Manly Warringah Cricket Association

Code of Conduct, By-Laws & Playing Conditions

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1.0 General Information

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(www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/sports-and-recreation/sportsfields-status)

2.0 Application

2.1 This document and the Code of Conduct, By-Laws and Playing Conditions contained herein shall apply to any club, player, official, umpire, office bearer or member of a club that participates in, or attends, any Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match.

2.2 Any breaches of this document by persons or entities captured by paragraph 2.1 of this document are subject to:
a) the processes determined by the MWCA Executive Committee, where the breach relates to a By Law which specifically empowers the MWCA Executive Committee to investigate the breach, and / or determine a sanction; and/or
b) the Judiciary Procedures outlined in this document in paragraph section 4.

2.2.1 The MWCA Executive may refer a matter under 2.2 a) to the Judiciary Panel to:
a) investigate the facts of the matter; and
b) make recommendations to the MWCA Executive in relation to what sanction / penalty should be applied, if any.

2.3 Except as varied by this document, all matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket (2017 code – 3rd Edition 2022) as recognised by Cricket NSW.

2.4 All references under the Laws of Cricket to the "Governing Body" shall mean the Manly Warringah Cricket Association.

2.5 Throughout this document, the Manly Warringah Cricket Association may be referred to as "MWCA" or "the Association".

2.6 Except where explicitly stated to the contrary, all references to the Manly Warringah Cricket Association will mean the Manly Warringah Cricket Association's Honorary Secretary, Executive Officers and Executive Committee.



2022 -23 MARTIN SHIELD PREMIERS – MWCA's FIRST MARTIN SHIELD WIN

3.0 Preamble to the Laws of Cricket – The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

- Play hard and play fair.

- Accept the umpire's decision.

- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.

- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.

- Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.

- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

MWCA Approach to the application of the Laws of Cricket

1. The Laws of Cricket place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captains.

2. Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.

It is the captain's responsibility to:

(i) ensure all players are aware of what behaviour is expected of them and what behaviour will not be tolerated; and

(ii) intervene when a player in their team has behaved, or is close to behaving, in an unacceptable manner.

Captains are advised that if an umpire is required to respond to the misconduct, or unfair behaviour, of a player in his/her team, the captain will also be held accountable for their failure to ensure that players in their team conduct themselves within the spirit and wording of the Laws of Cricket and MWCA playing directives (including the MWCA By Laws).

In short, the umpire is not responsible for the behaviour of players. Captains should never wait till an umpire intervenes. if an umpire is required to intervene in relation to Unfair Play or Misconduct the captain will have failed in their requirement of "ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws."

3. Fair and unfair play

According to the laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

4. Throughout the Laws of Cricket and particularly in Law 41 the umpires are required under the Laws of Cricket to intervene in the cases of unfair play. These include:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other actions that they consider to be unfair

5. Likewise, Umpires are required to intervene when a player acts in a way that is inconsistent with the Spirit of the game of cricket and the Laws of Cricket. Law 42 deals with Misconduct and provides for the umpire to take action when any of the behaviours in Laws 42 occur, which include:

- Disputing an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture (whether directly or indirectly)
- Directing abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- Indulging in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:

(a) to appeal knowing the batsman is not out
(b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
(c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation for one's own side
(d) cases of intentional physical contact with players, umpires or other people.



4.0 Code of Conduct

4.1 Preamble

The preface of the Laws of Cricket emphasises the need for captains, players and umpires to conduct the game and themselves within the Laws of Cricket, but MOST importantly within the "Spirit of the Game".

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

These procedures are to be used in conjunction with the NSW District Cricket Association's Code of Conduct (the Code) and the Manly Warringah Cricket Association Competition By-Laws and Playing Conditions.

This document should be used as a guide as to the standard of behaviour expected and necessary for the proper and fair conduct of our competitions, and the resulting repercussions if clubs, players, officials, umpires, office bearers or members of clubs participate in or attend any Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match that behave in a manner detrimental to the "Spirit of the Game".

Team captains are responsible at ALL times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the laws. Team captains may be held responsible for any continuing breaches of the Code by a player in their team and may be reported for failure to control their team.

The information contained in this document is in relation to the procedures and actions to be taken by the Manly Warringah Cricket Association Executive Committee, the appointed Judiciary, any individual person or club should any player, official or umpire breach the Code. Penalties, suspensions and or fines may be imposed on any individual or team registered in the Association if a breach of the Code is determined to have taken place.

4.2 Applicability

4.2.1 The Code of Conduct applies to all clubs, players, officials, umpires, office bearers and members of clubs that participate in or attend any Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match. The term "Player" includes any person registered to play in MWCA competitions.

4.2.2 No person or entity bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

4.2.3 A person who engages in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct.

4.2.4 Disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour includes, but is not limited to:
(a) Assault, attempting to assault, or abuse either orally or physically of an umpire, players, spectator or any other person present at an Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match;
(b) Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in a way that might reasonably be seen to be provocative towards an umpire;
(c) Using crude or abusive language, hand signals or other gestures;
(d) Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute;
(e) Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour prejudicial to the Spirit of Cricket or the Manly Warringah Cricket Association;
(f) Not abiding by the general or specific requirements of the Association's Code of Conduct; or
(g) Refusing to supply that person or entity's name, address and other reasonable contact details when required of another person or entity in lodging a report.

4.2.5 The captain of a team shall ensure that all players (including any substitute fielders) comply with the Code of Conduct. This responsibility shall extend to any other persons bound by this Code present at any match covered by this Code.

4.2.6 The captain of a team will be deemed to have breached the Code of Conduct if any person captured by paragraph 4.2.5 related to that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

4.3 Required Dress

4.3.1 All players (including any substitute fielders) are to wear standard cricket attire on the field of play at all times except when acting as an umpire. This includes:

(a) White or cream shirt, coloured shirt may be worn in all matches. Any coloured cricket attire worn by a player on the field of play must have association approval
(b) White or cream trousers or shorts, white socks if shorts worn;
(c) White or cream jumper/sleeveless jumper (coloured border/trim optional); and
(d) White, cream or club-coloured hats/caps.

4.3.2 Small manufacturers' logos are permitted on any clothing worn while participating in a match. Any logos larger than 57cm^2 (7.5cm x 7.5 cm) require approval from MWCA executive committee.

4.3.3 The Association Executive Committee may, at its absolute discretion, approve any addition of club and/or sponsor designs or logos (including club colour trims) on shirts or other clothing for wear on the field of play. Clubs who wear any clothing that has not been previously approved may have any such clothing banned from any of the Association's competitions. Should a club ignore such a ban, it may be fined, suspended and/or lose competition points at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

4.3.4 Where clubs have specific additions to the standard attire approved, all regular participants in matches involving that club must wear that attire. Exceptions will be made for players who appear infrequently so long as the requirements of paragraph 4.3.1 and its sub-paragraphs are met.

4.3.5 Non-compliance of **all** players wearing consistent playing gear will result in the following sanctions

(a) First offence: club warning
(b) Second offence: 1 pt match points deduction
(c) Third offence: Match forfeit and captain one (1) match suspension

4.4 Alcohol

4.4.1 The consumption of *any* alcohol is strictly prohibited by any person participating in an Association sanctioned fixture or representative match during the hours of play or during the tea break. This shall include players listed on the team sheet, substitute fielders, match officials and umpires. This requirement applies whether persons are on the field of play or not.

4.4.2 Persons participating in an Association sanctioned fixture or representative match are not to be under the influence of alcohol during the hours of play or during the tea break. This shall include players listed on the team sheet, substitute fielders, match officials and umpires. This requirement applies whether persons are on the field of play or not.

4.4.3 Club officials and captains are reminded that they are responsible for the responsible conduct of all matches. Persons who have been consuming, or are under the influence of alcohol, during a match pose a heightened risk of injury to themselves and others. Club officials and/or captains who allow persons participating in a match to consume alcohol during a match, or who allow persons under the influence of alcohol to participate in a match, will be liable to the same range of penalties as those persons consuming or under the influence of alcohol.

4.4.4 The Association understands that the consumption of alcohol at functions, social gatherings, etc. is part of our culture. Persons attending any Association function or similar event are required to consume alcohol only in moderation (whether supplied by the Association or otherwise) and ensure that they are not unduly influenced by alcohol at any time during such a function.

4.4.5 Any clubs or persons found guilty of breaching paragraphs 4.4.1 through 4.4.4 shall be fined and/or suspended at the discretion of the Association Judiciary Panel. Additionally, the Judiciary Panel may deduct competition points from teams as a result of any such breach.

