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# 1 INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 On Match Days

1.1.1 For the interpretation of playing and match conditions By-Laws on match day only, the Match Day Referee is to be contacted for a determination.

## 1.2 At All Other Times

1.2.1 All other requests for the interpretation of By-Laws are to be made directly to the Board.

## 1.3 Matters not Covered in the Constitution, the By-Laws or the Conditions of Play

1.3.1 Any matters arising that are not covered by the Association Constitution, By-Laws or Conditions of Play will be dealt with at the Boards discretion.

## 1.4 Definitions

**Association** means WASTCA.

**Board** shall mean the Board of Management duly elected under the WASTCA Constitution.

**By-Laws** means the WASTCA By-laws in this document.

**Charged Player** means the person that has been reported for breaching a WASTCA Code of Conduct Rule as described in **BL15** and for the avoidance of doubt can include any player, member, employee or social member of a club affiliated with WASTCA. It may also refer to a club affiliated with WASTCA.

**Club Member** is any player, Life Member, employee or social member of a club affiliated with WASTCA.

**Conditions of Play** means the WASTCA Conditions of Play document.

**CricketWest** means the name given to the body which represents the four (4) primary senior community cricket bodies in the Perth Metropolitan Area. These bodies are Perth Swan Cricket Association (PSCA), WASTCA, South Metropolitan Cricket Association (SMCA), and North Suburban Community Cricket Association (NSCCA).

**Disciplinary Tribunal** shall mean the tribunal nominated by the Board to administer the WASTCA By-Laws and Conditions of Play.

**Executive Officer** means the person nominated by the Board as per the WASTCA Constitution.

**GWL** means interruptions for ground, weather or light, beyond the control of the two teams.

**Law** means one of the Laws of Cricket.

**Laws of Cricket** means the Marylebone Cricket Club Laws of Cricket as amended from time to time.

**Match Day Referee** means the Competition Administrator or the person(s) nominated by the Executive Officer as outlined on the WASTCA website prior to each fixture.

**Mixed Format** grades means WASTCA Saturday Grade Cricket grades playing both two day and one day matches, usually designated 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, etc

**MyCricket** means website [www.mycricket.cricket.com.au](http://www.mycricket.cricket.com.au)

**OD** grades (One Day grades) means WASTCA Saturday Grade Cricket grades playing exclusively one day matches, usually designated OD1, OD2, OD3, etc

**PlayCricket App** means the mobile device application for hosting fixtures, results, statistics, etc, formally known as the MyCricket App.

**PlayHQ** means website [playhq.com](http://playhq.com)

**Player Umpire** shall mean umpire(s) as organized and agreed by the two (2) captains on the day of play, should an Umpire not be in attendance.

**Substitute Square-Leg Umpire** shall have the same meaning as a Player Umpire.

**WACA** means Western Australian Cricket Association, commonly known as WA Cricket.

**WADCC** means the Premier Cricket Grade Competition administered by the Western Australian District Cricket Council with the support of WACA.

**WASTCA** means West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association.

**WASTCUA** means West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Umpires Association.

**Umpire** means an official appointed by the Association's Umpire's Advisor and listed as such on PlayHQ or the PlayCricket App prior to the commencement of the match.

**Umpire's Advisor** means an official appointed by the Association and listed as such on the WASTCA website prior to the commencement of the season.

## 2 CLUB ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Notification of Club Officials

2.1.1 Clubs shall submit the names and contact details (phone or email) of the following in the Office Bearers Section for their Club in PlayHQ, and shall make these contact details publicly visible on the club PlayHQ website.

(1) Club President, Club Vice-President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer.

(2) Team Captains.

(3) Grounds Officer.

2.1.2 The nominated contacts in **BL2.1.1(1)** will be the official contacts for receipt of information from the Association and will be the only contacts authorised to correspond with the Association on behalf of their club.

2.1.3 All positions, other than team captains, must be updated not later than fourteen (14) days after the Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) of the Association. Team Captain details must be updated by the commencement of the second playing fixture. Failure to do so may result in a penalty as per **BL14**.

### 2.2 Financials

2.2.1 If at any Board meeting a club has payments in arrears after the invoice due date they are to be contacted by the Executive Officer and penalised as per **BL14**.

2.2.2 If, on the Wednesday following the completion of the qualifying rounds, a club is unfinancial regarding any account issued before the last day of play of the qualifying rounds, then the Board reserves the right to deny the offending club the right to participate in any further matches. If such right is denied, the offending club will be removed from their respective ladder(s) and finals scheduled accordingly.

2.2.3 WASTCA only accepts payment by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

### 2.3 Insurance

2.3.1 All clubs and umpires are covered by the Cricket Australia National Club Risk Protection Programme (NCRPP). The policy covers Public Liability, Personal Injury and Club Management Liability.

2.3.2 Each year, clubs and WASTCUA must register by September 30 and download a certificate of currency from the MyCricket website.

2.3.3 If a club has to make a claim or enquire as to benefits please refer to the website <https://sport.marshadvantage.com.au/cricket/club>

### 2.4 Withdrawal of Teams

2.4.1 Any team not playing three (3) consecutive matches shall be deemed to have disbanded unless otherwise determined by the Board.

2.4.2 Any club that withdraws a team following the publication of grounds and fixtures shall be liable for a fine as per **BL14**.

### 2.5 Sponsorship

2.5.1 A club having been found in breach of any of the Associations sponsorship agreements shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.

## **3 PLAYER REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

### **3.1 Registration**

- 3.1.1 A player named in an XI (or in a XII, where applicable) must be an eligible player for that club and registered to that club in PlayHQ.
- 3.1.2 The Board at its discretion may levy a registration fee.
- 3.1.3 PlayHQ will be the register of record for all players of all member clubs.
- 3.1.4 The use of anonymous public player names ('\*\*\*\*') in PlayHQ is to be discouraged and allowed only with an application to the Board stating the reasons for such exceptional measures. The Board reserves the right to inspect any scorebook involving such a player so as to investigate a dispute or report.

### **3.2 Overseas Player**

- 3.2.1 An overseas player means a person who does not hold Australian citizenship or permanent residency.
- 3.2.2 Overseas players wishing to play in Saturday Grade Competition Divisions 1 and 2 or the Twenty20 Competition Division 1 are required to obtain a Non-Resident Permit prior to playing.
- 3.2.3 Overseas players may instead obtain a Dispensation Permit by which they shall not count towards the player limits. A permit may be granted where:
  - (1) They have been transferred to Western Australia (**WA**) in their employment; or
  - (2) They will permanently reside in WA for a minimum of the next two (2) years; or
  - (3) Any other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the board.

### **3.3 Cancellation of Registration**

- 3.3.1 The Board, at its discretion, may refuse, cancel or review the registration of any player. The Board's decision shall be final and binding unless reviewed by the Disciplinary Tribunal as set out in **BL3.3.3**.
- 3.3.2 The Board shall, as soon as practicable, notify the player and his club in writing of the refusal, cancellation or review.
- 3.3.3 The player shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of the Board's written notice, have the right to have the refusal, cancellation or review reviewed by the Disciplinary Tribunal which shall hear and determine whether such refusal, cancellation or review shall stand and shall have the power to vary such refusal, cancellation or review.

