



Ballarat Cricket Association Governing Procedure 1 1st XI Competition Club Affiliation Requirements

The key affiliation for all Clubs currently competing in, or aspiring to participate in, the 1st XI competition have been reviewed to ensure a strong competition and sustainability for all Clubs.

Since the amalgamation of the 'Club' and 'District' competitions in 2015 the available grades and formats have varied at Senior level, but the expectation of those competing in the 1st XI competition was to have strength in numbers at Senior and Junior levels.

Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) By-Law 1 states: The Association shall consist of such clubs, sections, divisions, and competitions as the Board of Management in its absolute discretion deems to be appropriate from time to time.

The following is the minimum required for all Clubs wishing to participate in the Ballarat Cricket Association 1st XI competition.

- Turf wicket facility or can provide strong evidence of acquiring/building one within 12-24 months (subject to BCA agreements with external parties and availabilities).
- Senior teams in the 1st XI, 2nd XI & 3rd Competitions, with a 4th team in any other available grade.
- Senior women's team (by season 2023/2024).
- Junior 'open' teams in the U17, U15, U13 & U11 age groups.
- Junior girls' team in the Under 11 age group (by season 2022/2023), Under 14 age group (by season 2023/2024), and Under 17 age group (by season 2024/2025).
- Presence in one or both Woolworths Cricket Blast Programs

All Clubs are to confirm in writing their intentions and ability to fulfil the above requirements each season when requested by the Ballarat Cricket Association.