4.5 Smoking and illicit drugs

4.5.1 Smoking is strictly prohibited by any person participating in an Association sanctioned fixture or representative match during the hours of play or during the tea break while on the field of play. This shall include players listed on the team sheet, substitute fielders, match officials and umpires. Any persons found guilty of breaching this paragraph may be suspended at the discretion of the Association Judiciary Panel.

4.5.2 Use of illicit drugs by any person participating in an Association sanctioned fixture, or representative match:

a) before the start of play, or
b) during the hours of play, or
c) during the tea break while on the field of play,

is strictly prohibited.
This shall include players listed on the team sheet, substitute fielders, match officials and umpires. Any persons found guilty of breaching this paragraph may be suspended at the discretion of the Association Judiciary Panel.

4.6 Sledging and Bad Language

4.6.1 a) Sledging of any person, particularly in relation to personal attributes or relationships,
b) threatening any person, and/or
c) the use of offensive or abusive language

before, during or after an Association sanctioned fixture, representative match or sanctioned events, will not be tolerated.

4.6.2 Captains are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring appropriate behaviour of players at all times. Captains who permit sledging, threatening behaviour and/or bad language to occur unchecked will be liable to the same penalties as those persons engaged in sledging and/or bad language.

4.6.3 Any persons found guilty of breaching paragraphs 4.6.1 and/or 4.6.2 may be suspended at the discretion of the Association Judiciary Panel. Additionally, the Association Judiciary Panel may deduct competition points from teams as a result of any such breach.

4.7 Serious Misconduct

4.7.1 The MWCA Judiciary Panel will have at its discretion the power to find any person or entity bound by this Code of Conduct guilty of Serious Misconduct.

4.7.2 The Judiciary Panel may apply a finding of Serious Misconduct upon a finding of guilt and subsequent sentencing of any breach of this Code.

4.7.3 Serious Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

a) Drinking of alcohol during the hours of play by any person participating in an Association sanctioned fixture or representative match;
b) Physical assault of or physical violence towards any person during the conduct of an Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match;

c) Urinating, or in any way exposing one's self, in plain view, or an area likely to be in plain public view, during the conduct of an Association sanctioned fixture or representative match;
d) Behaving in any way that is likely to bring public complaint and disrepute to the Association during the conduct of an Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match.

4.7.4 Where a Judiciary Panel applies a finding of Serious Misconduct against any person, that person shall be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) matches.

4.8 Racial, Religious and Sexual Orientation Vilification Code

4.8.1 Cricket is a game where polite interaction between participants and with spectators has always been an essential component. It is part of each captain's role to ensure that the behaviour of players in a team meets the expectations of the community generally and the cricket community in particular. The cricket community is anxious to ensure that people of all ethnic, religious backgrounds and/or sexual orientation enjoy playing and watching the game of cricket.

To facilitate this endeavour and to demonstrate that cricket is in tune with the wider community in opposing racial, religious and/or sexual orientation vilification in all its forms.

4.8.2 The purpose of this Code is to:

a) Recognise the commitment of Cricket NSW to the avoidance and elimination of racial, religious vilification and/or sexual orientation;

b) Foster an environment where captains, in appropriate circumstances, deal with any alleged breach of this Code, and

c) Establish a framework for dealing with alleged breaches of this Code where action taken to resolve such matters has not been to the satisfaction of those concerned.

4.8.3 No person who is participating in a match under this association shall engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, age, colour, descent, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

4.8.4 This Code does not restrict any other action which may be taken in relation to the conduct covered by this Code under the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct.

4.8.5 Any allegation of a breach of this Code against a player should be directed, either verbally or in writing, to the captain of the team who shall:

a) Immediately request the player involved to apologise appropriately to the complaint, or

b) If the allegation is not admitted, undertake an investigation of the matter at the conclusion of the match.

Any person found to be in breach of this Code as a result of an investigation by the captain, will be required to apologise appropriately to the complainant before being permitted to play in any future match.

Where the allegation of a breach of this Code is against the captain of a team who admits such

behaviour, the captain shall apologise appropriately to the complainant before being permitted to play in any future match.

4.8.6 Where a complainant who has directed an alleged breach of this Code to the captain of a team is not satisfied with the outcome, the complainant is entitled to lodge a complaint with the Association governing the competition in which the team participates (the Association).

4.8.7 Where a breach of this Code is alleged against a player who has previously breached the Code, the captain will again attempt to resolve the matter. However, if the captain regards the allegation to be more serious than the earlier occasion, the captain shall refer the matter to the Association for appropriate action.

4.8.8 Any allegation of a breach of this Code and the action taken to resolve it shall be recorded by the captain.

4.8.9 Cricket NSW will prepare, maintain and make available to all member clubs and affiliates a booklet covering issues relating to racial and religious vilification. The Code will be included along with references illustrating examples of racial and religious vilification identified in other sports. Where any difficulty is experienced or expected in implementing the principles of the Code, an application should be made to Cricket NSW for assistance.

4.9 Effect of Penalties Imposed by Judiciary Panels

4.9.1 No replacement player or substitute is allowed for any player who is suspended or disqualified by a Judiciary Panel during the course of a match.

4.9.2 Any person suspended or disqualified by a Judiciary Panel will be prohibited from acting in any administrative position or office bearer of the Association during the period of the suspension or disqualification.

4.9.3 Any person suspended or disqualified by a Judiciary Panel will be prohibited from participating in and Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match, acting as a club delegate to the Association or acting as a club Secretary during the period of the suspension or disqualification.

4.9.4 Any person suspended or disqualified by a Judiciary Panel will be prohibited from participating in any competition under the auspices of Cricket NSW, the NSW Districts' Cricket Association or any affiliate association during the period of the suspension or disqualification.

4.9.5 For the purposes of these By Laws:
(a) a "suspended player" is a player registered as a player with a club participating in MWCA cricket competitions whose registration, and thus entitlement to participate in MWCA matches, has been temporarily removed.
(b) a "disqualified player" is a player registered as a player with a club participating in MWCA cricket competitions whose registration, and thus entitlement to participate in MWCA matches, has been permanently removed

4.10 Reporting

4.10.1 (a) Any club, player, official, umpire, office bearer or member of a club that participates in or attends any Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match may lodge a report to the Association in regard to a breach of the Code.
(b) An umpire, or umpires, at a MWCA match are required under the Laws of Cricket, MWCA By Laws and MWCA Playing Conditions, in certain circumstances, to lodge reports

with the "Governing Body responsible for the match."
(c) Reports under 4.10.4 (a) or (b) are to be lodged in writing (including via email) and received by the Association Secretary within 72 hours from 11.59pm on the day of the alleged breach.

4.10.2 (a) The person(s) lodging the report under 4.10.1 (a) must be prepared to appear at any subsequent Judiciary Panel hearing convened on the matter and be prepared to provide further evidence as required by the Judiciary Panel.

4.10.3 The report is required to contain the date, time and place of the incident(s) in question along with the names(s) of the person(s) and club(s) alleged to be involved. This report is to detail the incident(s) alleged to have taken place in as much detail as is possible and state any witnesses able to provide further evidence.

4.10.4 The Association Executive Committee reserves the right to investigate any incident it may become aware of through any means that potentially breaches the Code of Conduct (including those not formally reported, matters raised as a result of the Judiciary Panel investigations or through information provided by the general public) and subsequently cite any person(s) for any alleged breach of the Code. In these circumstances, the 72 hour time limit referred to in paragraph 4.10.1 will not apply.

4.10.5 Persons making frivolous or vexatious reports, or reports without proper evidence may be liable for penalties as determined by the Judiciary Panel.

4.10.6 Upon receiving a report, the Association Executive Committee may suspend any person from participating in any competitions or other activities under the Association's jurisdiction until the Judiciary Panel has resolved the matter.

4.11 Citing

4.11.1 Upon receipt of a report or other information as permitted by section 4.10, the Association Secretary or their delegate shall then notify the relevant Club Secretary of the club or person(s) alleged to be involved of the content of the report. This notification will contain summary of the incident but not copies of any evidence received to that point.

4.11.1.1 Subject to 4.11.1.2 the relevant Club Secretary will be given 48 hours from the notification to provide the Association Secretary with an outline of their defence if relevant.

