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Captains Night Season 26/27

Harbord Diggers 7:30pm

Agenda

- 1** Welcome & Committee Intro
- 2** Team Gradings & Season Format
- 3** Rule Changes for 26/27
- 4** Team Selection
- 5** Grounds & Spirit of Cricket
- 6** Captain Expectations & Match Day
- 7** Umpires & Wet Weather
- 8** Q&A





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President's Welcome – Tharmi Loganathan



IWCA Committee 26/27

President — Tharmi Loganathan, Beacon Hill

VP — Brodie Elliott, CPCC

Treasurer — Darren Hooker, Long Reef

20/20 Coordinator — Livio Kriletic, Long Reef

Women's Cricket Coordinator — Carl Pymble, HBCCC

Play HQ & Umpire Coordinator — Matthew Richards, CPCC

Grade Coordinators

Stephen Shepherd, MWRLCC

Andrew Belger, HBCCC

David Lang, Manly Breakers





Team Gradings 26/27 — 37 Teams

37 Teams, up from 36 last season

#	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Games	7 Two Day & 7 One Day	5 Two Day & 10 One Day	5 Two Day & 10 One Day	5 Two Day & 10 One Day	5 Two Day & 10 One Day
Overs	80 Overs & 35 Overs	75 Overs & 35 Overs	75 Overs & 35 Overs	50 Overs & 35 Overs	50 Overs & 35 Overs
1	Beacon Hill CC	Beacon Hill CC Hawks	Collaroy Plateau CC Gold	Beacon Hill CC Bombers	Beacon Hill CC Blasters
2	Collaroy Plateau CC	Collaroy Plateau CC Towers	Manly Breakers CC	Beacon Hill CC Tigersharks	Beacon Hill CC Breakers
3	Cromer CC	Collaroy Plateau CC Blue	Mona Vale CC	Collaroy Plateau CC WiFis	Collaroy Plateau CC
4	HBCCC Hogs	Cromer Zones CC	North Shore CC	Cromer CC Legends	Cromer Crew CC
5	Manly Breakers CC	HBCCC Legends	Peninsula CC	Manly Leagues CC	HBCCC Challengers
6	Manly Leagues CC	Northshore CC	Wakehurst CC	North Shore Moretons CC	North Shore Seamers CC
7	Terrey Hills CC	Seaforth CC Sixers		Terrey Hills CC	Peninsula CC
8	Wakehurst CC	Wakehurst CC		Wakehurst CC	



Grading Rationale

- Grades are built around the strength and number of teams nominated – the most competitive cricket possible across the Association.
- Heavy nominations in 3rd and 4th Grade; far fewer at 5th and 6th.
- The Executive retained five grades as the best structure for the season.
- Only 2 teams nominated 2nd Grade, so most of 3rd Grade moved up into 2nd.
- Clubs backed more one-day cricket at the AGM and Delegates Meeting, while keeping some two-day.

5

grades retained

5 / 10

Two-Day / One-Day, Grades 2–5
1st Grade: 7 Two-Day / 7 One-Day





Season Format 26/27

- **One-day matches:** 35-over innings in all grades
- **Two-day matches:** Over Format Tabled below by grade
- **2nd to 5th Grade:** 5 Two-Day / 10 One-Day split
 - Introduction of One Day Grand Final – on Australia Day Long Weekend
- **Under review:** two-day 50 over format reviewed at the end of this season (following 4th & 5th Trial)

#	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Minimum Overs in Day	70	70	70	70	70
Maximum Overs in Innings	80	75	75	50	50



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Rule Changes



Rule Change — Playing Gear

Rule 4.3.5 — all players must wear consistent playing gear.

Non-compliance escalates through three sanctions:

(a) FIRST OFFENCE
Club warning

(b) SECOND OFFENCE
**1 point match points
deduction**

(c) THIRD OFFENCE
**Match forfeit +
captain suspended
one (1) match**



Rule Change — Player Grading Criteria

Why?

- Easier to assess all players relative to our competition
- A guideline for the right level for each player
- Helps MWCA review player nominations objectively
- Assesses ring-ins from other competitions with mid-season grading that may previously had no grading

What?

- New guidelines grade more players on previous experience — other-competition and a realigned MWCA grading distribution
- Details in the MWCA handbook and the attached current player gradings following meeting
- Our Player Grading Sheet covers players in our competition, may not include the grade of players outside our competition.
- Shared with club delegates; distributed after this meeting



Rule Change — Other Player Grading Rules

Why?

- Promoting nominated teams at the start of the year so teams can be properly assessed
- Keeping teams and players in competitive grades
- Promoting players registering in our association

What?

- **(b)** Graded 1st/2nd Grade (MWCA or equivalent) in past five (5) years: club approval needed for the lowest two grades — these are development grades.
- **(c)** Association may re-grade teams before 1st November, and re-grade or restrict players before 31st January, on current-season performances.
- **(d)** Unregistered “Fill In” players after 1st November: retire at 30 runs, maximum 5 overs



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Captain Reminders for Team Selection



Team Selection Rules

Captains are responsible for ensuring their selected team complies with MWCA criteria.

