must do so prior to February 1 of each season. Players currently not associated with a BCA club can lodge a Transfer at any time.
- 9.1.2 All players wishing to transfer from one Club to another Club within the Ballarat Cricket Association shall require a Transfer if they have been registered with a Club in the Ballarat Cricket Association within the last three (3) seasons. This applies to all male and female junior and senior players.

9.1.3 **PLAYER PERMITS within BCA**

Player Permits Allows a player to play for a different club and/or competition for a specified period of time while retaining their club of affiliation.

Player Permits can only be granted for players affiliated with a BCA club for competitions within the BCA competition where their affiliated club does not have a team.

E.g.: - A player's affiliated club does not have an U17 team so a player can apply for a permit to play with another BCA affiliated U17 team

All Player Permits involving different clubs within the BCA will be manually approved by the Operations Officer.

9.2 **PROCESSING TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

A Transfer application for a transfer between BCA Club's, shall be processed through the competition management platform (PlayHQ) **by the player on initial registration or the player's new Club** if a player has already registered. When lodged, the player's current Club Administrator, **shall action in the competition management platform (PlayHQ) within Five (5) days or 120 hours from the lodgement of the transfer request** of their decision to grant or refuse the Transfer application as per Rule 9.3.1 only.

- 9.2.1 If the Transfer application has not been actioned by the Player's current BCA Club in competition management platform (PlayHQ) within the required time, the Transfer will be granted by the BCA unless that player is on the Defaulting Player list (only applies to players wishing to transfer between BCA Clubs).

9.3 **GRANTING OF TRANSFER**

- 9.3.1 When receiving a Transfer application that has been officially processed through the competition management platform (PlayHQ) system, any Club receiving such Transfer application **SHALL** grant the Transfer requested **EXCEPT** when:

- (a) The player is unfinancial to the Club or possesses Club property and has been placed on the [Defaulting Player List](#).
- (b) The player is under suspension for good reason prior to receipt of the Transfer.
- (c) The player has a written and signed contract for the period of time in which the Transfer is lodged.
- (d) Any junior player who has played with a Club in either of the previous two seasons must meet with the Club with a support person prior to the Transfer being processed

9.4 **REFUSAL OF TRANSFER**

- 9.4.1 Should a Transfer from his/her Club be refused; a player may lodge only one (1) appeal in any season to the Pennant Committee for a decision on a Transfer application within 7 days if he/she believes there are exceptional circumstances surrounding this Transfer refusal.

The player shall provide written notification of the exceptional circumstances in their appeal notice at the time of lodging their appeal with the Association.

An Executive Member of the Club with which he/she has played shall have the right to be heard by the Pennant Committee at this meeting.

- 9.4.2 An appeal may be made to the BCA Appeals Committee within 48 hours after receipt of the decision of the Pennant Committee.

A player may lodge only one (1) appeal in any season to the Appeals Committee. Such an appeal must be lodged in writing (stating the reasons for the appeal) with the Operations Officer of the Association.

A non-refundable Appeal Fee of \$500.00 shall be lodged with the appeal application.

- 9.4.3 The appeal must be dealt with within 7 days of the date the appeal is lodged with the Operations Officer of the Association. (All parties to the dispute must receive a copy of such appeal by 48 hours prior to the Appeals Committee hearing).
- 9.4.4 Non-attendance at a Pennant/Appeals Committee hearing, or any preliminary enquiry, by the participating parties as requested and specified by the Operations Officer of the Association, shall result in a penalty upon the party in question under Rule 5.
- 9.4.5 An appeal may be made to the Victorian Country Cricket League after receipt of the decision of the Appeals Committee within a time frame as specified by the VCCL.

RULE 10 **TRANSFER TO LOWER GRADES**

- 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

- 10.2 Clubs seeking to play a player in a grade/level lower than permitted shall [apply online](#) via the BCA website to the Pennant Committee by 1.00pm on the Friday preceding the next scheduled match.
- 10.3 Clubs with more than 1 team in a particular grade must adhere to the following Pennant Committee Rules:
- (a) To qualify for finals a player must play a minimum of four (4) days in that particular grade with a particular team in the current home and away season.
 - (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).

Clubs seeking to play a player in their alternative team for one match after the Christmas break shall [apply online](#) via the BCA website to the Pennant Committee by 1.00pm on the Friday preceding the next scheduled match.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

10.4 **PLAYING CONDITIONS DURING BYES, FORFEITS AND ABANDONED MATCHES**

- 10.4.1 **1st XI Women** Playing conditions during byes, forfeits and Abandoned Matches.

If a Club has a lower grade fixture on a date that a higher grade in that Club does not have a game fixtured (i.e., a bye, **forfeit or abandoned game**) then only a maximum of three (3) players can drop from the higher grade observing the bye, **forfeit or abandoned game** to the lower grade for that fixture. Applicable only to players that have played in the preceding match including the season prior Pennant Committee approval must be requested to have any further players drop to the lower level as per Rule 10.2.