4.11.1.2 The MWCA Executive may, after considering among other issues, the following:
a) seriousness of the alleged offences;
b) the need to deal with the matter urgently; and /or
c) the effect of the time allowed being reduced on the ability of the club or person(s) alleged to be involved to prepare an outline of their defence,
may determine a shorter or longer period be allowed for the relevant Club Secretary to provide the Association Secretary with an outline of their defence, if relevant.

4.11.2 After:
a) the period stipulated in 4.11.1.2, or if that sub clause is not invoked,
b) 48 hours
the Association Executive Committee or its appointed delegate(s) shall consider the evidence presented at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee or earlier if deemed necessary. This consideration shall be to determine if there is a *prima facie* breach of the Laws of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-laws or playing conditions and if so, which

law, rule, by-law or playing condition has been breached.

4.11.3 Any Reports and replies under 4.11.2 are not to be sent to any parties prior to the judicial meeting and they will be distributed during hearing.

4.11.4 The Executive Committee or its delegate(s) will recommend a charge to the Association Secretary detailing the particulars of the breach based on the evidence presented to that point and a recommended penalty. Unless there is a charge of serious misconduct, the recommended penalty will come in two parts, the first for a guilty plea, the second should be the club(s) or person(s) charged plead not guilty and are subsequently found guilty by the Judiciary Panel. It would be expected the second recommended penalty will be more significant than the first. Any Judiciary Panel subsequently formed in relation to the matter will not be bound by the recommended penalty, but will need to give justification for any variation from it.

4.11.5 The Association Secretary or their delegate shall then notify the club Secretary of the club(s) or person(s) cited by letter or email of the charges laid and the recommended penalties.

4.11.5.1 This notification will:
a) contain copies of any *further* evidence received to that point.
b) include details of the Judiciary Panel hearing to be held in relation to the matter, in particular the time and date of the hearing.

4.11.6 The hearing will typically not be held within 48 hours of the notification of the hearing, although the Association reserves the right to reduce this time frame as is necessary prior to semi-final or final matches. The Association Secretary or their delegate will also notify all other parties deemed relevant of the Judiciary Panel hearing to be held in relation to the matter to enable them to provide further evidence.

4.11.7 Unless there is a charge of serious misconduct, upon receipt of the citation and no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled Judiciary Panel hearing, the relevant club Secretary is to notify the Association Secretary of the plea(s) to be entered in relation to the matter in the manner prescribed in section 4.12 below.

4.12 Pleas

4.12.1 Except in cases involving charges of serious misconduct, the club(s) or person(s) cited have three options how to plead on the charges laid:

4.12.1.1 Plead guilty to the charge and receive the recommended penalty as outlined for the plea in the abovementioned citation;

4.12.1.2 Plead guilty and contest the severity of the recommended penalty for the guilty plea at the Judiciary Panel hearing. Neither the first or second recommended penalty will be binding on the Judiciary Panel; or

4.12.1.3 Plead not guilty and defend the charge at the Judiciary Panel hearing.

4.12.2 Should the club(s) or person(s) cited not notify the Association Secretary of their intentions with respect to pleas by the specified date and time:
a) a plea of "not guilty" will be assumed: and
b) the matter will be heard by the Judiciary Panel at the schedule date and time. Under such circumstances, the hearing will proceed regardless of the attendance or otherwise of club(s) or person(s) cited and the Judiciary Panel will rule based on the evidence presented.

4.12.3 Should the club(s) or person(s) cited not appear before the Judiciary Panel as scheduled, further penalties may be imposed as the Judiciary Panel sees fit.

4.13 Judiciary Panel

4.13.1 The Judiciary Panel shall be appointed by the Association Executive Committee from the membership of the Association. The Judiciary Panel will be compromised of three (3) members of the Association, one of whom shall be nominated Judiciary Chairman who will have responsibility for the overall conduct of the hearing and ensure that all parties have the opportunity to have their evidence heard. Should it be deemed necessary, additional persons may be appointed in a secretarial capacity for the hearing.

4.13.2 No person will be appointed to the Judiciary Panel where the matter before them involves a club of which that person is a member or involves other members of that same club.

4.13.3 Each of the three persons appointed to the Judiciary Panel shall have one vote with respect to any decisions required. Other persons appointed for secretarial reasons are not entitled to any voting rights.

4.13.4 Upon receiving all available evidence, the Judiciary Panel shall determine if a breach of the Laws of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-laws or playing conditions has occurred. Where a breach has occurred, the Judiciary Panel shall specify the particulars of the breach and determine any appropriate penalty with reference to, but not limited by, the recommended penalty determined prior to the hearing.

4.13.5 The Judiciary Panel may impose any or any combination of the following penalties following determination of a breach:

a) Reprimand or caution to the club(s) or person(s) cited;
b) Fine the club(s) or person(s) cited, noting that any fine will be levied on the club(s) for breaches by their members;
c) Suspend the club(s) or person(s) cited from participation in any Association sanctioned competition, fixture, function or representative match;
d) Impose a deduction of match points;
e) Impose bonds or restrictions on the club(s) or person(s) cited, noting that any bond or restriction will be placed on the club(s) for breaches by their members;
f) Deregister the club(s) or person(s) cited.

4.13.6 Minutes of the hearing will be taken and summarised to involved parties at the time the Judiciary Panel makes its decision. These minutes will be forwarded to the Association Secretary as soon as it is practical following the conclusion of the hearing. The Association Secretary will then forward these minutes to involved clubs along with any other relevant information.

4.14 Judiciary Hearing

4.14.1 The Judiciary Hearing will broadly adhere to the following format and sequence guidelines, although ultimate responsibility for ensuring a thorough hearing rests with the Judiciary Chairman.

a) The Judiciary Panel will review all submitted evidence included submitted pleas prior to the commencement of the hearing. All such evidence, having been distributed prior to the hearing will be assumed to have been read and will form part of the evidence of the hearing without further reading.

b) The Judiciary Chairman will introduce the panel members to all parties in attendance and invite all those wishing to speak at the hearing to identify themselves to the panel.

c) The defendant(s) will be read the charge(s) and confirm their plea.

d) The Judiciary Chairman will firstly invite the person(s) who have submitted the report(s) on which the charge(s) have been laid to elaborate on their report(s) and will invite the Judiciary Panel to ask any further questions. Unless agreed by the Judiciary Panel, no new evidence can be provided in this oral submission. Where the hearing has been convened on the basis of incidents not formally reported, matters raised as a result of Judiciary Panel investigations or through information provided by the general public, a member of the Association Executive Committee shall elaborate further on the details of the matter.

e) The Judiciary Chairman will subsequently invite the defendant(s) to elaborate on the outline of their defence, to provide evidence of mitigating circumstances that may result in the recommended penalty being downgraded, or to justify their plea of not guilty.

f) The Judiciary Chairman will then invite any witnesses previously notified to the Judiciary Panel to address the hearing.

g) The Judiciary Chairman will then invite the Judiciary Panel to question the person(s) making the report(s), the defendant(s) and the witness(es).

h) The Judiciary Chairman will then invite the person(s) who have made report(s) regarding the matter and the defendant(s) to ask questions of each other or any witnesses regarding the evidence submitted. Any such questioning will be strictly controlled by the Judiciary Chairman to retain order and ensure that any questioning remains relevant and appropriate to the hearing. The Judiciary Chairman may at any time revoke the invitation to any party to ask further questions should proceedings not continue with an appropriate standard of behaviour. The Judiciary Chairman may remove any person(s) from the hearing at any time should the behaviour be deemed inappropriate. Any such persons removed may be liable to citation and sanctioning under these By Laws for such actions.

i) Upon conclusion of all evidence and questioning, the Judiciary Chairman will:

(i) invite the person(s) making report(s) to the Association

(ii) and then the defendant(s)

to present any final evidence and make any final statements.

j) The Judiciary Chairman will ask the defendant(s) to confirm they have had a fair hearing and continue the hearing as required until such as confirmation can be secured.

4.14.2 Where possible, the Judiciary Panel must seek to achieve a decision on the matter at the time of the hearing. The Judiciary Chairman will ask that the hearing room be cleared to enable the Judiciary Panel to consider the reports and evidence presented.

4.14.3 Upon conclusion of the Judiciary Panel's deliberations, the Judiciary Chairman shall invite all interested parties to reconvene.

4.14.3.1 The Judiciary Chairman will then summarise the evidence taken into consideration in reaching a decision and announce the penalties (if any) to be imposed. The Judiciary Chairman shall note whether the decision was reached by majority or unanimously, but shall not reveal the opinions of any individual panel member.