### **3.4 Ineligible Players**

- 3.4.1 An ineligible player is any player who:
  - (1) Is not registered for the club he is playing for;
  - (2) Has been suspended by this Association or any other Association affiliated with Cricket Australia or its state and territory affiliates;
  - (3) Has not obtained a transfer as required;
  - (4) Has not obtained a permit as required;
  - (5) Has provided false information on his registration, transfer or permit;
  - (6) Has not been nominated on the declared teams list located in the scorebook;

- (7) Is over the age limit if playing in a colts match;
- (8) Is under the minimum age specified for any match;
- (9) Is in breach of any other eligibility requirement in these By-Laws; or
- (10) A player who has played WADCC grade 1 or 2 in the current season without first obtaining a transfer. If such a player is transferred back to a WADCC club in the current season, the player shall be considered ineligible for any games already played in WASTCA competitions.

3.4.2 The Board retains the power to launch investigations and tribunal proceedings following any reports of eligibility breaches. A penalty may be imposed as per **BL14**.

### 3.5 Transfer

#### 3.5.1 Obtaining a transfer

- (1) A transfer shall be required for any player wishing to transfer from any WADCC-affiliated club or CricketWest-affiliated club for which they have played a senior match in the previous five (5) seasons.
- (2) PlayHQ & MyCricket list the first name, surname, and year of birth in an identification search (together the **ID Player**). All three criteria must match the candidate's details to proceed with a transfer.
- (3) When determining which club to seek a transfer from, MyCricket lists all the clubs and last time the ID Player played a match there. Where an ID Player has played for multiple clubs in the past five (5) seasons a transfer needs to be obtained from the WADCC-affiliated club or CricketWest-affiliated club the candidate most recently played a match with.
- (4) All transfers are required to be approved by the Association.

3.5.2 The PlayHQ transfer function must be used when adding a PlayHQ player identification (ID) from another club as per **BL3.5.1(1)**.

3.5.3 The PlayHQ permit function must be used when adding a PlayHQ player ID whose eligibility falls outside **BL3.5.1(1)**.

3.5.4 Not used.

3.5.5 Every PlayHQ ID must be registered with the Association in PlayHQ to be selectable in a team.

3.5.6 A club may request the Board to approve a transfer where:

- (1) The player's previous club is affiliated with WADCC or CricketWest and has not responded within seven (7) days; or
- (2) The application has been unreasonably rejected by the player's previous club where it is shown;
  - The player does not owe the previous club any fees or monetary debts.
  - The player is not bound to the previous club by a written and signed contract.
- (3) Any such request must be submitted in writing to the Competition Administrator by 3pm on the Thursday prior to the match.

3.5.7 The Board reserves the power to deny, at its discretion, approval of any transfer.

3.5.8 The Board will not consider any transfer application before September 1st. The Board will not consider any transfer for a player who has played in the current season after January 31st. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Board.

3.5.9 Any player of a disbanded and unfinancial club shall not be permitted to play with any Association club without the sanction of the Board and, should sanction be granted, a levy to be fixed by the Board may be imposed on the player.

### **3.6 Permits**

3.6.1 All permits must be submitted using the PlayHQ permit function by 10am on the Friday preceding the match.

3.6.2 A temporary permit is required for any player who is registered as a senior player with another club, and who is on loan from that club (**TP**). A TP may be valid for one (1) or more matches in a season.

3.6.3 Players who have played grades 1 and/or 2 in the WADCC competition in the current season are not eligible for a TP.

3.6.4 A non-resident permit is required for all overseas players who wish to play in any competition which limits the number of such players in a team (**NRP**). A NRP shall be valid for one season

3.6.5 A higher-grade permit is required for any player who wishes to play in a lower grade than these By-Laws allow, or who wishes to play for another team in the same grade (**HGP**).

(1) A HGP may be valid for one (1) or more matches in a season.

(2) HGP are granted only in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Board and may be conditional on that player only participating in the game to a limited capacity (for example, in the case of an injured bowler).

3.6.6 A dispensation permit allows a player to be exempted from the count of overseas players in a team (**DP**). A DP shall be valid for one season.

3.6.7 A Consent permit will be granted by the Board in accordance with **BL3.9.3** to recognise replacement players.

3.6.8 Any other permit may be used for any other reason at the determination of the Board.

3.6.9 The professional and curator permits are not used by the Association.

### **3.7 One Match**

3.7.1 No player may be selected in more than one senior WASTCA or CricketWest affiliated match on any fixtured playing day. This does not apply to T20 Competitions or the Colts competition, or any substitute fielder. A penalty may be imposed as per **BL14**.

### **3.8 Movement between Grades**

3.8.1 Prior to the commencement of the season, all clubs shall confirm its desired hierarchy of graded teams. This shall be published on the WASTCA website and shall not be subject to change within the current season.

3.8.2 A player whose last qualifying round match in the current season was for:

(1) A club's Division 1 side (First XI), may not play lower than that club's Division 2 side (Second XI);

(2) A club's Division 2 side (Second XI), subject to 3.8.1(3) below, may not play lower than that club's Fourth XI;

- (3) A club's Division 2 side – where the player is only available for a one-day fixture – may not play lower than that club's next immediate lower team playing a one-day fixture;
- (4) A club's Division 2 side, may play in 6th Grade;
- (5) Player movement in violation of above, without first obtaining a HGP will render that player ineligible under **BL3.4**.

### **3.9 Replacements**

3.9.1 A player may be replaced during a two day match in the following circumstances:

- (1) The player is instructed by a government authority to self-isolate or enter quarantine, either as a result of a positive COVID-19 test, or being a close contact of a positive case, or otherwise.
- (2) The player suffers a medical condition that requires admission to a hospital.
- (3) The player is called to play representative cricket at a State or International level.
- (4) The player is acting as a replacement for another player in accordance with this By Law.
- (5) Compassionate grounds will be considered by the Board on a case by case basis.

3.9.2 The replacement player must be eligible to play in the match as per **BL3.1**, **BL3.4** and **BL3.8**. For the subsequent match, **BL3.8** shall not apply to the replacement player returning to a lower grade.

3.9.3 A Consent type permit to replace a player must be submitted in PlayHQ with the relevant documentation provided via email to the Competition Administrator (e.g. official health notice, letter from hospital, letter from State or National cricket Association). If a permit is not obtained then a replacement player is ineligible to play in the match. Where possible, the replacement player must be 'like for like' (e.g. a bowler for a bowler). The Board may deny a permit at its discretion if this principle is not followed.

3.9.4 A replacement player will be permitted to take full part in the match as if they were a full replacement player per **PC3.3.3** but **PC3.3.1** does not apply to a replacement player.

3.9.5 The split player option (11A/B) is available in finals.



## 4 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1 Minimum Playing Days

- 4.1.1 To be eligible to play in a finals match XII, a player must have played a minimum number of qualifying playing days during the regular season in the applicable division or lower division. The minimum number of days required is dependent on the number of playing days for the team qualified for finals.

Playing Days	Minimum Days Required
21-22	8
18-20	7
15-17	6
12-14	5
9-11	4
7-8	3
5-6	2
1-4	1

- 4.1.2 Days played in all matches in that Division or a lower shall count towards the number of days played. For the divisional structure refer to **BL6.5.2**.
- 4.1.3 Days played in a club's immediately higher team that has qualified for finals shall count towards the number of days played. For the divisional structure refer to **BL6.5.2**.
- 4.1.4 The Minimum Days Required will be reduced by one (1) day against the values in the table above for a club's lowest ordered team where a higher ordered team has not qualified for finals and **BL4.1.3** is not in effect.
- 4.1.5 Having qualified for a finals team as per **BL4.1**, **BL3.8** shall not apply to player movement between the last qualifying round match and the finals fixture.

### 4.2 Playing Days to Count

- 4.2.1 With the exception of **BL3.8.1(4)**, only days where play has commenced will count towards playing days. On days where play has commenced but then been abandoned or forfeited will count towards playing days for both teams.
- 4.2.2 Both days will count as a playing days of if no play is possible on the second day of a two day match.
- 4.2.3 Only where a player has been named in the XI (or XII, where applicable) and present during a match will that match count towards days played.
- 4.2.4 In the case of a split player in the XI, only one playing day will count for each player.