Where a club has two teams in the most immediate lower level, only a maximum of 3 players can drop to the lower level across the two teams.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

RULE 11 **FIXTURES AND TEAM LISTINGS**

11.1 **TEAM LISTINGS ON BCA COMPETITION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM (PLAY HQ)**

All Clubs shall place their Senior and Junior teams, on the BCA competition management platform by **10.00pm** on the Thursday prior to the next scheduled match.

For Senior Teams a Captain must be selected and for Juniors a Coach must be selected.

Once the teams are entered, they can be adjusted prior to the start of the match.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5 if teams are not lodged on time.

RULE 12

FORFEITS

- 12.1 Notice of intention to forfeit by any Club can be given by phone or email at least 24 hours before the commencement of the match to the Operations Officer of the Association. Confirmation is required in writing by 6pm on the Wednesday preceding the next scheduled match detailing the reasons for the forfeit.
- 12.2 Failure to comply with this rule will render the defaulting Club responsible to pay the full amount of the Umpires' fees for the day in question.
- 12.3 Forfeits shall be considered as a match played for both premiership points and player finals qualifications. Clubs receiving a forfeit, shall lodge a copy of the team sheet matching the selected side on competition management platform (PlayHQ) listing the players from their Club that would have taken part in the match to obtain finals qualifications.
The listed players may not take part in another match in the same round and are limited to player grade movements like any other round.
- PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 5
- 12.4 The team receiving a forfeit, shall receive 6 match points only in the round in which the forfeit has occurred. In Semi-Finals and Grand-Finals they will be awarded the match.
- 12.5 Any Club with more than one affiliated Senior team that is giving a forfeit, must forfeit their lowest grade team/s and play their higher-grade team/s.
- PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 5
- 12.6 **Where a forfeit has been given, the forfeit only applies for the duration of the round that the team has forfeited.**

RULE 13

PLAYER SUBSTITUTES

- 13.1 A substitute may be allowed for any player/team Coach/manager taking part in any International, Interstate, Inter Zone or similar match (competition matches only, not practice/trial games) approved by the Pennant Committee.
- Any such substitute provided that they are not engaged in another match at the same time shall be permitted to bat and/or bowl and/or act as wicket keeper and further provided that such player has been named in the team and the opposing Captain notified. Any player substituted can only play in First XI and Second XI and cannot force changes in any other grade.
- PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 5
- 13.2 A substitute may be allowed for any player who is a member of Emergency Services.
- Any such substitute provided that they are not engaged in another match at the same time shall be permitted to bat and/or bowl and/or act as wicket keeper and further provided that such player has been named or amended on the Team Sheet at the start of each days play, and the Umpire/opposition Captain notified. Substitution under this rule applies to all Senior grades but cannot force changes in any other grade.
- PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 5
- 13.3 Any player selected to play in International or Interstate matches shall not be allowed to take part in any round of matches being played at the same time, without the permission of the Pennant Committee. Clubs seeking permission shall lodge a written request with the Operations Officer of the Pennant Committee by 1.00pm on the Friday preceding the next scheduled match.

RULE 14

DISPUTES AND CONTRIVED RESULT DISPUTES

14.1 DISPUTES/PROTESTS

The Pennant Committee shall have the power to inquire into and adjudicate upon all disputes/protests arising out of or in connection with all matches.

LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any Club referring a dispute/protest to the Pennant Committee shall, within 48 hours of completion of the match in which the cause of disagreement has occurred, lodge a statement in writing on Club letterhead or Clubs executive email, of the matter in dispute/protest and shall also within the same time lodge a copy of such statement with the Secretary of the other Club involved.

An appeal may be made to the BCA Tribunal (Appeals Committee with a non-refundable appeal fee of \$500). Clubs or players involved in the hearing will be given one opportunity to reject the BCA appointed date and time of the hearing and should the reason for rejection be accepted by the BCA appeals committee then the hearing may be rescheduled up to a maximum of 7 days from the original hearing date. There will be no further additional opportunity to reschedule that hearing, and the hearing may proceed without a Club/person/Umpire attending. Club/person/Umpire may appoint a proxy.

14.2 CONTRIVED RESULTS

The Pennant Committee shall have power to investigate a game or the actions of the Captains of the Clubs or any players involved in a match if it suspects reasonable that the competing Clubs with or without the assistance or collusion of any person or Club have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the Pennant Committee decides to carry out an investigation it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or the conduct of either Captain or any player and will give any person, the opportunity to be heard.

- 14.2.1 The Operations Officer of the Association shall call on the Clubs to appear before the said Committee, which, after hearing evidence, shall decide thereon as per Rule 5. An appeal may be made to the BCA Appeals Committee within 48 hours after receipt of the decision of the Pennant Committee.

RULE 15

FINALS QUALIFICATIONS

- 15.1 A player of a Club shall not be eligible to play in any Finals matches unless that player has played a minimum of 4 days in that particular grade with a Club in the current season.