4.14.4 The Judiciary Chairman will declare the hearing closed. No further discussion on the matter will be permitted at that time, the Judiciary Chairman directing parties to the appeals process if deemed necessary.

4.14.4.1 Where it is not possible to achieve a decision on the matter at the time of the hearing, the Judiciary Chairman will:

(i) adjourn the hearing to a later date; and

(ii) provide details of the adjourned hearing time and date; or

(iii) provide an indicative timeframe for the decisions on guilt and sanction to all interested parties.

4.14.5 The following additional information is relevant to any Judiciary hearing.

4.14.5.1 No legal representation is allowed at Judiciary Panel hearings. Persons cited may be

accompanied by club representatives.

4.14.5.2 The Judiciary Panel will only take the Laws of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-laws or playing conditions into consideration when assessing evidence or argument.

4.14.5.3 Any written submissions relevant to a Judiciary Panel hearing must be received by the Association Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the hearing to enable sufficient time for these submissions to be circulated prior to the hearing to all relevant parties.

4.14.5.4 Any evidence of character may be presented, but will only be used in the determination of penalties, not in the determination of guilt or liability.

4.14.5.5 The Judiciary Panel may recommend to the Association Secretary any club(s) or person(s) be cited to appear at a future hearing as a result of any information presented at a Judiciary Panel hearing.

4.14.5.6 No proceeding will be invalidated for technical irregularities as long as it does not, in the opinion of the Association Executive Committee, prevent the cited club(s) or person(s) from receiving a fair hearing. Technical irregularities include, but are not limited to, non-adherence to the timeframes and procedures outlined in this document.

4.14.5.7 Where a person making a report does not make themselves available to attend the relevant Judiciary Panel hearing, the hearing will still proceed. Persons making reports must understand that the Judiciary Panel will place less weight on their report in such circumstances. This stipulation to Judiciary Panel members will not apply where a written report has been received by an officially appointed umpire.

4.15 Burden of Proof

4.15.4 All Judiciary Panel hearings will consider evidence presented, make decisions and impose penalties on a “balance of probabilities” basis.

4.16 Serving of Suspensions

4.16.4 Any club or player found guilty of any offence by the Judiciary Panel resulting in a suspension, may only serve that suspension within a NSW Districts Cricket Association affiliated summer afternoon competition. Where a player is stood down by their club from participating in any matches prior to the Judiciary Panel hearing taking place, this action may be taken into account by the Judiciary Panel in determining any penalty to be imposed.

4.16.5 Where a suspension is nominated in terms of a number of matches, that number shall be with reference to the matches in the grade in which the offence occurred or the grade in which the player normally participates in the Association. All matches in that grade in which the player’s club participates count towards the serving of the suspension including forfeits, abandonments and wash outs. Byes will not count towards matches served.

4.17 Appeals

4.17.4 Any club or person found guilty of a breach of the Laws of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-laws or playing conditions may seek leave to appeal the Judiciary Panel decision by application to the Association Executive Committee via the Association Secretary and through their own Club Secretary. The application for leave to appeal must be received by the Association Secretary within 7 days of the Judiciary Panel decision in question.

4.17.5 Appeals will only be considered on three grounds:

4.17.5.1 An error in the application of law by the Judiciary Panel;

4.17.5.2 Severity of penalty imposed; and/or

4.17.5.3 Presentation of new evidence.

4.17.6 Applications for leave to appeal will be considered by the Executive Committee at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee or earlier if deemed necessary. Such applications must detail the full extent of the grounds of the appeal. This application will be used by the Executive Committee to determine if there are sufficient grounds for appeal.

4.17.7 Appellants must be aware that should an appeal be granted and subsequently dismissed by the Appeal Panel, a 50% loading shall be applied to any penalty originally imposed on clubs or persons.[1]

4.17.8 The Association Secretary or their delegate shall advise the appellant through the relevant Club Secretary of the outcome of the application. Should the application be unsuccessful, further applications for leave to appeal can only be made to the New South Wales District Cricket Association according to their standard process.[2] Should the application be successful, the Association Secretary or their delegate shall notify the relevant Club Secretary of the details of the Appeal Panel hearing to be heard in relation to the matter.

4.17.9 The Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend any penalty imposed on a club or player pending the outcome of an Appeal Panel hearing. Where the Executive Committee does not provide this dispensation, clubs or players suspended must not take any part in a match until the appeal is finally determined or the period of suspension has expired. This applies to all appeals to MWCA, NSW Districts' Cricket Association or any other body.

4.18 Appeal Panel and Hearing

4.18.4 The Appeal Panel shall be appointed by the Association Executive Committee from the membership of the Association. The Appeal Panel will be comprised of at least three members of the Association, one of whom shall be nominated Appeal Chairman. Each member of the Appeal Panel shall have one vote with respect to any decisions required.

4.18.5 The Appeal process shall be generally carried out in line with the procedures for Judiciary hearings outlined in sections 4.13, 4.14 and 4.15 above relevant with the following explicit exceptions.

4.18.5.1 The Appeal Panel will not hear the matter in its entirety again

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1 For example, a suspension of 4 matches will automatically be increased to 6 matches if an appeal is dismissed. Similarly, a fine of $200 will be increased to $300.

2 Such an appeal must be addressed to the NSW Districts Cricket Association but sent through the Association Secretary within 7 days of notification of the Judiciary decision, and must be accompanied by a fee of $50. The $50 fee is refundable if the appeal is upheld. The appeal must be in writing and must set out fully the grounds on which the appeal is made.

The NSW Districts Cricket Association then forwards the appeal to its Appeals Committee for determination. The Appeals Committee usually does not hear the matter in its entirety again. They read the appeal letter, review the admissible reports, review the Judiciary minutes and decision, and review the Association's Competition Playing Rules (if necessary). The Appeals Committee's process seeks to ensure equity and compliance with the relevant Association's rules. It verifies the neutrality of the Judiciary Panel, seeks to ensure that all evidence was admitted and considered and that the accused was

allowed to argue his case, and seeks to ensure that the Association has not gone outside its jurisdiction in coming to a decision.

4.18.5.2 The Appeal Panel will consider only the appeal in respect to the grounds on which the appeal was granted.
4.18.5.3 The Appeal Panel will read the appeal application, review minutes and other documentation produced by the original Judiciary Panel and the relevant Law(s) of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-law(s) or playing condition(s).
4.18.5.4 Persons who appeared at the original Judiciary Panel hearing will not be obligated to provide any further evidence. It is the responsibility of the appellant to arrange attendance by anyone they wish to provide evidence.
4.18.6 Any further appeals can only be made through NSW Districts' Cricket Association process.

5.0 By-Laws – Association Membership and Administration

5.1 Membership and Fees of the Association

5.1.1 The Association Executive Committee will review all applications to participate in its competitions prior to accepting registrations. The Executive Committee reserves the right to rescind or reject membership to the Association by any club, team or individual for whatever reason it so determines.

5.1.2 Upon being accepted to participate in any Association competition, all clubs, teams and individuals agree to be bound by these by-laws and playing conditions throughout the season indicated.

5.1.3 The Registration Fee will be set on a per team basis by the Association Treasurer and announced at the Association Annual General Meeting or as soon as practical afterwards.

5.1.4 A Facilities Levy will be payable on a per team basis in addition to the Registration Fee.

5.1.5 An additional Registration Fee is payable on a per team basis in order to compete in the Tewnty20 competition.

5.1.6 Clubs registered in the main competition may form "joint ventures" in order to participate in the Twenty20 competition.

5.1.7 Clubs must have paid all Registration Fees and Facilities Levies prior to the first (1st) Thursday in November. Any club that is not so fully financial by this time shall be ineligible to earn competition points in any of the Association's competitions from the first (1st) Thursday in November until all monies owed are paid in full. Any competition points forfeited as a result of non-payment of monies shall not be returned under any circumstances.

(a) A non-refundable deposit of not less than $100.00 per team must be made by clubs upon applying for participation in the Association's competitions.

(b) Clubs may receive an extension to the deadline in 5.1.7 by applying in writing to the Association Treasurer no later than the last Thursday of October. The Association Treasurer will reply to the application as soon as practical, but no later than 2nd Thursday of November. Any such extension shall be until no later than the commencement of the final round of the Association's main competition prior to any finals matches.