### 4.3 Mid-Season One Day Finals Eligibility

- 4.3.1 For the One Day Finals in Saturday Grade Competition, the number of fixtured playing days shall only include those prior to the date of the final in question. An eligible player participating in a semi-final is automatically qualified to participate in the subsequent grand final.

### 4.4 Twenty20 Competition Finals Eligibility

- 4.4.1 For the Twenty20 Competition Division 1 finals, in addition to being eligible based on playing days in the Twenty20 Competition, a player will also be eligible to play where they have played the minimum number of playing days required in the Saturday Grade Competition Division 1 or lower based on the number of Saturday Grade Competition Division 1 fixture days prior to the date of the Twenty20 final.

4.4.2 For the Twenty20 Competition Division 2 finals, in addition to being eligible based on playing days in the Twenty20 Competition Division 2, a player will also be eligible to play where they have played the minimum number of playing days required in the Saturday Grade Competition Division 2 or lower based on the number of Saturday Grade Competition Division 2 fixture days prior to the date of the Twenty20 final, provided they have not played any matches in the Saturday Grade Competition Division 1.

4.4.3 For the Twenty20 Competition Division 3 finals, in addition to being eligible based on playing days in the Twenty20 Competition Division 3, a player will also be eligible to play where they have played the minimum number of playing days required in the Saturday Grade Competition 6th Grade or lower, or Saturday One Day Grade 2 or lower, based on the number of Saturday Grade Competition fixture days prior to the date of the Twenty20 final, provided they have not played any matches in the Saturday Grade Competition 5th Grade or higher, or Saturday One Day Grade 1.

4.4.4 For the Colts final, in addition to being eligible based on playing days in the Colts Competition, a player will also be eligible to play where they have played the minimum number of playing days required in the Saturday Grade Competition based on the number of Saturday Grade Competition Division 1 fixture days prior to the date of the Colts final.

#### **4.5 Exemption Permits can be granted by the Board**

4.5.1 The Board will consider exemptions to the above criteria on a case by case basis provided the club directs the selection query and justification to the Competition Coordinator no later than 5pm on the Tuesday before the finals match in question. Exemption permits will only be granted to approved players on the condition that:

- (1) Permitted players do not bowl in the match; and,
- (2) Permitted players cannot bat before the fall of wicket (FOW) one (1) fewer than the number of qualified players in the batting side. For example, if there are two (2) permitted players and nine (9) qualified players in the batting side, the permitted players may not bat before the fall of the 8th wicket.

#### **4.6 Qualifying in Multiple Sides**

4.6.1 A player may only play in a Grand Final after playing in a higher grade losing Semi Final if they have qualified for finals in the same or lower division of the Grand Final in question independent of any day played in the higher grade.

4.6.2 When playing for more than one team in the same grade, a player must have played the minimum number of days in a particular team to qualify to play for that team in finals.

#### **4.7 Substitute Fielders in Finals**

4.7.1 Only eligible players shall be entitled to act as substitute fielders during a semi-final or grand-final match, unless the Umpire, in exceptional circumstances, allows subsequent additions.

## **5 FORFEITS**

### **5.1 Points**

5.1.1 Where a team forfeits a match, the points from the best result in the round in the grade will be awarded to the opposition as well as the Quotient or NRR applicable to the best result from that round.

### **5.2 Must Forfeit Lowest Team**

5.2.1 Clubs are expected to forfeit their lowest ordered team first, except that no One Day team shall be required to forfeit before a team playing a 2-day match. The Board reserves the right to determine that lower-ordered teams shall also forfeit if this By-Law is not complied with.

### **5.3 Penalties**

5.3.1 Any club which forfeits a match will be penalised as per **BL14**.

5.3.2 Any club which does not inform the Competition Administrator of their intention to forfeit a match prior to 5pm the day before the match will incur an increased penalty as per **BL14**.

### **5.4 Points from Withdrawn Teams**

5.4.1 All points, quotient or NRR, and Club Champion Points gained by a team against a club which disbands, or a team of a club withdrawn from competition, at any time during the season, are to be considered null and void in determining final team placings or at the Board's discretion may be recalculated in any form it feels necessary.

### **5.5 Withdrawing Lowest Team**

5.5.1 If required, clubs are expected to withdraw their lowest ordered team unless under exceptional circumstances.

5.5.2 The Board reserves the right to place conditions as it sees fit on the withdrawal of any side not of lowest or equal lowest order in a club's team hierarchy.

## 6 POINTS

### 6.1 Board to Decide Points

6.1.1 The Board, after the AGM each season, shall decide the method to be adopted for the scoring of points for matches and deciding the ladder positions.

6.1.2 The Board may at its discretion alter the maximum number of points available for a win in any round, provided the same number of points is available to all teams participating in that round.

### 6.2 Two Day Matches

First Innings	First Innings Points	Outright Result	Result Points	Total Points
Leading	6	Win	10	16
Leading	6	Loss	0	6
Leading	6	Tie	5	11
Trailing	0	Win	10	10
Trailing	0	Loss	0	0
Trailing	0	Tie	5	5
Tie	3	Win	10	13
Tie	3	Loss	0	3
Tie	3	Tie	5	8
		Tie on First Innings	5	5
		Draw/No Result	5	5
		Win on First Innings	10	10
		Bye	10	10

### 6.3 One Day Matches, T20 and Colts

Result	Result Points	Total Points
Win	8	8
Loss	0	0
Draw/Tie	4	4
Bye	8	8

### 6.4 Discrepancy in the Points Allocation

6.4.1 Any club finding a discrepancy in the points allocation for a fixture must notify the Competition Administrator of any such discrepancy before the completion of the next fixtured match, or in the case of any discrepancy in the points allocated for the final fixture, by 12pm on the Thursday prior to the semi-final.

**6.5 Club Championship**

6.5.1 Any WASTCA Club meeting the requirements for admission to WASTCA (i.e. entering a minimum of four teams in the WASTCA Saturday Grade Competition) shall be eligible to be awarded the Club Championship.

6.5.2 The Champion Club shall be determined by results achieved in each division of the Saturday Grade Competition as below:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
1	1st & 2nd	2.0
2	3rd & 4th	1.8
3	5th & OD1	1.6
4	6th & OD2	1.4
5	7th & OD3	1.2
6	8th & OD4	1.0
7	OD5B & OD5G	1.0

Note: the club championship calculation shall ignore the effect of any byes in any grade.

## 7 TROPHIES

### 7.1 Annual Wind-up

- 7.1.1 The association shall present trophies at the annual event, with the date and format to be determined by the Board.
- 7.1.2 In the event of any trophies tied by their means of determination, the trophy will be awarded to all joint winners.
- 7.1.3 Only performances in qualifying round matches shall count for these awards. The awards will be determined using the data in MyCricket as of the match reporting time in **PC2.5** for the last qualifying round for each grade.
- 7.1.4 Any player that is found guilty of a Code of Conduct offence or who accepts an Early Guilty Plea as a result of a report during the season is ineligible to be awarded any trophy. In the event that such a player would have ordinarily won a trophy, it shall be presented to the player or players with the next highest qualifying performance, subject to **BL7.1.2**.