Eligible Junior players are exempt from this rule unless they have qualified (4 days) in a Senior grade, in which case they are to be treated as a Senior player for qualification purposes.

'Days' shall only be considered for home and away matches. Any finals 'days' shall not be counted towards qualification for further finals matches. Refer to table below for further clarification.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

- 15.2 A player who is fully qualified (four (4) days in a particular grade) may play in any higher grade or grade immediately below that grade Finals match provided the higher-grade team of which they are fully qualified is also engaged.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

- 15.3 Clubs seeking to play a player in a grade lower than permitted shall [apply online](#) via the BCA website outlining the exceptional circumstances for seeking approval to the Pennant Committee by 1.00pm on the day preceding the match.

15.4 PLAYERS RETURNING FROM OUTSIDE ASSOCIATIONS

Any player who plays in another Association (with the same designated playing day for their Competition – Saturday for Senior Men and Friday for Senior Women) in his/her last match and desires to return to the Ballarat Cricket Association, shall have their qualification status reset. Unless Rule 15.5 applies.

Dedicated Sunday (e.g. Victorian Sunday Cricket Association or mid-week competitions do not impact on qualification status.

Senior Women's Finals qualifications - in order to qualify for Semi-Final or Grand-Final matches, a player within the above category must play four (4) days after their return from outside the Association in a particular grade. (Refer Rules 15.1 & 15.2).

A player may play up to 2 days in another Association without resetting any qualification days only if there are no scheduled BCA matches on those days.

This Rule will not apply to players who go and play on trial at a Premier Cricket Club in Melbourne.

15.5 CLUBS WITH TEAMS IN 2 OR MORE ASSOCIATIONS

Any Club that has teams playing in both the BCA and another association/s in the 1 season must:

- (a) Nominate 8 players from your Club to solely play in the other association/s, making them ineligible to play in the BCA.
- (b) All other players are free to move between the associations until such point they are fully qualified in the other association, at which stage they can no longer return to the BCA in that season.
- (c) Any requests outside of (a) and (b) must be sent to the Pennant Committee.
- (d) This rule does not apply to BCA Affiliated Male teams wishing to affiliate a Senior Female side, who may currently play in another association on another playing day and wishes to play a team in the Senior BCA Female Competition as well

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

RULE 16 MATCH REPORTS

Both competing teams in each match shall be responsible for entering their own match data into competition management platform (PlayHQ) ensuring it is correct for statistical and reporting purposes.

Where possible it is recommended that games recorded live via competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App

Games not recorded live via competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App shall be entered by 6.00pm on the day after the match concludes or for a Sunday match by 7.30pm Sunday

Where a team is live scoring via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App, a minimum of 1 scorebook needs to be used when scoring a game.

Clubs can use two scorebooks and live score as well, but available volunteers to do this needs to be accounted for, and Captain's need to agree on this prior to the start of the game.

If a game is not being live scored, both teams are to provide a scorebook.

In matches where a dedicated scorer is not provided, the team batting second is expected to use the same scoring items as was used by the team batting first. If a game is being live scoring via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App teams can swap devices in the innings break.

For games that have been live scored via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App, the game result needs to be submitted as soon as possible after the games end. (Games cannot be edited if there are any mistakes until the result has been submitted.)

- 16.1 Where there are no officially appointed Umpires at a match, at the conclusion of the game, Captain's shall endorse and counter sign each scorebook, in so doing, agree to the official scores and the match result. Once signed, no dispute from this match re scores/result would be heard by the Pennant/Appeals Committee's.

If a game has been live scored, both Captains are to sign the designated scorebook if only 1 has been used.

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebooks will be exchanged and both teams Captains will be responsible to contact the Chairman of the Pennant Committee to arrange to lodge the opposition scorebook without amendments.

If a disputed game has been live scored and only one scorebook has been used, the captain of the team that provided the live score will take a photo of the disputed scorebook. The result on the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App shall be submitted and both teams Captains will be responsible to contact the Chairman of the Pennant Committee to arrange to lodge the scorebook and photo of disputed scorebook without amendments. The result will be determined by the Pennant Committee.

- 16.2 Where a team has its innings declared or the match is abandoned on the second day through weather conditions, the score book and the team sheet shall be endorsed, and counter signed by the opposing Coaches that the following players took part in the match.

16.3 **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

UMPIRE'S PERFORMANCE, APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS & REPORTING PLAYERS & BEHAVIOUR

Captain's Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) cover appraisal of Umpire performance, ground conditions and includes an option to report a player/s whether the game has a BCUA Umpire or no appointed umpire.

The captain's report is automatically emailed to the nominated Captain with a link for the report, when the game status is marked complete after entering scores in the competition management platform (PlayHQ).

If a player, coach or club official demonstrates behaviour that is worthy of a report, the name of the player and a detailed explanation of the incident must be recorded in the Captain's Report.

This report will be forwarded to the BCA Investigations Officer in accordance with the provisions of [BCA Policy 1 – Code of Behaviour](#)

Captain's Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) also cover the rating of own team's behaviour and opposition behaviour. This is rated 1 (poor) to 5 (Excellent). If behaviour of either team is rated at 1, further details must be provided in the Captain's Report.