5.1.8 Any club with outstanding fees, fines or other such debts as notified by the Association in writing shall not be able to participate in Semi-Final and/or Grand Final matches unless such debts are paid prior to the playing of such matches. Where debts are still outstanding after the first (1st) Thursday in April, teams and players shall be listed with the NSW Districts' Cricket Association as defaulters, and shall not be permitted to participate in any matches conducted under the auspices of Cricket NSW.

5.1.9 Affiliate clubs with their own fee and/or fine defaulters may notify the Association by the first (1st) Thursday in April. Defaulters will not be accepted after this date, and it shall be the responsibility of the affiliate clubs to notify the Association of the full name, address and the monies owing from each individual. A defaulter listed with Cricket NSW and any of its subsidiaries is not permitted to play until written clearance is provided from the defaulted affiliate club to the Association.

5.2 Annual General Meeting

5.2.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place announced by the Association Secretary not later than **31st August** following the completion of the season.

5.2.2 The Association Secretary shall pre-announce a time and place for an adjourned Annual General Meeting at the time of announcing the Annual General Meeting. The requirement to utilise this additional time shall be announced during the course of the Annual General Meeting if required.

5.2.3 Any matters to be raised at an Annual General Meeting, including any motion to repeal, alter or add to this document, must be received by the Association Secretary in writing no later than two (2**)** weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting and advised to all Clubs no later than one (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting. See also paragraph 5.4.7.

5.3 Voting Rights

5.3.1 At any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, voting shall be two (2) vote per club, plus two (2) vote per Saturday team and one (1) vote per Sunday team and as per the previous season's team registrations of those present at any such meeting plus any written proxies notified to the Association Secretary prior to the commencement of any such meeting.

5.3.2 Life Members of the Association shall have one (1) vote each at any Association meeting.

5.3.3 The chairman of any Association meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote in the instance of an otherwise tied vote only.

5.4 Administration

5.4.1 The Association's Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers plus up to seven (7) general committee officers.

5.4.2 The Executive Officers include the President, the Vice President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Webmaster. The Executive Officers will collectively form the Executive Committee.

5.4.3 The general committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The general committee shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

5.4.4 Any vacancy that arises in the general committee throughout a year may be filled by election at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

(a) Without in anyway limiting paragraph 5.4.11, there shall be no requirement to fill any vacancy that arises on the general committee.

5.4.5 The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters that arise in the conduct of the Association that are not explicitly provided for in this document at its discretion.

5.4.6 The Executive Committee or its delegates, including but not limited to the Judiciary Secretary, any Judiciary Panel, any Appeal Panel or any Protest Panel, shall have the power to impose a penalty on any persons or entities included in Part 2 paragraph 2.1 for breaching any part of this document where no explicit penalty is provided for in this document.

5.4.7 The Executive Committee has the power to repeal, alter or add any part of this document at

its discretion. Once announced by the Association Secretary, any such repeal, alteration or addition (collectively "change") will be binding upon all persons or entities included in Part 2 paragraph 2.1 for a period of no more than ninety (90) days.

(a) During this ninety (90) day period, the Association Secretary will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association to ratify any such change with the consent of a majority vote of those present at any such meeting plus any written proxies notified to the Association Secretary prior to the commencement of any such meeting.
(b) Should an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association not be convened within this ninety (90) day period, the change will lapse and this document will revert to its prior state.

5.5 Delegates' Meetings

5.5.1 Delegates' Meetings will be held on the first (1st) Thursday of September and November. The meeting after the break will be last week of January and March. Place and time will be announced by the Association Secretary.

5.5.2 All clubs are required to send at least one (1) nominated delegate to all such meetings. Any such delegates will be assumed to carry to the voting rights of that club for all matters that arise through the course of such meetings.

5.5.3 Clubs are reminded that the Delegates' Meetings are the main medium through which general business is conducted and communicated between the Association and clubs. Any information communicated at the Delegates' Meetings will be assumed to have been received by all clubs *whether they have attended or not*. The Association Secretary shall be under no obligation formally to provide information pertaining to Delegates' Meetings beyond the normal minutes recorded.

5.5.4 Failure by clubs to comply with paragraph 5.5.2 shall result in a fine of not less than $50 being levied on the relevant club(s) and $100 for any subsequent non-attendance in that season. The Committee retains a discretion to respect apologies and recognise rare and extenuating circumstances.

5.6 Payment of Fines

5.6.1 All fines issued more than 48 hours before a Delegates Meeting must be paid at or before that meeting. Failure to pay fines in a timely manner will result in further loading of fines and loss of competition points at the discretion of the MWCA Committee.

6.0 By-Laws – Competition Administration

6.1 Gradings, Transfers and Clearances

6.1.1 Teams entered in all competitions shall be graded by the Association Secretary in consultation with the Association Executive Committee. Teams shall be graded on the basis of last season's performance primarily. While consideration shall be given to requests for team gradings, clubs must understand that these requests can only be considered after examining recent performance and the gradings of players listed in that team. The grading decision of the Association Secretary as announced prior to the commencement of the season shall be final and may not be appealed.

6.1.2 The two-day grades will be graded from First Grade, Second Grade and so forth.
One Day A Grade will be graded equivalent to relevant grade the MWCA determine at the start of season, but will be open grade for higher graded players. One Day B and President Grade will be grade below the lowest two-day grade.

6.1.3 A "mixed age" competition shall be held and referred to as the President's Cup. Details of eligibility for this competition can be found in section 6.2.

6.1.4 Players transferring from one club or association (including Sydney Cricket Association competitions – i.e., Grade, Shires) to another MUST be submitted through PlayHQ from the releasing club or association concerned prior to the player's subsequent registration with Manly Warringah Cricket Association, and their participation in any competition match.
a) Clubs may apply to the Association Executive Committee for a general exemption to rule ~~5.7.4~~ 6.1.4 where they also participate in the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition and wish to move players between the competitions based on form and availability. The Association reserves the right to place conditions on any approval granted under this exemption.
b) For Sunday turf games in first grade current players from below 2nd grade Premier Cricket and Shires are eligible to play if they are a former player club player or junior player from their associated junior club. If a player has played more than three (3) games in 2nd grade or above in the past two seasons or current season, this player is ineligible for Sunday turf games.

6.1.5 Clubs are made aware that compliance with rule 6.1.4 and the Grading Guidelines at Appendix A is their responsibility, and failure to comply may lead to the club being fined, losing competition points, and/or being suspended from the Association. Where a team is in breach of this rule, the team in question will be deemed to have forfeited the match in which the breach occurred in addition to any penalties levied on the club.

6.1.6 **Approved Balls -** The Match Day Operations Policy provide the details of balls that may be used in matches. Clubs may apply in writing to the Association Executive Committee to have any other balls approved for general use. Such an application must be accompanied by a sample of the ball in question for examination and potential use.

6.2 Player Eligibility for President's Cup Matches

6.2.1 The President's Cup competition is a mixed age competition designed to provide a transitionary competition from junior to senior cricket under the guidance of senior cricketers.

6.2.2 Persons of any age may be registered to a President's Cup team. For the purposes of section 5.10 and its sub paragraphs, President's Cup shall be deemed to be equivalent to the grade below the lowest main Competition grade.

6.2.3 A minimum of four (4) players nineteen years of age or younger on 31 August of the relevant season and a maximum of four (4) players between twenty-one and forty on 31st August 6.3.10 is applicable, to are required to participate in the match.
In all other respects, President's Cup matches shall operate under the normal Laws of Cricket and this document.

6.3 Player Registrations

6.3.1 All players MUST be registered as a member of the Manly Warringah Cricket Association before participating in any competition match, PlayHQ registration is sufficient for this purpose.

6.3.2 Additional player registrations can be made during the season, PlayHQ registration is sufficient for this purpose. Such registrations must be made on or prior to January 31st in the current season.

6.4 Player Qualification, Grading System and Semi Final Qualification

6.4.1 A club playing
(i) a player under an assumed name,
(ii) an unregistered player,
(iii) a suspended player,

(iv) a disqualified player,
(v) an unqualified/ineligible player or
(vi) a defaulting player;
will forfeit all matches in which such a player took part, and the club may be fined, suspended or lose further competition points at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

6.4.2 A player shall represent only one (1) club within the Association for the duration of the competition season, unless a written clearance is provided from the player's previous club and submitted by the player's new club to the Association Secretary. Such a clearance shall be made prior to the player partaking in any match for their new club.

6.4.2.1 A general exemption to paragraph 6.4.2 is available to players who play for one club in the main competition and another in the Twenty20 competition

6.4.3 Any player who has been declared a defaulter or has been suspended or disqualified by either the NSW Districts' Cricket Association and its affiliate associations (including the Manly Warringah Cricket Association) or Cricket NSW is an unqualified player and shall not be permitted to participate in any matches and/or competitions conducted by the Association.