### 7.2 Batting and Bowling Awards

- 7.2.1 The Association shall award batting and bowling average and aggregate trophies to the best performers in regular season matches for each grade in the Saturday Grade Competition.
- 7.2.2 The qualifying criteria for batting and bowling shall be:
- (1) Batting – to have batted in a minimum of 7 innings and scored a minimum of 200 runs in the grade;
  - (2) Bowling – to have bowled in a minimum of 7 innings and taken a minimum of 20 wickets in the grade.
- 7.2.3 The Association shall publish the best ten (10) batting and bowling averages in each grade via MyCricket.

### 7.3 Champion Cricketer Award

- 7.3.1 The Association shall award “Champion Cricketer” trophies in each Saturday Grade Competition grade to the individual(s) who accrued the most Champion Player Points (**CPP**) in regular season matches for each grade.
- 7.3.2 Champion Player Points are calculated as per player statistics below:

Statistic	Champion Player Points
Runs	1
Wickets	20
Unassisted Run Outs	20
Assisted Run Outs	10
Catches	10
Stumpings	10

### 7.4 Saturday Grade Competition Division 1 Cricketer of the Year Awards

- 7.4.1 The Association shall award a “Grade 1 Cricketer of the Year” trophy as voted for by the umpires in Saturday Grade Competition Grade 1.
- 7.4.2 The Association shall award a “Grade 2 Cricketer of the Year” trophy as voted for by the umpires in Saturday Grade Competition Grade 2.
- 7.4.3 The Association shall award a “Division 1 Colts Cricketer of the Year” trophy for the Colts-aged player with the most votes as voted for by the umpires in Saturday Grade Competition Division 1.

## **7.5 Other Awards**

- 7.5.1 The Association shall award a “Best Individual Performance” trophy to the individual(s) who accrued the most CPP in a single match of Saturday Grade Competition.
- 7.5.2 The Association shall award a “Spirit of Cricket” trophy as per votes received from the umpires for conduct in all umpired matches. The Association shall maintain and publish a ladder of SoC umpires votes during the season. A club with a single player suspended for one (1) or more playing dates (including suspended sentences) during the season will be remain eligible to win the award but will be penalised 5% of their score. If a club records multiple suspensions for one (1) or more playing dates (including suspended sentences) during the season then they shall be ineligible to win this award. In the event an ineligible club would have ordinarily won the trophy, it shall be awarded to the next best eligible club.
- 7.5.3 Clubs that complete the season without any player being suspended for 1 or more playing dates (including suspended sentences) shall receive a share of a prize pool equal to 30% of the aggregate fines received by the Association during the season. Should more than one (1) club meet that criteria, the pool shall be shared proportionally based on the number of Saturday Grade teams per club.
- 7.5.4 The Association shall award a separate “Spirit of Cricket (Colts)” trophy as per votes received from umpires for conduct in all colts matches. A Club that has any players suspended for one (1) or more playing dates (including suspended sentences) for offences during Colts matches shall be ineligible to win the trophy. In the event that such a club would have ordinarily won the trophy, it shall be awarded to the next best eligible club.
- 7.5.5 The Association shall award a “Champion Club” award as per **BL6.5**
- 7.5.6 The Association shall award any other trophies from time to time as determined by the Executive Committee.

## **8 UMPIRES**

### **8.1 Umpires Attire**

8.1.1 Umpires must wear an approved WASTCA shirt, black trousers, predominantly white shoes/boots, white wide brim hat or white cap and name badge while acting in official capacity as an umpire, which includes at the toss of the coin.

### **8.2 Player Umpires**

8.2.1 Any player, or other person, acting as a Player Umpire, whether at the bowler's end or square leg, shall be recognized as, and have the authority and protections of an officially appointed WASTCUA Umpire.

8.2.2 The minimum acceptable standard of dress for a Player Umpire shall be shorts, shirt and enclosed footwear. No match shall proceed until this standard is complied with.

8.2.3 Distinguishing attire shall be worn at all times by a Player Umpire. Failure to comply with this By-Law may result in a fine as per **BL14**.

### **8.3 Required to Have a copy of By-Laws, Conditions of Play and Laws of Cricket**

8.3.1 At all matches, Umpires shall have a copy of these By-Laws, the Conditions of Play and the Laws of Cricket. Failure to comply with this By-Law may result in a fine as per **BL14**.

### **8.4 Umpires Shall be in Position**

8.4.1 Umpires shall be in a position five (5) minutes prior to the prescribed starting time. When an official Umpire(s) is scheduled, if no Umpire is present fifteen (15) minutes prior to the prescribed starting time, the two (2) captains shall contact the Executive Officer who will advise. Should the Umpire(s) arrive after play has commenced using Player Umpires, they shall assume control of the match.

### **8.5 Umpire's Report**

8.5.1 Every Umpire is required to complete and submit an Umpire's Report no later than 7:30pm on the Monday following the conclusion of the match. Failure to comply with this By-Law may result in a fine as per **BL14**.

### **8.6 Control of Ball between Play**

8.6.1 If the ball, having been taken charge of by the umpires during a break of play, be unavailable at a later time due to causes determined by the Board to be within the control of the umpires, then such umpires shall be subjected to a fine (equal to the price of a new ball). This fine is applicable to official umpires, club umpires and player umpires.

### **8.7 Umpires and Captains Conference**

8.7.1 As a courtesy to each other, Umpire(s) and captains are required to meet for a discussion after the close of play on each day to discuss all matters of relevance to umpire's and captain's reports.



## **9 REPORTING OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

### **9.1 Jurisdiction**

- 9.1.1 An infringement during a match shall include any infringement during the period commencing thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of play and extending thirty (30) minutes past the close of play, and on the field of play or the ground on which the match is played.
- 9.1.2 Player Umpires presiding at the time are entitled to issue cautions and to make reports of players via the process outlined in **BL9.4**.
- 9.1.3 At its discretion, the Board may extend the deadlines for any notification or reporting requirements.

### **9.2 Cautions**

- 9.2.1 Any umpire may issue a caution to a player who has committed a minor infringement of these By-Laws, Conditions of Play or the Laws of Cricket during an Association sanctioned match. A caution is considered consistent with the level of offence as described in **Law 42.2.1**.
- 9.2.2 The umpire shall notify the captain and the player at the time of the offence.
- 9.2.3 The umpire shall, no later than 5pm on the next business day after the conclusion of the match, lodge a written report to the Executive Officer or Umpire's Advisor.
- 9.2.4 If a player receives two or more cautions during the current season, the player will be suspended for two (2) playing dates on each occasion.
- 9.2.5 Cautions may be appealed to the Tribunal, subject that any appeal for the first caution issued to a player during the current season shall only be heard once a second caution is appealed by that player.

### **9.3 Reports by Umpires**

- 9.3.1 An umpire shall report a club or club member who has committed an infringement of these By-Laws, The Laws or Cricket, WASTCA Conditions of Play, or Policy during an Association sanctioned match.
- 9.3.2 An umpire shall place on report any player who has committed a Level 2 or greater offence as described in **Law 42**.
- 9.3.3 The umpire shall, no later than 7.30pm on the Monday after the conclusion of the match, lodge a written report to the Executive Officer or Umpire's Advisor.
- 9.3.4 Reports by Player Umpires must be lodged as a club complaint in accordance with **BL9.4**.

### **9.4 Complaints by Clubs**

- 9.4.1 Only a member of a club's executive as defined in **BL2.1.1(1)** may lodge a complaint or report on behalf of their club against another Club, Player, Official or Member of another Club regarding an infringement of these By-Laws, the Laws of Cricket, WASTCA Playing Conditions or Policies.
- 9.4.2 The Club shall, no later than 7.30pm on the next business day after becoming aware of the infringement, lodge a written report to the Executive Officer.
- 9.4.3 A club wishing to dispute a match result will be required to pay a \$100 fee to the Association for an Investigation to be commenced. The fee is fully refunded if the Board deems the complaint to have merit.