All Clubs are to ensure that Captain's in all grades complete and lodge the Captain's Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) by **11.59 pm** on the Monday following the completion of each match.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

RULE 17 SENIOR WOMEN MATCH POINTS ALLOCATIONS

- 17.1 All matches shall be decided on the result on the first innings. The team scoring the greater number of runs shall be the winner. **No further points for outright results will be awarded**

- 12.1.1 The result of the match shall be recorded on a points system: via:

6 pts	First Innings Win (1- & 2-day matches)
6 pts	Bye in any grade where there is an uneven number of byes
3 pts	Tie on First Innings
3 pts	Drawn or Abandoned match (1- and 2-day matches)
0 pts	Bye in any grade where all teams have the same number of byes

17.1.2 Any action regarding inequitable byes in a grade shall be the responsibility of the Pennant Committee.

17.1.3 If two or more teams are equal in points, their relative positions shall be determined by averages. For the purpose of ascertaining averages, **the quotient ratio as calculated in play HQ will be used to ascertain ladder position.**

The batting average of a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. **The bowling average of a** team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken.

The former shall be divided by the latter. The team having the highest quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.

RULE 18 UMPIRES

Refer [BCA Policy 16 - Umpires](#)

18.1 All Umpire match appointments shall be made by the Selection Panel of the Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association from their Association members.

18.2 If only one BCUA Umpire is provided, the square leg Umpire shall be provided by the **batting** team.

18.3 Where there are officially appointed Umpires, at the conclusion of the match, the Umpire(s) shall endorse the scorebook/s, and in so doing, agree to the official scores and match result. Once signed, no dispute from the match re scores/result would be heard by the Pennant/Appeals Committee's.

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebook/s will be impounded by the Umpire(s) and they will be responsible to contact the Chairman of the Pennant Committee to arrange to lodge the scorebooks without amendments.

18.4 UMPIRE FEES

Senior Women \$60 per Umpire per days play (40 overs)

18.5 UMPIRE PAYMENTS

The appointed BCUA umpire(s) shall be paid the fee applicable to their appointment in accordance with the schedule of fees outlined in this document, save for the following exceptions:

(a) Should play be cancelled for any reason prior to the scheduled starting time of play on any day, then no fee is payable to the appointed Umpire(s).

(b) In the event where play has not been cancelled prior to the scheduled starting time, the appointed Umpire(s) shall be entitled to.

- \$10.00 per hour, per Umpire, for each hour or part thereof up until the conclusion of scheduled time for the innings break or halfway point in a day's play
- Should play be cancelled after the conclusion of the scheduled time for the innings break or halfway point in a day's play, then the appointed Umpire(s) shall be entitled to the full match fee.

13.5 The appointed Umpire(s) shall be paid the appropriate fee via online transfer by the BCA. Clubs will be invoiced periodically throughout the season for umpire payments

RULE 19 CONDUCT

CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

[BCA Policy 1 – Code of Behaviour](#) applies to all Senior Women's matches.

Club Volunteers while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires.

RULE 20 PROPER CRICKET ATTIRE – PLAYER SAFETY

- 20.1 All players under the age of 18 participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved BS7928:2013 compliant helmet when batting and wicket keeping at all times (Playing and Training).

In line with Cricket Australia policy players aged 18 and above are strongly recommended to wear an approved BS7928:2013 compliant helmet while batting or keeping up to the stumps in all BCA competitions and at training, to maximise personal safety and minimise the potential for head injury.

<https://play.cricket.com.au/community/clubs/managing-your-club/helmet-recommendations>

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5

- 20.2 All players participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved BS7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in close. Fielding in close description as per CA - "(or in a zero-reaction time position) In elite cricket, a zero-reaction time position is considered any position within 7 metres of the batter except any position behind square on the off side - therefore, if fielding at silly mid-off or short-leg you would need to wear a helmet, whereas you would not if fielding at gully or (regulation) slip.

- 20.3 All players shall wear Batting Gloves and Batting Pads.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under Rule 5



BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYING CONDITIONS

1st XI

SEASON 2024/25



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RULES FOR BALLARAT 1st XI Women CRICKET COMPETITIONS

LAWS OF CRICKET

The MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, updated 3rd edition October 2022) shall apply to all BCA matches, except as hereinafter modified. The following Laws of Cricket will not be adopted by the Ballarat Cricket Association:

Laws: 2.6, 18.6, 42 in respect only to clauses relevant to 5 penalty runs when no official BCUA Umpire is standing and, in all matches, for the mandatory reporting of Captains (Seniors) and Coaches (Juniors).

RULE 21 CRICKET ATTIRE

- 21.1 All players are to wear the same and/or similar playing shirt. It is not limited to Club playing shirts however it is encouraged that players do wear a Club shirt.
- 21.2 Players are to wear long pants such as whites, ¾ leggings, track pants. Players do not need to wear matching pants.