6.4.4 In the case of a club having two or more grades, a player registered in a lower grade team may transfer to a higher graded team at any time between matches. Upon the player having participated in six (6) matches in the higher grade (or grades), the player will be deemed to be registered in that higher grade and will be ineligible to play in a lower grade without the prior approval of the MWCA. **Such approval must be sought 48 hours prior to the match in question. If the request is within the 48 period prior to match please contact Grade Co-Ordinator and MWCA executive committee via phone.**

Below are the criteria the association considers when reviewing exceptions for soft graded players, however the review will not be limited to the criteria below:

- **Previous player grading in that grade or higher grade the past two (2) seasons**
- **Performance of player in current season and if they have scored 100+ runs or 10+ wickets and on track for player grading**
- **If a player based on player and team performance can be reasonably viewed as not in the top 13 players in the existing grade**
- **Overall team gradings at start of season during team nominations and if any player and team exceptions were applied**
- **The number of graders the players is dropping down from their existing team**
- **Number of players previously requested by the club and in particular the team requested**
- **Position of team in current competition standings**
- **Importance of match for competition standings for opposition and other teams in grade**

6.4.4.1 The MWCA will have a Grading System based on Grading Guidelines (See Appendix 8A for Guidelines and Appendix B for list of Graded Players). The MWCA Committee may allow players to play outside these Guidelines on special grounds.

6.4.5 Eligibility for Finals Series Matches

6.4.5.1 For a player to be eligible to play in a Finals match of a main competition, that player shall have played five (5) or more of all matches in that grade or a lower grade during that particular season.

a) Players who become injured through the season may have the matches during the period for which they are injured and unable to play count towards their qualification for Finals matches. In order to be eligible for relief under this paragraph, the relevant club Secretary

must furnish to the Association Secretary written advice of which matches the player will be unable to play due to injury accompanied by a supporting medical certificate *in advance of such matches taking place*.

b) The Association Executive Committee reserves the right to allow any person to participate in any Finals match upon application from the relevant club Secretary. The Executive Committee shall exercise this right at its discretion and its decision shall be final. Clubs should be aware that this right will only be exercised in rare cases of significant extenuating circumstances

c) A medical certificate is required for an injured player to be replaced in the finals before a review can be completed for a replacement player.

d) If a player is not selected in a semi-final for the next higher grade for the club and they are qualified to play in finals based on rule 6.4.5. If this player has played in three (3) games in that grade and eight (8) games in any grade for the club. This player is eligible to play in a semi-final.

I. If a player is not selected in a grand-final for the next higher grade for the club and they meet the above criteria. This player is eligible to play in the grand-final.

II. If a player gets selected for the semi-final for the next higher grade, but meets the above qualification criteria. This player isn't eligible for a grand-final, if the next higher grade loses the semi-final.

6.4.5.2 In the case of a club having two or more teams playing in the same grade, a graded player shall not transfer from one team to the other unless approval has been received from the Association Executive Committee. No transfers under this rule are permitted after January 31st in the relevant competition season.

6.4.5.3 An unregistered, unqualified, ineligible or defaulting player shall not receive any protection, compensation or insurance coverage whatsoever.

6.4.6 Two Day Match – Final Series Games – Time Lost

6.4.6.1 If any time is lost during normal playing hours of a final series game, play can continue to 6:30pm both Saturday and Sunday, subject to the umpire determining that the conditions of the ground, weather or light or other exceptional circumstances are not such that it is dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.

6.4.6.2 For two-day grade finals only, where 150 minutes, or more, minutes of play Is lost on Saturday play

a) will commence on Sunday at 10:30am.
b) the playing hours will change to three (3) sessions as follows with a minimum of 100 overs of play.

i. First session: 10:30am to 12:30pm
ii. Lunch Break: 12:30pm to 1:00pm
iii. Second session: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
iv. Tea Break: 3:00pm to 3:30pm
v. Third session: 3:30pm to close of play.

6.4.7 For two-day grade finals only, where less than 150 minutes of play Is lost on Saturday the playing hours will be changed which meet the following criteria

The umpires will determine:

a) the start time, which will be based on the number of minutes of play lost on Saturday. For example, if 60 minutes play is lost on Saturday, play will commence 60 minutes earlier on Sunday.
b) the number and length of sessions of play. In doing so, the Umpire will ensure that

i. No session of play will be scheduled for longer than 150 minutes.
ii. If there are three sessions of play there is to be a lunch break of at least 10 minutes and a

tea break of at least 10 minutes.

iii. In any other session arrangements, there will be a tea break of at least 10 minutes.

6.5 Umpires

6.5.1 Umpires' fees shall be determined by the Association Executive Committee and announced at the Association Annual General Meeting or as soon as practical.

6.5.2 Umpire fees shall be on an equal-share basis for both teams, except where one team specifically requests an umpire to be appointed to the match. In such cases, the requesting team is liable for payment of all umpires' fees related to the relevant match unless the Committee otherwise determines.

6.5.3 The Association shall pay all umpires' fees for official umpires for the semi-final and grand final matches of its main competition.

6.5.4 Umpire Fees are currently paid electronically through the Association Treasurer on a match-by-match basis.

6.5.5 **Saturday Umpire Match Fees are:**

6.5.5.1 Saturday Regular (One Umpire - $160, Two Umpires - $150)

6.5.5.2 Saturday Finals (One Umpire - $170, Two Umpires - $160)

6.5.6 The MWCA's current policy is to provide and fund Umpires for knock out Twenty20 matches only. Despite this paragraph, that policy remains at the discretion of the MWCA Committee.

6.5.7 **Sunday Twenty20 Umpire Match Fees are:**

6.5.7.1 Sunday Twenty20 Regular (One Umpire - $120, Two Umpires - $110)

6.5.7.2 Sunday Twenty20 Finals (One Umpire - $125, Two Umpires - $115)

6.5.8 The fees in 6.5.5 and 6.5.7 are subject to annual review.

6.5.9 In main competition and Twenty20 matches,

6.5.9.1 in the event of play being abandoned prior to the time stipulated for play to commence by the MWCA due to inclement weather or related ground conditions, each official umpire in attendance at the ground shall be paid a $20 attendance fee.

6.5.9.2 in the event of play being abandoned:

6.5.9.2.1 in main competition matches, prior to 120 minutes after the time stipulated for play to commence by the MWCA,

6.5.9.2.2 in Twenty20 matches, prior to 90 minutes after the time stipulated for play to commence by the MWCA

without any play during the day, each official umpire in attendance shall be paid an attendance fee equivalent to 50% of the fee due for that day.

6.5.9.3 Where play is abandoned after the time determined in 6.5.9.2, without any play during the day, each official umpire in attendance shall be paid the full day's fee.

6.5.9.4 Where any play occurs during the day, the full umpires' fee is payable.

6.5.10 In semi-final and grand final matches of its main competition, where play is abandoned the umpire fee payable shall be as provided for in paragraph 6.5.9, except that the attendance fee for any attending umpire shall be $40 where play is abandoned before 1pm.

6.5.11 **Senior Representative Match Appointments**. Where an umpire has been appointed to officiate at a NSW Cricket (Senior) representative game and a decision has been taken that the game will not take place for any reason, it is the responsibility of the MWCA Team Manager to ensure that the umpire knows (i.e. that the appointed umpire has received advice to that effect) that the game has been cancelled before the umpire goes to the ground.

6.5.12 If an appointed Umpire attends the ground at a NSW Cricket (Senior) representative game, the umpire will be paid a full match fee (as proscribed by NSW Cricket) regardless of whether play commences or not.

6.6 **Requirement to Register Qualified Umpires**

6.6.1 Clubs will be required to provide a total of two (2) or more qualified umpires per team they wish to register in the Association's main competitions, excluding President's Cup teams.

6.6.2 Clubs will be required to provide a total of one (1) or more qualified umpires per team they wish to register in the Association's President's Cup competition in addition to any other requirements for any other teams.

6.6.3 Clubs will be required to provide a total of one (1) or more qualified umpires per team they wish to register in the Association's Twenty20 competition. This requirement overlaps with the requirements of paragraphs 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 meaning the same persons who are qualified umpires for the purposes of those paragraphs may also be used to fulfil the requirements of this paragraph.