### **9.5 Investigation**

- 9.5.1 The Board may investigate any report or complaint received by it under **BL9.3** or **BL9.4**.

- 9.5.2 The Board or Disciplinary Tribunal may initiate an investigation into any infringement of these By-Laws, The Laws of Cricket, WASTCA Playing Conditions or Policy on its own motion.
- 9.5.3 The Board or Disciplinary Tribunal will request of any club or individual any information it deems material to the investigation.
- 9.5.4 After an investigation, the Board or Disciplinary Tribunal may charge any Club Member or Official with an infringement.
- 9.5.5 The Disciplinary Tribunal shall hear and determine the matter as soon as practicable in accordance with the Association's constitution and the WASTCA Disciplinary Tribunal Policy.
- 9.5.6 The Disciplinary Tribunal may at its absolute discretion suspend a player charged with any offence until such a time as that charge has been heard by that Disciplinary Tribunal. The Disciplinary Tribunal may consider any playing days served under this **BL9.5.6** in determining a suspension resulting from a guilty verdict.

## **9.6 Persons Required to Give Evidence**

- 9.6.1 All club members, umpires and officials named in the Board investigation are, if requested by the Executive Officer or Disciplinary Tribunal, required to provide evidence to the Disciplinary Tribunal in a manner deemed appropriate by the Executive Officer or Disciplinary Tribunal.
- 9.6.2 Any person giving evidence who acts in an untruthful, misleading, uncooperative or contemptible manner at or for a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and be dealt with after the hearing. The Disciplinary Tribunal has the discretion to impose a penalty in such circumstances as per **BL14**, which is to be immediately applied.

## **9.7 Failing to Attend a Tribunal**

- 9.7.1 If any **Charged Player** fails to attend the Disciplinary Tribunal convened to consider the charges, then those individual(s) shall be penalised as per **BL14**.
- 9.7.2 If any individual(s) who have been requested by the Executive Officer or Disciplinary Tribunal to attend the Disciplinary Tribunal or a Board investigation to give evidence and fail to attend then the Board or Disciplinary Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, impose a penalty on those individual(s) as per **BL14**.

## **9.8 Early Guilty Plea**

- 9.8.1 The Board may at its absolute discretion notify any **Charged Player** that they may elect to plead guilty to that charge and accept a penalty prescribed by the Board without the necessity for the matter to be determined by the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- 9.8.2 Any such penalty prescribed or offered by the Board for acceptance by the **Charged Player** as an Early Guilty Plea ("EGP") may be less than the Minimum Penalty specified in **BL16.1** for an offence.
- 9.8.3 If the Board decides to exercise the discretion contained in **BL9.8.1** then it must notify the **Charged Player** and club (**Notification**) of:
- (1) The nature of the charge;
  - (2) That they may elect to plead guilty to the charge without the necessity for the matter to be heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal; and
  - (3) The penalty prescribed by the Board in respect of that offence.
- 9.8.4 Any individual or club charged with an offence that receives Notification may elect:
- (1) To plead guilty to that charge and accept the penalty prescribed by the Board without a hearing of the Disciplinary Tribunal; or

(2) To have the matter heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

9.8.5 If any player or club receives Notification and that player or club notifies the Board by no later than 12pm on the day after they receive that Notification that they plead guilty to the charge then that player or club shall automatically be subject to the penalty imposed by the Board without a hearing by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

9.8.6 If:

(1) any player or club charged with an offence does not receive the Notification, then the matter shall be heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(2) any individual is suspended because of having committed an offence, the Board shall notify the club in writing of the offending individual advising the nature of the penalty and the date upon which the suspended individual may resume playing.

## **9.9 Serving a Suspension**

9.9.1 A suspension can only be served by not playing days in:

(1) The same or lower division in which the offence occurred,

(2) Only if the player would have been ordinarily allowed to play in any such lower division in accordance with **BL3.8** Movement Between Grades.

9.9.2 Days where play was fixtured but unable to commence due to forfeits or GWL will count as a day served.

9.9.3 A playing date suspension applied as a result of an incident in a T20 match can only be served in a subsequent T20 match.

9.9.4 A playing date suspension applied as a result of an incident in a 1 or 2 day match cannot be served in a T20 match.

9.9.5 A suspension of one playing day can be served by playing 11B.

9.9.6 A suspended player will not be permitted to umpire in a match involving the opposition club(s) from the match(es) where the suspension was incurred.

## **10 RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL PRACTICES**

### **10.1 Responsibility for players, officials and supporters**

10.1.1 Each club will be held responsible for ensuring its players, officials, members and supporters do not breach this by-law, and will be held liable for any penalties imposed by the Board.

10.1.2 This By-Law shall apply to any ground where WASTCA matches are played and shall cover the entire ground including but not limited to the playing area, surrounds, carparks and changerooms in addition to any licensed area.

### **10.2 Bringing and consuming alcohol**

10.2.1 The club will ensure its players, officials, members and supporters do not bring alcohol into the ground at which they are guests.

10.2.2 The club will ensure that all alcohol consumed by its players, officials, members and supporters at the ground has been purchased from the bar of the host club, and is consumed within the confines of the host club's licensed area.

10.2.3 Failure to comply with this **BL10** may result in a fine as per **BL14**.

## **11 SATURDAY GRADE COMPETITION**

### **11.1 Playing Conditions**

11.1.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with **PC2**.

11.1.2 All matches designated as two day matches by the Competition Committee shall be played in accordance with **PC3**.

11.1.3 All matches designated as one day matches by the Competition Committee shall be played in accordance with **PC4**.

### **11.2 Divisions**

11.2.1 The Saturday Grade Competition shall be composed of the following Divisions:

- (1) Division 1: 1st Grade and 2nd Grade.
- (2) Division 2: 3rd Grade and 4th Grade.
- (3) Division 3: 5th Grade and One Day Grade 1.
- (4) Division 4: 6th Grade and One Day Grade 2.
- (5) Division 5: 7th Grade, One Day Grade 3.
- (6) Division 6: One Day Grade 4.
- (7) Division 7: One Day Grade 5 Black and One Day Grade 5 Gold.

### **11.3 Player Eligibility**

11.3.1 To be eligible to play in the Saturday Grade Competition, the player shall be:

- (1) For Division 1, 15 years of age or older as at September 1 of the year the season commenced;
- (2) For Division 2 through Division 4, 14 years of age or older as at September 1 of the year the season commenced;
- (3) For Division 5 or lower, 12 years of age or older as at September 1 of the year the season commenced; and,
- (4) Meets all other eligibility requirements to play for the club as per **BL3.4.1**.

### **11.4 Limit on Overseas Players**

11.4.1 A maximum of two (2) overseas players as defined in **BL3.2** are eligible to play in any team in the Saturday Grade Competition Division 1 or 2 Grades.

### **11.5 Number of Players**

11.5.1 Except where provided for by **BL11.5.2** below, a team shall consist of eleven (11) players.

11.5.2 In the one-day grades of the lowest division listed in **BL11.2.1**, a team shall consist of up to (12) players.

- (1) Only eleven (11) fielders shall be allowed on the field at any one time.
- (2) Only eleven (11) players are allowed to bat.

### **11.6 The Ball**

11.6.1 Only the following leather cricket balls are approved by the Board for use in matches:

- (1) Kookaburra Regulation (four piece);
- (2) Kookaburra Turf (four piece);
- (3) Kookaburra Club Match (four piece);
- (4) Kookaburra Special Test (two piece);
- (5) Kookaburra Turf-Pitch (two piece);
- (6) Kookaburra Regulation Reject (four piece);
- (7) Kookaburra Turf Reject (four piece); or
- (8) Kookaburra Practice (two piece).