RULE 22 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches will be scheduled on Friday nights from 6:30pm and possibly alternative timing as advised by the Pennant Committee.

Clubs wanting to make changes are to seek permission from the Pennant Committee at least 7 days prior to the scheduled round of matches.

Both clubs are to agree with the change of time, date and venue. If the scheduled game is affected by adverse weather conditions to the point of no result, the match will be deemed a draw. Once a match has been scheduled/rescheduled it cannot be rescheduled again. The venue may be changed prior to the start of play if conditions are not suitable or the venue becomes unavailable, in consultation with the umpire(s).

- 22.1 Scheduled times of play, intervals and overs to be bowled are as follows:

T15, T20 and Two-Day Matches (Including Finals)			
Scheduled Overs	80 (Two-Day matches)	40 (T20s)	30 (T15)
Innings Overs	40	20	15
Start times	6:30PM	6:30PM	6:30PM
Finish times	8:45PM	8:50PM	8:20PM
Drinks/innings break	20 overs or 7:35PM	7:35-7:45PM	7:20PM-7:30PM

- 22.2 Stumps must be in place and the toss effected at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game. If either side fails to attend the toss, they will forfeit the right to the toss.

RULE 23 PLAYING CONDITIONS

- Matches can take place on hard wicket or turf wicket grounds with a boundary length of no more than 50m from the centre of the pitch.
- Game is to be played on full pitch length
- Each team is to be made up of 11 players.
- Up to eleven (11) players may bat and bowl in one innings. The innings will be ended at the fall of the tenth wicket.
- All cricket balls used in any match shall be 2-piece 142g Orange Kookaburra Jaffer.

23.1 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play the Two Captains (Home and Away Teams) must complete the Team Sheets located within the supplied scorebook or printed from PlayHQ and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on PlayHQ. The signed (by Captains) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the home team Coach, team manager or captain.

23.1.1 Lodgement of Team Sheets:

- by the Officiating Umpire
- if no Umpire, by the home team.
- in the event of a forfeit – by the team receiving the forfeit – listing the players that would have taken part in the match.
- If no umpire present captains to determine 3, 2, 1 Votes for best Players.

The responsible individual shall lodge each original, scanned copy or photo of the Team Sheets to the BCA Operations Officer via email to operations.ballaratcricket@gmail.com, 0407 244 467 or delivered to BCA HQ mailbox (Eastern Oval) by 3.00pm on the Monday after the completion of the match.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under [Rule 5](#)

RULE 24 TWO-DAY MATCHES (40 overs per side)

24.1 BATTING RESTRICTIONS

No compulsory retirements for batters. Batters are able to retire (record as RTNO) however they cannot return to the crease until nine (9) batters have been dismissed. If there is more than one (1) player who was retired, they must return in the order they retired. **Captains are encouraged to voluntarily retire batters.**

24.2 All modes of dismissal count in this competition.

24.3 BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

Eight (8) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a two-day game.

6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).

24.3.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

24.3.2 BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES (MCC LAW 41.7.1)

Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed dangerous and/or unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. If the bowler bowls such a delivery the Umpire shall immediately call and signal No Ball. Dangerous deliveries are handled as per standard laws of cricket.

24.4 INNINGS CLOSURES

An innings may be closed before the official Finish Time due to **poor light**. Danger to players is the primary consideration and ability to sight the ball effectively is a key factor in the decision.

If the innings of the side batting first has not been previously completed by the official finish time, the innings shall be compulsorily closed at the completion of the allowed innings time regardless of overs bowled.

Clubs are encouraged to use lights at grounds with such capacity to maximise as much playing time as possible. Lights should be turned on at the innings or drinks break.

24.4.1 If the innings of the side batting first is compulsorily closed, then the side batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat only for the bowling of the same number of overs as has been bowled to the side batting first.

If 40 overs are not completed for the team batting first by the scheduled cessation time, the team batting second will only receive the number of overs equal to what they bowled at the scheduled cessation time (e.g., If 37 overs bowled at 8:15pm, play will cease, and innings closed. As only 37 overs were completed, this will be the same number for the team batting second.

24.4.2 Team batting second - If the scheduled overs are not completed by the scheduled cessation time e.g., If 37 overs bowled at 8:45pm, and in the opinion of the Umpires the bowling team is at fault, the team bowling second will be penalised 5 runs per over they that have failed to bowl. Play will continue until 40 overs are complete if Ground, Weather & Light conditions are good.

24.4.3 If the innings of the side batting first has been completed other than by compulsory closure, then the side batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat for at least the same number of overs as bowled to the side batting first, or any greater number possible up to the allowed innings time.

24.4.4 Neither side will be permitted more than 40 overs to bat in its innings. A second innings can commence, or match ended once a result has been achieved on agreement from both team Captains.

24.5 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

Where interruptions to play during the innings of the side batting first occur, the number of overs to be bowled shall be adjusted and compulsory closure shall occur at the completion of those overs or at the scheduled finishing time. The adjusted overs shall be calculated using the following table.