6.6.4 In order for a person to be recognised as a qualified umpire for the purposes of paragraphs 6.6.1 through 6.6.3, such a person must be a registered player with that club in the relevant competition.

6.6.5 The requirements of paragraphs 6.6.1 through 6.6.3 are at a club level, meaning that the club must fulfil these requirements in aggregate across all teams, not necessarily within each team.

6.6.5.1 To illustrate the requirements, a club with four (4) teams in the main competitions, one (1) team in the President's Cup competition and two (2) teams in the Twenty20 competition will be required to register eight (8) qualified umpires as players across teams in the main competitions and an additional one (1) qualified umpire as a player in the President's Cup competition. Two (2) qualified umpires will be required to be registered as players in the Twenty20 competition, although these persons may be drawn from the other nine (9) persons described here.

6.6.6 For the purposes of paragraphs 6.6.1 through 6.6.3, a qualified umpire is defined as a person who is either a current and fully financial member of the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association or has been recognised by the Manly Warringah Cricket Association as possessing sufficient knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and having qualifications and capabilities render such a person fit to be a member of the Association and to be able to act in an officiating capacity.

6.6.7 Clubs will be required to provide appropriate supporting details of the persons they wish to have recognised as qualified umpires for the purposes of paragraphs 6.6.1 through 6.6.3 to the Association Secretary no later than 31st January of the relevant season.

6.6.8 The MWCA retains a discretion to transfer finals matches and Twenety20 knock out games to avoid cancellation. The alternative grounds for each match are, where possible, to be notified before the makeup of the participating teams is known.

6.7 Representative Teams and Matches

6.7.1 Any player who has been notified by the Association Secretary or a nominated delegate of their selection to play in any representative match and who fails to appear at the time appointed by the captain of the representative team without due cause shall incur a one (1) match suspension from the next relevant Association match.

6.7.2 Any person participating in a representative match in any capacity on behalf of the Association is reminded that they continue to fall under the Association's Code of Conduct in addition to any specific playing conditions, codes of conduct or similar requirements of the governing body of the representative match.

6.8 Trophies

6.8.1 Trophies as approved by the Association Executive Committee shall be awarded to the premiership winning teams in all competitions.

6.8.2 Trophies as approved by the Association Executive Committee shall be awarded to the club determined to be Club Champions. The Club Champions shall be determined on the basis of the accumulated competition points throughout the preliminary rounds of the Association's main and President's Cup competitions only according to the following table:

FIRST GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	5	=	A
SECOND GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	4	=	B
THIRD GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	3	=	C
ONE DAY A COMPETITION POINTS	X	2	=	D
TWENTY20 1ST GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	2	=	E
FOURTH GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	2	=	F
FIFTH AND LOWER GRADE COMPETITION POINTS	X	1	=	G
ONE DAY B OR BELOW COMPETITION POINTS	X	1	=	H
TWENTY20 2ND GRADE OR BELOW COMPETITION POINTS	X	1	=	I
PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION POINTS	X	1	=	J

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS = (A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H + I + J)

6.8.3 Any perpetual trophies awarded shall be transferred to the relevant club Secretary for safekeeping who shall become responsible on behalf of the relevant club for the return of the trophy to the Association Secretary as and when required. Any such trophies remain the property of the Manly Warringah Cricket Association at all times. Failure to return any such trophies to the Association Secretary as and when required or failure to maintain the trophy in the condition in which it was received will see the relevant club liable to a fine of not less than $400.00 plus the cost of any replacement trophy. All players registered with such a club shall be listed as defaulters with Cricket NSW and its subsidiaries until these liabilities are cleared. Trophies need to be returned to MWCA by final delegates meeting before finals.

6.8.4 The Executive Committee may at its discretion recognise leading individual performances in its main competitions each season. To qualify for such recognition, the following prerequisites shall apply:

6.8.4.1 Batting average – an aggregate of not less than two hundred (200) runs in not less than eight (8) innings.

6.8.4.2 Batting aggregate – an aggregate of not less than two hundred (200) runs.

6.8.4.3 Bowling average and aggregate – an aggregate of not less than twenty (20) wickets.

6.8.4.4 A player is ineligible for future rising player of year awards once they have won this award in a previous season.

6.8.5 The Executive Committee may at its discretion recognise leading individual performances in its Twenty20 competitions as follows:
6.8.5.1 Leading individual aggregate run scorer
6.8.5.2 Leading individual aggregate wicket taker

6.8.6 The Executive Committee may at its discretion recognise any outstanding individual or team performances in any given season or range of seasons.

6.8.7 Any person who is either a defaulter or who has served a suspension at any time during a season shall not be eligible to receive any trophy or other individual recognition by the Association.

6.8.8 Individual and team trophies shall only be awarded where the relevant scorebooks have been completed online on PlayHQ

6.9 Competition Format

6.9.1 The competition format and structure for each grade shall be announced at the Annual Season Launch immediately prior to the commencement of the season. This shall be subsequent to receipt of team registrations.

6.9.2 The main competitions will be structured as a mixture of two day and one day matches according to ground availability across the season. MWCA will also offer a limited overs competition, which may consist of a mixture of one day and Twenty20 matches.

6.9.3 A Twenty20 competition will also be offered that will run as a separate competition from other match formats. Results of Twenty20 matches will not count towards the regular grade competitions.

6.9.4 Paragraph 6.1.3 is not applicable to the President's Cup competition which may make use of Twenty20 match formats as part of its regular competition format.

6.10 Competition Points – Two Day and One Day Limited Over Matches

6.10.1 The competition points to be awarded for all main competitions are as per the following table:

Result	Points Awarded
Outright win after leading on first innings	10
Outright win after tie on first innings	8
Outright win after trailing on first innings	7
Outright tie after leading on first innings	6
Outright tie on both first and second innings	4

Outright tie after trailing on first innings	3
Win on first innings only (two day match)	6
One day match win	5
Win on first innings in one day match by > 40%[8] margin	6
Tie on first innings only (or one day match)	3
Draw or no result	3
Loss on first innings only (or one day match)	1
Loss on first innings in one day match by > 40% margin	0
Outright loss after leading on first innings	5
Outright loss after tie on first innings	3
Outright loss after trailing on first innings	0

[8] 40% margin is defined according to run rate, not wickets. Teams batting first must bowl their opponents out or restrict them to <60% of runs scored. Teams bowling first must make the runs in less than 60% of the allotted overs. Also applies to matches where overs are reduced.

6.10.2 For the purposes of calculating competition point scores in the instance of a team withdrawal, all points resulting from matches involving the withdrawn team shall be nullified. Such matches shall be considered as byes in retrospect. All runs scored and wickets taken in such matches shall not be counted towards a team quotient as described in paragraph 6.11.1. However, runs scored and wickets taken in such matches shall be included in a player's individual statistics for awards under section 6.8 and its sub-paragraphs.

6.10.3 A Team can only withdraw from the competition prior to the 31st January, after this date if any team is unable to field a team the remainder of the season will be classified as a forfeit from the point the MWCA is notified, or played their last completed match. Competition points will only be awarded against the team that has withdrawal from the competition after the 31st of January for the last full round; each team playing each other once.

6.10.4 In a competition where teams do not have an equal number of byes or where all teams do not play an equal number of games, team point scores shall be adjusted as follows:

$$\text{ADJUSTED POINT SCORE} = \frac{\text{Points Attained}}{\text{(Number of Matches Played x 10)}} \times 100\%$$

This shall include instances of a team withdrawal as described in paragraph 6.10.2 where

matches involving a withdrawn side are considered as a bye in retrospect.

6.10.5 Matches that have been changed from two days to one day by clubs and agreed by MWCA will only have two-day points available for completing, no bonus points apply. This includes matches where:
a) all day One of a Two Day has been washed out;
b) Where 15 overs or less were played on day one of a Two Day match and both captains have agreed that the match recommence on Day Two as a One Day match under the One Day match conditions.
This rule does not apply if the whole round of grade is unable to be completed week one and all matches are changed to one day matches. This rule only applies if some matches for that grade in the affected round, where able to take part as a two-day match.

6.11 Tie Breakers for Qualification to Finals Matches – Main Competitions

6.11.1 In the event that teams complete the regular season on an even number of competition points, those teams' final placings shall be determined by the team's net quotient calculated to three (3) decimal places as follows:

$$\text{TEAM NET QUOTIENT} = \frac{\text{Runs Scored} \div \text{Wickets Lost}}{\text{(Runs Conceded} \div \text{Wickets Taken)}}$$

6.11.2 Should paragraph 6.11.1 be unable to separate the teams concerned, final placings shall be determined by applying determining which team gained the most competition points in games between the two teams under consideration.