Non-compliance can result in a FORFEIT of the match

Red Flags — Check Before You Select

- Not named on the team nomination at the beginning of the year
- Has played Grade, Shires or another competition
- Appears on the team grading document
- Has played 6 games in a higher grade during the season in MWCA

Why

- Promoting competitive and equal grades
- Preventing the stacking of lower-grade teams
- Ensuring participating players are prioritised over fill-ins



Team Selection — Key Takeaways

- 1 Unsure about a player or team selection? Check with the Association.
- 2 The MWCA Committee is here to advise on procedure — reach out.
- 3 Flag new players to MWCA if they join after player nominations.

When in doubt, ask.



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**MWCA Seaforth Oval & Spirit of Cricket
Award**



Seaforth Oval — New Turf Ground

MATCH-DAY TIMELINE

1. Before

Arrive 12:15pm – 11:45am for Rounds 1 & 2 during daylight savings.
Spikes are recommended for safety, but not in the clubhouse.

2. Setup

Assist with removing the square, pitch and hessian covers.

3. Pack-up

Fold the covers and hessian and place them near the clubhouse. Pegs are stored in the home change rooms.

4. After the match

Hessian and pitch cover back on the pitch, square cover pegged.
Change rooms cleared of rubbish and swept out.

5. Clean Up & Lock-up

Clubhouse and home change rooms swept, rubbish removed and locked. Keys returned to the lockbox on the shipping container.



MATCH BALLS

Kookaburra Club Match 156g red balls,
purchased by clubs.

STORAGE

Shipping container on the far side of the oval.



Spirit of Cricket Award

- An award for every grade, Saturday and Sunday.
- Winners chosen on feedback from our teams and Squad Coordinators.
- The reward goes straight back to your club.

5%

discount to the club on team fees





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Captain Expectations

Match Day — Captain Responsibilities

Spirit of the Game

- Ensure play is within the laws and spirit of cricket.
- You are accountable for your team's behaviour.

Weather / Ground Conditions

- Home captain liaises with the umpire if play cannot start.
- Complete the Ground Conditions Checklist before play.

Pre-Game

- Exchange team sheets and toss 15–30 minutes before the start.

Player Umpires

- Batting captain appoints competent player umpires.
- Resolve umpire issues with the opposition captain.

Scorers

- Ensure scorers are competent and able to complete their duties.
- Would be great to see more live scoring



Player Umpires

Player umpires are treated by players with the same respect as official umpires.

Conduct

A player umpire should conduct themselves as an official umpire would.

If a Difficulty Arises

In a match officiated by player umpires only, it is the responsibility of the two captains to reach agreement.



Umpires Wanted

Only 5 of 12 clubs are represented —
umpire numbers are declining.

Target: 10 umpires per week to cover 1st and 2nd Grade,
plus 2 for lower grades.

What's Involved

- Cricket Australia Level 1 course required — the Association covers the cost.
- New and youth umpires can start in lower grades.



Umpire Match Fees

- **Saturday — Regular:** \$160 (1 umpire) / \$150 (2 umpires)
- **Saturday — Finals:** \$170 (1) / \$160 (2)
- **Sunday T20 — Regular:** \$120 (1 umpire) / \$110 (2 umpires)
- **Sunday T20 — Finals:** \$125 (1) / \$115 (2)

**Interested? Contact Matt Richards — 0431 070 862 —
matt.richards26@gmail.com**



Wet Weather — Inform the Umpires

THE ACTION

Contact the appointed umpires to advise of a cancelled match, ground closure or moved match.

IF YOU DON'T

Both clubs incur a call-out charge for the umpire — even though no play occurred.

WHERE TO LOOK

Appointed umpires for each match are listed on PlayHQ and announced each round on the Facebook page.



Two Dayers Rules (All Grades)

Tea Break

- If within sixty (60) minutes of the scheduled time for tea, a change of innings occurs, the players leave or have left the field due to inclement weather, the tea break shall be taken immediately.
- If the mandatory innings closure is within 17 overs of a scheduled tea break, a drinks break will be taken and tea break extended to end of innings.

End of Play — Day 2

- Play continues until **BOTH** conditions are met:
 - A second innings result is achieved
 - Match conditions under 12.1.1 / 12.1.2 are met
- Final hour: umpires may offer a draw if no result possible
- Captains decide where there are no umpires
- Both captains must agree to the draw
- If one believes a result is achievable, play goes to stumps



Final Captain Reminders

Rounds 1 & 2 start at 12:30pm due to daylight savings

Review the MWCA Handbook — in particular:

- Match Day Operations
- Player Gradings & Team Selections

“I didn’t know” is not a great argument when it comes to reviewing non-compliance.

**Disclaimer: this session has not covered all rules across the MWCA playing conditions and handbook.*



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Q & A

Feel free to come up and see us after