Up to 60 minutes lost.	
Minutes lost	Rescheduled Overs
1 - 6	39
7 - 12	38
13 - 18	37
19 - 24	36
25 - 30	35
31 - 36	34
37 - 42	33
43 - 48	32
49 - 54	31
55 - 60	30

Scheduled finish times relevant to the scheduled day and times for each match.

24.5.1 Where the total amount of time lost for the side batting first exceeds sixty (60) minutes or less than 20 overs can be completed, the match shall revert to a T20 the following week.

NOTE: That in such circumstance the innings of the side batting first will conclude on the second day of the match. Umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that the adjusted number of overs are completed before the rescheduled finishing time.

24.5.2 For other situations involving weather interruptions, refer to [Rule 5](#)

24.5.3 The Pennant Committee reserves the right to call matches off on any day preceding the game, in line with rules regarding extreme heat conditions. Clubs must also release the ground as being fit for play. It is the responsibility of the club administering a ground to advise teams when the ground is not fit for play.

24.6 Should play on the first day of any match be entirely prevented by bad weather conditions, the game shall resolve into a T20.

24.7 Where both sides have commenced their first innings, the match shall continue until the scheduled finishing time or until the scheduled overs per day have been bowled.

RULE 25 T15 and T20 MATCHES (15 or 20 overs per side)

T15 games are scheduled for the early part of the season when light conditions are not suitable for **safe** play. It is important to start games on time so that the team batting second has a fair go. Umpires will insist on keeping the games flowing and captains are responsible for players being ready to play without delay.

25.1 BATTING RESTRICTIONS

No compulsory retirements for batters. Batters are able to retire (record as RTNO) however they cannot return to the crease until nine (9) batters have been dismissed. If there are more than one (1) player who was retired, they must return in the order they retired. **Captains are encouraged to voluntarily retire batters.**

25.2 All modes of dismissal count in this competition.

25.3 BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

Four (4) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a T20 game. A maximum of three (3) overs applies for T15.

6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).

25.3.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

25.3.2 BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES (MCC LAW 41.7.1)

Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed dangerous and/or unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. If the bowler bowls such a delivery the Umpire shall immediately call and signal No Ball.

25.4 INNINGS CLOSURES and DELAYS

An innings may be closed before the official Finish Time due to **poor light. Danger to players is the primary consideration and ability to sight the ball effectively is a key factor in the decision.**

Clubs are encouraged to use lights at grounds with such capacity to maximise as much playing time as possible. Lights should be turned on at the innings or drinks break.

25.4.1 In T20 matches the time shall be divided equally and if the side batting first has not previously completed its innings, the innings shall be compulsorily closed on the completion of the bowling of 20 overs, or 65 minutes after the starting time. A similar adjustment is to be made for T15 games after 50 minutes are lost.

25.4.1.1 Team batting first - If 20 overs are not completed by the scheduled cessation time, the team batting second will only receive the number of overs equal to what they bowled at the scheduled cessation time (e.g., If 17 overs bowled at 7:05pm, play will cease, and innings closed. As only 17 overs were completed, this will be the same number for the team batting second.

25.4.1.2 Team batting second - If 20 overs are not completed by the scheduled cessation time e.g., If 17 overs bowled at 8:50pm, and in the opinion of the Umpires the bowling team is at fault, the team bowling second will be penalised 5 runs per over they that have failed to bowl. Play will continue until 20 overs are complete if Ground, Weather & Light conditions are good.

25.4.2 A game can only have a result of at least eight (8) overs per side can be played safely. Adjusted times due to delays will use 3 minutes per over, where necessary, to decide whether enough overs can reasonably be bowled. If reduced overs are required due to an interruption, both sides must have the same number of overs for a result other than a draw to be recorded.

25.4.3 The second innings in an interrupted match may be commenced in an attempt to achieve a result even if there would not normally be sufficient time to complete an equal number of overs. If no other result is achieved before an equal number of overs is faced, a draw is the result. Completion of this second innings is at the discretion of the umpires only.

25.4.4 If the innings of the side batting first has been completed other than by compulsory closure, then the side batting second has only its allotted overs to decide the game (20 for T20 and 15 for T15). If both teams and umpires agree, the game can continue informally once a result is achieved.

RULE 26 FINALS MATCHES

26.1 At the completion of the minor round of matches a final four shall be formed and these teams shall take part in a final series of matches.

26.2 SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals are to be played on Friday afternoon with no spare days allowed.

Matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round T20 games.

26.3 GRAND FINALS

Grand Finals are to be played on Friday afternoon. The following Friday afternoon will be held as a reserve day.

Matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round T20 games.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under [Rule 5](#)

26.4 PRESENTATION TO PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

A perpetual shield shall be presented to each winning team at the final's venue by a BCA Official. Each winning team shall receive 15 medals for distribution to players and such others as deemed appropriate. 1st XI winners will also be presented with a pennant flag.