11.6.2 The colour of the ball shall be:

- (1) White – for all one day matches in Division 1;
- (2) Red – for all one day matches in Division 2 or lower; and
- (3) Red – for all two day matches.

11.6.3 Kookaburra four-piece balls must be used in all matches played on turf wickets, except where provided for by **BL11.6.4** below.

11.6.4 Subject to **BL11.6.2**, in any WASTCA Division 1 or Division 2 fixture that has been relocated from a turf wicket to a synthetic wicket a Kookaburra four-piece ball must be used except where, prior to the toss, both captains have agreed to the use of a two-piece ball and thereafter both sides shall use two-piece balls for the entire match.

11.6.5 Subject to **BL11.6.2** and **BL11.6.4**, in the 3rd and 4th innings of a match (the second innings for either team) the bowling side may elect to use a Kookaburra Regulation Reject (four piece) cricket ball, a Kookaburra Turf Reject (four piece) cricket ball or a Kookaburra Practice (two piece) cricket ball. These balls shall not be used in the 1st or 2nd innings of a match (the first innings for each team), with the exception that a Kookaburra Practice (two piece) cricket ball may be used in any fixtured WASTCA one day match played on synthetic wickets.

11.6.6 Subject to **BL11.6.2** and **BL11.6.5** in the 3rd and 4th innings the bowling side may elect not to use a new ball.

11.6.7 Per **Law 41.3**, the umpire/s shall make frequent and irregular inspections of the ball to their satisfaction that the condition of the ball has not been unfairly changed by the action of any player. In particular, it is an offence for any player to polish the ball, except for on their clothing provided that no artificial substance is used, that the only natural substance used is sweat, and that such polishing wastes no time. Polishing the ball by any other means – including by the use of saliva – shall be considered a Code of Conduct offence.

## 11.7 Ladders

11.7.1 For the purpose of the ladder, teams will be awarded points for results gained as per **BL6.2** and **BL6.3**.

11.7.2 In the event of teams having received equal points in Two Day Grades then score quotient will be used to further rank teams.

- (1) Score quotient is calculated by dividing the runs scored by wickets taken and subtracting by the value of the runs conceded divided by wickets lost throughout the competition.
- (2) Quotient =  $\text{Runs Scored} / \text{Wickets Lost} - \text{Runs Conceded} / \text{Wickets Taken}$

- 11.7.3 In the event of teams having received equal points in One Day Grades then Net Run Rate will be used to further rank teams.
- (1) A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition.
  - (2) Net Run Rate = Ave runs per over for – Ave runs per over against
  - (3) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.
  - (4) Net run rate calculations will only apply to matches where a result has been achieved.
- 11.7.4 In the event of teams having received equal points in the One Day Ladders of the Saturday Grade Competition, even where those teams may be in separate pools for fixturing, then Net Run Rate as in **BL11.7.3** above will be used to further rank teams.
- 11.8 Finals**
- 11.8.1 Semi Finals
- (1) The team ranked first shall play the team ranked fourth in the First Semi Final.
  - (2) The team ranked second shall play the team ranked third in the Second Semi Final.
- 11.8.2 Grand Finals
- (1) The winners of the Semi Finals will play in the Grand Final at the highest ranked team's home ground, subject to the Grounds Committee confirming the ground and facilities are of a satisfactory standard as outlined in the WASTCA Home Final Policy.
  - (2) Where the Board has identified suitable additional fixture days in a particular season, it may schedule spare or replay dates for Grand Finals at its discretion.
- 11.8.3 In the case of a final being drawn or tied, or no result for any other reason, and subject to **BL11.8.2(2)** above, the higher ranked team will be declared the winner.

## **12 TWENTY20 COMPETITION**

### **12.1 Playing Conditions**

12.1.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with **PC2**.

12.1.2 All matches shall be played in accordance with **PC5**.

### **12.2 Player Eligibility**

12.2.1 To be eligible to play in the Twenty20 Competition, the player shall be:

- (1) For Division 1, 15 years of age or older as at September 1 of the year the season commenced;
- (2) For Division 2 or lower, 14 years of age or older as at September 1 of the year the season commenced; and,
- (3) Meets all other eligibility requirements to play for the club as per **BL3.4.1**.

### **12.3 Limit on Overseas Players**

12.3.1 A maximum of three (3) overseas players as defined in **BL3.2** are eligible to play in a Twenty20 Division 1 team.

### **12.4 Number of Players**

12.4.1 A team shall consist of eleven (11) players.

### **12.5 Division 2 & Division 3 Eligibility**

12.5.1 A player who has played in more than one Saturday Grade Division 1 match that season shall not be eligible to play in the Twenty20 Division 2 competition.

12.5.2 A player who has played in more than one Saturday Fifth Grade (or higher) or Saturday One Day Grade 1 match – cumulatively – in that season shall not be eligible to play in the Twenty20 Division 3 competition.

### **12.6 The Pitch**

12.6.1 If turf pitches are unsuitable for play, the Board will endeavour to transfer the match to a synthetic pitch.

12.6.2 If turf pitches are unsuitable for play in a final, the Board will endeavour to firstly reschedule the match, or transfer the match to a synthetic pitch.

### **12.7 The Ball**

12.7.1 Only the following WHITE leather cricket balls are approved by the Board for use in Twenty20 matches:

- (1) Kookaburra Regulation (four piece);
- (2) Kookaburra Turf (four piece);
- (3) Kookaburra Club Match (four piece);
- (4) Kookaburra Senator (four piece);
- (5) Kookaburra Special Test (two piece);
- (6) Kookaburra Regulation Reject (four piece);
- (7) Kookaburra Turf Reject (four piece); or,



(8) Kookaburra Practice (two piece).

12.7.2 Kookaburra four-piece balls must be used in all matches played on turf wickets.

12.7.3 Subject to **BL12.7.2**, in any fixture that has been relocated from a turf wicket to a synthetic wicket a Kookaburra four-piece ball must be used except where, prior to the toss, both captains have agreed to the use of a two-piece ball and thereafter both sides shall use two-piece balls for the entire match.

12.7.4 Per **Law 41.3**, the umpire/s shall make frequent and irregular inspections of the ball to their satisfaction that the condition of the ball has not been unfairly changed by the action of any player. In particular, it is an offence for any player to polish the ball, except for on their clothing provided that no artificial substance is used, that the only natural substance used is sweat, and that such polishing wastes no time. Polishing the ball by any other means – including by the use of saliva – shall be considered a Code of Conduct offence.

## **12.8 Ladders**

12.8.1 For the purpose of the ladder, teams will be awarded points for results gained as per **BL6.3**

12.8.2 In the event of teams having received equal points, even where those teams may be in separate pools for fixturing, then Net Run Rate will be used to further rank teams

- (1) A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition.
- (2) Net Run Rate = Ave runs per over for – Ave runs per over against
- (3) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.
- (4) Net run rate calculations will only apply to matches where a result has been achieved.

## **12.9 Finals**

12.9.1 Finals structures in all divisions are to be at the determination of the Board and will be published with fixtures.

12.9.2 Where the Board has identified suitable additional fixture days in a particular season, it may schedule spare or replay dates for Grand Finals at its discretion.

12.9.3 In the case of a final being drawn, or no result for any other reason, and subject to **BL12.9.2** above, the higher ranked team will be declared the winner.

## **12.10 Tied Finals**

12.10.1 **Law 16.5.1**- Modified as follows: If the scores are equal, then the teams shall contest a Super Over, subject to GWL. The Super Over shall commence 10 minutes after the cessation of the 2nd innings, at the same ground and using the same pitch.

- (1) The team batting second in the match will bat first in the Super Over. The fielding side shall choose which end to bowl from. The Umpires shall not change ends.
- (2) Prior to the commencement of the Super Over each team shall nominate three (3) batsmen and one (1) bowler to the Umpires.
- (3) Fielding restrictions shall be as of the last over in an uninterrupted match.

- (4) The ball bowled in the super over shall be the ball as bowled by that side previously in the match. If the match ball is unsuitable for any reason, the umpires shall select an appropriate substitute of similar condition to the original.
- (5) Each team shall bat for one over unless all out earlier.
- (6) In the event that both teams accrue the same score after their respective Super Over, additional Super Over(s) as per **BL12.10.1(1)-(5)** shall be repeated until a winner is obtained.
- (7) If, for reasons of GWL, a Super Over is not possible then the winner will be the team that won the majority of previous encounters over the other team in the season in the Twenty20 competition.
- (8) In the event that there is no winner after **BL12.10.1(7)** then the winner is the team that hit the most number of boundaries (fours and sixes) in the match, except in the Grand Final where joint winners will be declared.
- (9) In the event that there is no winner(s) after **BL12.10.1(8)** then the winner will be the team with the superior NRR as per **BL12.8.2**, except in the Grand Final where joint winners will be declared.

## **13 COLTS COMPETITION**

### **13.1 Playing Conditions**

13.1.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with **PC2**.

13.1.2 All matches shall be played in accordance with **PC5**.

### **13.2 Player Eligibility**

13.2.1 To be eligible to play in the Colts Competition, the player:

- (1) Is under 21 years old as at September 1 of the year the season commenced;
- (2) Must not have played a match in the WADCC Grades or Colts that season, except if the player has played a match in the WASTCA Saturday Grade Competition that season; and
- (3) Meets all other eligibility requirements to play for the club as per **BL3.4.1**.

13.2.2 Subject to **BL13.2.1**, a player registered at another CricketWest-affiliated club may be eligible to play in the Colts Competition, provided the provisions of **BL3.6** (Permits) are followed and the Board has granted the appropriate TP.

### **13.3 Limit on Overseas Players**

13.3.1 As per **BL12.2**

### **13.4 Number of players**

13.4.1 A team shall consist of twelve (12) players.

- (1) Only eleven (11) fielders shall be allowed on the field at any one time.
- (2) Only eleven (11) players are allowed to bat.

### **13.5 The Ball**

13.5.1 As per **BL12.6**.

### **13.6 Ladders**

13.6.1 As per **BL12.8**.

### **13.7 Tied Finals**

13.7.1 As per **BL12.10**.

## 14 BY-LAW PENALTIES

By-Law	Description	Penalty
2.1.3	Failure to Notify Details of Club Officials	\$100 plus \$50 for each week these details remain outstanding.
2.2.1	Club is financially in arrears	Fine of up to \$100 and/or the suspension of gaining points from qualifying matches and/or the ineligibility to participate in finals matches.
2.4.2	Withdrawal of team after adoption of fixtures.	\$500
3.4.2	Playing an ineligible player.	Subject to Board determination, a maximum penalty of forfeit and \$250 fine per match in breach.
3.7.1	Playing in more than one match in the same set of fixtures.	\$100
5.3.1	Forfeiting a match	\$250 plus any costs incurred by the Association.
5.3.2	Failure to inform Competition Administrator of intention to forfeit prior to 5pm the day before the match	\$500, plus any costs incurred by the Association. Upon receipt of this fine, \$250 will be awarded to the opposition club.
8.2.3	Failure to wear distinguishing attire as a substitute square leg umpire	\$20
8.3.1	Umpires failure to have a copy of these By-Laws	\$50
8.5.1	Umpires failure to lodge a match report	\$50
9.6.2	Failure to be truthful, cooperative with Disciplinary Tribunal	Subject to Board or Disciplinary Tribunal discretion, up to a \$250 fine and an Unbecoming Behaviour Charge per <b>BL15.7</b> .
9.7.1	Failing to attend tribunal when charged	Ineligible to play until charge determined by Disciplinary Tribunal
9.7.2	Failing to attend tribunal when requested	Up to \$100 fine and/or ineligible to play until appearing at tribunal
10.2.3	Consuming alcohol not purchased on the premises or not within the licensed area	Up to \$1000 per club. Note: This penalty will be issued to the club as the responsible entity.

## 15 CODE OF CONDUCT - GUIDELINES

### 15.1 GUIDELINES

15.1.1 The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with [Law 42](#).

15.1.2 Each of the rules for behaviour has a guideline. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the rule, the provisions of the rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

### 15.2 Rule 1: Level 1 Offences

15.2.1 The offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are level 1 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 1 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

15.2.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
1.1	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of, or contents of, any building or structure at the ground.
1.2	Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.</li><li>• This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captains' Report.</li></ul>
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.	This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be considered when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
1.4	Engage in excessive appealing.	Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this rule.
1.5	Point or gesture towards the pavilion, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batsman, upon the dismissal of a batsman.	Includes charging or running up to the batter and getting "in his/her face".

### 15.3 Rule 2: Level 2 Offences

15.3.1 The offences set out at 2.1 to 2.9 below are level 2 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 2 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

15.3.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the crease.  This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captains' Report.
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials during play.	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.
2.3	Public or media comment that is detrimental to the interests of cricket, irrespective of when or where such comment is made.	NOTE: Without limitation, officials, umpires and club members will be deemed to have made comment detrimental to the interests of cricket in breach of 2.3 if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criticise members/clubs/association/umpires or any other person involved in Cricket whether or not in relation to incidents which occurred in a Match;</li> <li>• Engage in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive (including racist or sexist) or abusive remarks about any members/clubs/association/umpires; or</li> <li>• Engage in any other behaviour which the WASTCA reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this by-law.</li> <li>• Comment on the likely outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal;</li> <li>• Criticise the outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal under this Code of Behaviour; or</li> <li>• Criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at the hearing of a Report or any appeal under this Code of Behaviour.</li> </ul> When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be considered. It is also not relevant that the Person making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.
2.4	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	Self-explanatory
2.5	Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is not intended to replace <a href="#">Law 41.4-5</a> of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batter while running or attempting to run between wickets.</li> </ul>

<b>2.6</b>	Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.	This rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
<b>2.7</b>	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of an insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.
<b>2.8</b>	Change the condition of the ball in breach of <b>Law 41.3</b> .	Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball, other than perspiration and saliva.
<b>2.9</b>	Breaches of WASTCA Social Media Policy	Self-explanatory

#### **15.4 Rule 3: Level 3 Offences**

15.4.1 The offences set out at 3.1 to 3.3 below are level 3 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 3 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

15.4.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

<b>No</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Guidelines</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct.	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
<b>3.2</b>	Threaten to assault another player, team official or spectator.	Self-explanatory.
<b>3.3</b>	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	Self-explanatory.

#### **15.5 Rule 4: Level 4 Offences**

15.5.1 The offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are level 4 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 4 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

15.5.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

<b>No</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Guidelines</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Threaten to assault an umpire or referee.	Self-explanatory.
<b>4.2</b>	Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.	Self-explanatory.
<b>4.3</b>	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.	Self-explanatory.
<b>4.4</b>	Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory.