RULE 27 CRICKET BALLS/STUMPS/BOUNDARY MARKERS

All cricket balls used in any match shall be a make, character and size approved by the BCA Board. Approved Balls listed below. Stumps without metal must be used.

CRICKET BALLS

Approved Cricket Balls for the current season are as follows:

Exclusively Kookaburra Balls, stamped with the BCA Logo

- Two (2) piece 142gm ORANGE balls – Kookaburra Jaffer

Balls may be replaced if they deteriorate during an innings due to the effects of wet weather or other ground conditions upon the approval of the appointed Umpire or where no umpire allocated, with the consent of the opposition Captain.

27.1 Each team shall be in the possession of 40 boundary markers, and where a boundary is not defined by a fence, such markers must be placed in the position prior to the commencement of the match. The first named team in the draw shall place the markers in position on each day of play. The markers must be placed in position in a circle of no more than 50 metres radius from the centre of the pitch, not more than 10 metres apart and 2 metres in front of any football goal/behind posts that are inside the boundary fence. Markers must be placed at least 3 metres inside any boundary fence or nets adjacent to the field



BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYING CONDITIONS

2nd XI

SEASON 2024/25



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RULES FOR BALLARAT 2nd XI Women CRICKET COMPETITIONS

LAWS OF CRICKET

The MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, updated 3rd edition October 2022) shall apply to all BCA matches, except as hereinafter modified. The following Laws of Cricket will not be adopted by the Ballarat Cricket Association:

Laws: 2.6, 18.6, 42 in respect only to clauses relevant to 5 penalty runs when no official BCUA Umpire is standing and, in all matches, for the mandatory reporting of Captains (Seniors) and Coaches (Juniors).

RULE 28 CRICKET ATTIRE

- 28.1 All players are to wear the same and/or similar playing shirt. It is not limited to Club playing shirts however it is encouraged that players do wear a Club shirt. The aim is to have players participate and feel good about playing rather than to apply any penalty for attire.
- 28.2 Players are to wear long pants such as whites, ¾ leggings, track pants. Players do not need to wear matching pants.

RULE 29 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches will be scheduled on Friday nights from 6:30pm and possibly alternative timing as advised by the Pennant Committee.

Clubs wanting to make changes are to seek permission from the Pennant Committee at least 7 days prior to the scheduled round of matches.

Both clubs are to agree with the change of time, date and venue. If the scheduled game is affected by adverse weather conditions to the point of no result, the match will be deemed a draw. Once a match has been scheduled/rescheduled it cannot be rescheduled again. The venue may be changed prior to the start of play if conditions are not suitable or the venue becomes unavailable, in consultation with the umpire(s).

- 29.1 Scheduled times of play, intervals and overs to be bowled are as follows:

T15, T20 (Including Finals)		
Scheduled Overs	40 (T20s)	30 (T15)
Innings Overs	20	15
Start times	6:30PM	6:30PM
Finish times	8:50PM	8:20PM
Drinks/innings break	7:35-7:45PM	7:20PM-7:30PM

- 29.2 Stumps must be in place and the toss effected at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game. If either side fails to attend the toss, they will forfeit the right to the toss.

* Note that early season matches can be shortened to T15 instead of T20 to allow completion prior to darkness falling.

RULE 30 PLAYING CONDITIONS

The format that this competition follows looks to further develop the cricket skills & provide a fun environment for women who are new to cricket or returning after time away from the sport. The emphasis here is on continuous and active participation, where all players get to bat, bowl and field in a 2-hour window.

- Matches can take place on hard wickets with a boundary length of no more than 45m – 40m preferred and measured from centre of the pitch
- Game is to be played on full pitch length
- Each team is to be made up of 9 players who bat or bowl. More players are allowed in a team but only 9 can field. Additional players can rotate in the field.
- Up to eleven (11) players may bat and bowl in one innings. The innings will be ended at the fall of the tenth wicket.
- All cricket balls used in any match shall be 2-piece 142g Orange Kookaburra Jaffer.

30.1 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play the Two Captains (Home and Away Teams) must complete the Team Sheets located within the supplied scorebook or printed from PlayHQ and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on PlayHQ. The signed (by Captains) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the home team Coach, team manager or captain.

30.1.1 Lodgement of Team Sheets:

- by the Officiating Umpire
- if no Umpire, by the home team.
- in the event of a forfeit – by the team receiving the forfeit – listing the players that would have taken part in the match.
- If no umpire present captains to determine 3, 2, 1 Votes for best Players.

The responsible individual shall lodge each original, scanned copy or photo of the Team Sheets to the BCA Operations Officer via email to operations.ballaratcricket@gmail.com, 0407 244 467 or delivered to BCA HQ mailbox (Eastern Oval) by 3.00pm on the Monday after the completion of the match.

PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under [Rule 5](#)

RULE 32 PLAYING CONDITIONS - BATTING

31.1 BATTING INFORMATION

- All batters retire at 30 runs.
- Any retired batters can return once all other batters have been either dismissed or retired after scoring their 30 runs, in the order they retired if overs permit.
- Maximum 11 players are permitted to bat per innings.
- If the team has more than 9 players, those players who did not bowl must bat and visa versa.
- The innings is deemed as closed after 10 wickets have fallen or the batting team has completed their allotted overs.
- If a team has less than 11 players after the final batter wicket has fallen, (with retired batters having already returned to the crease), the dismissed batters who made the least number of runs can progressively return to the crease until 10 wickets are lost

31.2 BATTING DISMISSALS

All modes of dismissal count in this competition.

RULE 32 PLAYING CONDITIONS - BOWLING

Four (4) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a T20 game. A maximum of three (3) overs applies for T15.

6 balls per over (maximum of 6 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).

All players can bowl. There is no requirement for wicket keepers to bowl. However, each team can only have up to 11 players bowling in total.

32.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

32.2 Bowlers change ends at 10 overs. At 8 overs for T15

32.3 Any ball bowled that pitches off the side of the wicket (on a hard wicket, the wicket is referring to the carpet), shall be called a "No Ball".

32.4 A ball is able to bounce twice before it reaches the batter. If the ball is **deemed unplayable by the umpire**, it shall be called a "No Ball". Players cannot be bowled or LBW when a ball bounces twice however all other modes of dismissal count if the umpire deems it playable.

32.5 BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES (MCC LAW 41.7.1)

Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed dangerous and/or unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. If the bowler bowls such a delivery the Umpire shall immediately call and signal No Ball. Dangerous deliveries are handled as per standard laws of cricket.

RULE 33 PLAYING CONDITIONS - FIELDING

33.1 FIELDING INFORMATION

- Maximum of 9 players on the field at one time.
- To ensure players experience all fielding positions, fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the captain.
- No fielders are allowed within 10 metres of the bat (except regulation offside slips, gully and wicket keeper).
- If more than 9 players are present at a match, they should rotate onto the field each over.
- Teams have the option, and are encouraged, to change wicketkeepers after mid innings.

RULE 34 PLAYING CONDITIONS – INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

An innings may be closed before the official Finish Time due to **poor light**. Danger to players is the primary consideration and ability to sight the ball effectively is a key factor in the decision.

Clubs are encouraged to use lights at grounds with such capacity to maximise as much playing time as possible. Lights should be turned on at the innings or drinks break.

34.1. In T20 matches the time shall be divided equally and if the side batting first has not previously completed its innings, the innings shall be compulsorily closed on the completion of the bowling of 20 overs, or 65 minutes after the starting time. A similar adjustment is to be made for T15 games after 50 minutes are lost.

34.1.1 Team batting first - If 20 overs are not completed by the scheduled cessation time, the team batting second will only receive the number of overs equal to what they bowled at the scheduled cessation time (e.g., If 17 overs bowled at 7:05pm, play will cease, and innings closed. As only 17 overs were completed, this will be the same number for the team batting second.

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34.2 If time is lost due to rain yet there is some play, there will be 1 over for every 3 minutes lost deducted from the match's scheduled 40 (30 for T15) overs. Hence for every 6 minutes lost the number of overs permitted for each team will be reduced by 1 over.

- 34.3 Should time be lost towards the end of the first innings, the side batting second can only receive the same number of overs faced by the team batting first.
- 34.4 In the event of time being lost and the recalculation of the number of overs to be bowled, each side must still receive the same number of overs in its innings as the other side. Otherwise, the match will be deemed drawn.
- 34.5 A game can only have a result of at least eight (8) overs per side can be played safely. Adjusted times due to delays will use 3 minutes per over, where necessary, to decide whether enough overs can reasonably be bowled. If reduced overs are required due to an interruption, both sides must have the same number of overs for a result other than a draw to be recorded.
- 34.6 The second innings in an interrupted match may be commenced in an attempt to achieve a result even if there would not normally be sufficient time to complete an equal number of overs. If no other result is achieved before an equal number of overs is faced, a draw is the result. Completion of this second innings is at the discretion of the umpires only.

RULE 35 **FINALS MATCHES**

- 35.1 At the completion of the minor round of matches a final four shall be formed and these teams shall take part in a final series of matches.

35.2 SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals are to be played on Friday afternoon with no spare days allowed.

Matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round T20 games.

35.3 GRAND FINALS

Grand Finals are to be played on Friday afternoon. The following Friday afternoon will be held as a reserve day.

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PENALTY: Shall be dealt with under [Rule 5](#)

35.4 PRESENTATION TO PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

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- 36.1 Each team shall be in the possession of 40 boundary markers, and where a boundary is not defined by a fence, such markers must be placed in the position prior to the commencement of the match. The first named team in the draw shall place the markers in position on each day of play. The markers must be placed in position in a circle of no more than 50 metres radius from the centre of the pitch, not more than 10 metres apart and 2 metres in front of any football goal/behind posts that are inside the boundary fence. Markers must be placed at least 3 metres inside any boundary fence or nets adjacent to the field