#### **15.6 Rule 5: Laws of Cricket and The Spirit of Cricket**

15.6.1 The offences set out at 5.1 to 5.3 below are offences relating generally to the **Laws** and Spirit of Cricket. The range of penalties which may be imposed for such offences are set out in Section 2 of this code

15.6.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
5.1	Players must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within The Spirit of Cricket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in rules 1-4 (inclusive) of the Code.</li> <li>• Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes time wasting and any other conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• This rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of The Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.</li> </ul>
5.2	<b>Law 41.1:</b> Captains are responsible for ensuring play is conducted within The Spirit of Cricket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The captain must use his position as the nominated leader of the team and take all reasonable steps to ensure that the team and individual members of the team play cricket within the Laws and in The Spirit of Cricket.</li> <li>• A captain who has not done so can be held responsible for a violation of the Laws or Spirit of Cricket and as such will be held accountable.</li> </ul>
5.3	Attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, performance points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited conduct under this rule will include incidents where a team plays in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent’s performance points or net run rate.</li> </ul>

**15.7 Rule 6: Unbecoming Behaviour**

15.7.1 The offences outlined below are offences relating to unbecoming behaviour. The range of penalties which may be imposed for such offences are set out in Section 2 of this code.

15.7.2 Players and, where applicable, officials and club members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
6	Without limiting any other rule, players, club members and officials must not at any time engage in unbecoming behaviour that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is also meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in rules 1-4 (inclusive) of the Code.</li> <li>• It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour, cheating during play, smoking or vaping on the field, in changerooms, or within club’s licensed premises, drinking during the match, and playing whilst under suspension.</li> <li>• Intentional violations of the COVID safety guidelines</li> </ul>



## 16 CODE OF CONDUCT - PENALTIES

### 16.1 Individual Penalties

It must be noted that the following Penalty Range is only a guideline. All Code of Conduct penalties shall be published on the WASTCA website, updated from time to time.

Level of Offence	Penalty Range	Minimum Penalty
1	Official reprimand and/or a fine up to \$500 and/or a ban of up to 2 playing dates.	1 playing date (Rule 1.1) 2 playing dates (Rules 1.2-1.5)
2	Ban of up to 4 playing dates.	3 playing dates
3	Ban of up to 8 playing dates.	5 playing dates
4	Ban of 8 or more playing dates, up to and including a life ban	8 playing dates

16.1.1 In the event the Disciplinary Tribunal decides that any person is guilty of breaching any of Rules 1-4 (inclusive) of section 1 of this Code of Behaviour (**BL15.2-BL15.5**), they will normally apply a penalty within the normal range of penalties for each level of offence set out in the table above. However, they may also apply any or all of the penalties set out in Rule 3 (**BL16.1.3**) of this section where circumstances require a greater penalty than the guideline (such as in the case of a player having been found guilty of previous offences, whether in Competition this or known history in other competitions, or where the offence is particularly serious).

16.1.2 At the discretion of the Disciplinary Tribunal, any part, but not the whole, of a suspension imposed may be suspended for such period of time determined by the Disciplinary Tribunal. If the Charged Player is subsequently found guilty of any other Code of Conduct breach (including accepting any EGP offered by the Board) during that period of suspended penalty, the original penalty shall be immediately reinstated in its entirety and shall apply in addition to any penalty resulting from the new charge/s. Any penalty resulting from the new charge/s shall not be eligible for partial suspension.

16.1.3 Without limiting the penalties in Rule 1 of this section (**BL16.1**), in the event the Disciplinary Tribunal decides that any person or club has breached any of Rules 5 or 6 of this Code of Behaviour (**BL15.6-BL15.7**), the following penalties may be applied in whole, partly or fully suspended form:

- (1) Ban the person and/or club from participating in any match;
- (2) Fine the person and/or club any amount up to \$2,000.00; and/or
- (3) Reprimand the person and/or club.

16.1.4 Without limiting Rule 1 of this section (**BL16.1**), when imposing a penalty upon a person who has breached this Code of Behaviour, the Disciplinary Tribunal may consider any circumstance it considers relevant, including the following:

- (1) The seriousness of the breach;
- (2) The harm caused by the breach;
- (3) The person's seniority and standing in the game;
- (4) Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
- (5) The person's prior record; and/or
- (6) The impact of the penalty on the person.

## 16.2 Team Penalties

16.2.1 Teams that have a poor record of player behaviour during the season may be subject to a Level 1 (team) sanction at the discretion of the Association.

16.2.2 A Level 1 (team) sanction under this By Law involves a penalty of premiership points for the team in which repeated offences have occurred.

16.2.3 The following table shall be used to determine the thresholds of poor behaviour required to trigger a Level 1 (team) sanction:

Three (3) or fewer playing dates of suspension in a team	<b>No Team Sanction</b>
Two (2) or fewer suspensions in a team	<b>No Team Sanction</b>
Four (4) or more playing dates of suspension <b>AND</b> three (3) or more suspensions in a team	<b>Level 1 Sanction</b>

Note: To trigger a Level 1 (team) sanction, a team must exceed both the stated number of suspensions and the total number of playing dates of suspension.

For example, a team with two (2) players suspended and given six (6) playing dates cumulative suspension does not trigger a Level 1 sanction, however the next player to be suspended will incur a penalty against the team.

16.2.4 Once a team reaches the threshold for a Level 1 sanction, a premiership point shall be deducted for each playing date of suspension in excess of the threshold, inclusive of the suspension that first triggers the threshold. Points are not deducted for playing dates of suspension accrued before the Level 1 sanction threshold is reached.

16.2.5 Playing dates received in a suspended sentence shall count against the thresholds, but reprimands and single cautions shall not. Any individual player that is suspended on multiple charges and/or multiple occasions will be considered to be separate suspensions for the purpose of these thresholds.

## 16.3 Club Penalties

16.3.1 Clubs that demonstrate a repeated pattern of poor behaviour during the season may be subject to a Level 2 (club) sanction at the discretion of the Association.

16.3.2 When a club reaches the threshold for a Level 2 sanction, it shall be subject to financial penalty. A Level 2 (club) sanction is in addition to any premiership points penalties applied for a Level 1 sanction per **BL16.2**.

16.3.3 The following table shall be used to determine the thresholds of poor behaviour required to trigger a Level 2 (club) sanction:

Qty of Saturday Grade teams	No Penalty		Level 2 Sanction	
	Playing Dates	Suspensions	Playing Dates	Suspensions
3	9 or fewer	4 or fewer	10 or more	5 or more
4	9 or fewer	4 or fewer	10 or more	5 or more
5	10 or fewer	5 or fewer	11 or more	6 or more
6	10 or fewer	5 or fewer	11 or more	6 or more
7	11 or fewer	6 or fewer	12 or more	7 or more
8	11 or fewer	6 or fewer	12 or more	7 or more
9+	12 or fewer	7 or fewer	13 or more	8 or more

Note 1: For the purposes of this By-Law, a club's quantity of Saturday Grade teams shall include mixed format grade teams and one day grade teams.

Note 2: To trigger a Level 2 (team) sanction, a club must exceed both the stated number of suspensions and the total number of playing dates of suspension.

For example, a club with five (5) Saturday Grade teams must have a minimum of 6 player suspensions and a minimum of 11 playing dates of suspension applied to trigger the issue of fines.

16.3.4 Once a team reaches the threshold for a Level 2 sanction, a \$300 fine shall be applied for each further suspension and \$150 for each further playing date of suspension in excess of the relevant threshold, inclusive of the suspension that first triggers the threshold. The club shall be responsible for payment of all fines applied pursuant to this By-Law. Fines are not applied for suspensions accrued before the Level 2 sanction threshold is reached.

16.3.5 Playing dates received in a suspended sentence shall count against the thresholds, but reprimands and single cautions shall not. Any individual player that is suspended on multiple charges and/or multiple occasions will be considered to be separate suspensions for the purpose of these thresholds.