6.11.3 Should paragraph 6.11.2 be unable to separate the teams concerned, final placings shall be determined by applying paragraph 6.11.1 to matches concerning the relevant teams only.

6.11.4 Should paragraph 6.11.3 be unable to separate the teams concerned, final placings shall be determined by drawing lots.

6.11.5 The above criteria will also be used to determine the winner for finals matches if the match is drawn or abandoned, as per the highest placed team during the regular season.

6.12 Finals Matches – Main Competitions

6.12.1 All finals matches in the main competitions (not including the Limited Overs format) shall be conducted as two day matches under the Two Day Match Playing conditions and any specific Final Series Match amendments. However, under no circumstances shall such a match revert to a One Day Match.

6.12.2 In **semi-final or final matches** Captains will be allowed to nominate a total of thirteen (13) players to participate in two-day matches. At least nine (9) players are to be nominated for both days. Up to two (2) players may be nominated to participate in the first day's play only and two (2) other players to participate in the second day's play only. The nomination of any players who are participating on day one and day two must be made clear on the team sheet and notified to the opposing captain and umpire prior to the toss at the commencement of the match.

Where a Day One player has batted in an innings, and that innings is continued on the second day's play:

a) And the "Day One Player" has been dismissed in that innings then the Day Two player replacing that player will not be permitted to bat in that innings.
b) And the Day One Player is "not out" in his innings, and the innings of his team is incomplete at the close of play of the first day,

i. That "Day One" player shall be recorded as "Retired – Not Out", and
ii. That "Day One" player will be replaced at the crease at the commencement of batting on day 2 by the "Day Two" player nominated to directly swap with that "Day One" player on the team sheet.

c) All thirteen (13) players nominated are permitted to bowl in either innings of the match, subject to the day of play for which the player is nominated.

6.13 Competition Points – Twenty20 Matches

6.13.1 Any Twenty20 matches that form part of the President's Cup and One Day grades competition will be scored as per section 6.5. This section is not applicable to President's Cup matches.

6.13.2 The competition points for all Twenty20 competitions are as per the following table.

Result	Points Awarded
Win	**5**
Win by > 40%[8] margin	**6**
Tie	**3**
Draw or no result	**3**
Loss	**1**
Loss by > 40% margin	**0**

[8] 40% margin is defined according to run rate, not wickets. Teams batting first must bowl their opponents out or restrict them to <60% of runs scored. Teams bowling first must make the runs in less than 60% of the allotted overs. Also applies to matches where overs are reduced.

6.13.3 For the purposes of calculating competition point scores in the instance of a team withdrawal, all points resulting from matches involving the withdrawn team shall be nullified. Such matches shall be considered as byes in retrospect. All runs scored and wickets taken in such matches shall not be counted towards a team quotient as described in paragraph 6.10.1. However, runs scored and wickets taken in such matches shall be included in a player's individual statistics for awards under section 6.8 and its sub-paragraphs.

6.13.4 In a competition where teams do not have an equal number of byes or where all teams do not play an equal number of games, team points scores shall be adjusted as follows:

$$\text{ADJUSTED POINT SCORE} = \frac{\text{Points Attained}}{(\text{Number of Matches Played} \times 10)} \times 100\%$$

This shall include instances of a team withdrawal as described in paragraph 6.4.2, where matches involving a withdrawn side are considered as a bye in retrospect.

6.14 Tie Breakers for Qualification to Finals Matches – Twenty20 Competitions

6.14.1 This section is not applicable to the President's Cup and One Day grades competition. Any tie breaker required in that competition shall operate under section 6.11

6.14.2 In the event that teams complete the group matches on an even number of competition points, those teams' final group placings shall be determined by the team's net run rate calculated to three (3) decimal places as follows:

$$\text{TEAM NET RUN RATE} = \frac{\text{Runs Scored}}{\text{Over Faced}} - \frac{\text{Runs Conceded}}{\text{Overs Bowled}}$$

6.14.3 Should paragraph 6.14.2 be unable to separate the teams concerned, final placings shall be determined by applying paragraph 6.8.2 to matches concerning the relevant teams only.

6.14.4 Should paragraph 6.14.3 be unable to separate the teams concerned, final placings shall be determined by drawing lots.



7.0 Match Protests

7.1 Form of Protest

7.1.1 Protests of match results may be made by any club that participates in any Manly Warringah Cricket Association sanctioned competition or fixture.

7.1.2 Clubs may protest the result of a match on the basis of an alleged breach of the Laws of Cricket, the Code of Conduct, MWCA by-laws or Playing Conditions (including the Match Day Operations.

7.1.3 Protest submissions must:

(a) specify the Law(s) of Cricket, the paragraph(s) of the Code of Conduct, the MWCA by-law(s) or playing condition(s) it is alleged have been breached in their protest. **Protest Hearings will only consider the specific alleged breach and will not seek to identify other breaches that may have occurred**

(b) include the particulars and circumstances surrounding the alleged breach in as much detail as is possible and name any witnesses able to provide further evidence.

(c) include the remedy the club making the protest is seeking.

(d) be made in writing to the Association Secretary within 72 hours from 11.59pm on the day of the completion of the match.[12]

(e) be endorsed by the club secretary on behalf of the club making the protest. Protests will not be considered if they are not so endorsed.

7.1.4 A club making a protest will be required to provide a deposit of $100.00 to the Association Treasurer prior to the commencement of any Protest Hearing. This deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld. A Protest Hearing will not be held without the submission of such a deposit, although the Executive Committee retains the right to waive the requirements of this paragraph at its absolute discretion.

7.1.5 Clubs making frivolous or vexatious protests may be referred to a Judiciary Panel for citing and may be liable for any penalties arising.

7.2 Protest Review

7.2.1 Upon receipt of a protest as permitted by section 7.1, the Association Executive Committee or its appointed delegate(s), shall schedule consideration of the protest at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee or earlier if deemed necessary. This consideration shall be to determine if there is a reasonable basis for the protest from the submission made and the evidence contained.

7.2.2 The Executive Committee, or its delegate(s), will determine if there is a reasonable basis for the protest and advise the Association Secretary as to whether a Protest Hearing will be granted. Only submissions that have a reasonable basis for appeal will be granted a Protest Hearing.

7.2.3 Upon receiving advice from the Executive Committee or its delegate(s), the Association Secretary or their delegate will notify the relevant clubs as to whether a Protest Hearing will be held. In the case that a Protest Hearing will be held, this notification will include copies of the protest and any evidence received to that point and details of the Protest Hearing, in particular the time and date of the hearing. The hearing will typically not be held within 72 hours of the notification of the hearing, although the Association reserves the right to reduce this timeframe as necessary prior to Semi-Finals or Finals matches.

[12] The Committee retains a discretion to extend the time for lodging protests where the alleged breach relates to use of an ineligible player, however such protests must still be made within a reasonable time.

7.2.4 The Association Secretary or their delegate will also notify all other parties deemed relevant to the Protest Hearing to be held in relation to the matter to enable them to provide further attendance.

7.3 Protest Panel

7.3.1 The Protest Panel shall be appointed by the Association Executive Committee from the membership of the Association. The Protest Panel will:

(i) have the responsibility for the overall conduct of the hearing and ensure that all parties have the opportunity to have their evidence heard. Should it be deemed necessary, additional persons may be appointed in a secretarial capacity for the hearing.

(ii) upon receiving all available evidence, the Protest Panel shall determine if the Law(s) of Cricket, the paragraph(s) of the Code of Conduct, the MWCA by-law(s) or playing condition(s) nominated in the protest have been breached and, if so, the appropriateness of the suggested remedy in the protest.

(iii) If it determines the proposed remedy is not appropriate, make a determination as to the remedy, if any, to be applied in the matter; and if necessary

(iv) Advise the parties involved and the MWCA Secretary of the outcome of the Protest.

Protest Panel membership and process

7.3.2 The comprised of three (3) members of the Association, one of whom shall be nominated Protest Chairman.

7.3.3 No person will be appointed to the Protest Panel where the matter before them involves a club or which that person is a member.

7.3.4 Each of the three persons appointed to the Protest Panel shall have one vote with respect to any decisions required. Other persons appointed for secretarial reasons are not entitled to any voting rights.

7.3.5 Minutes of the hearing will be taken and a summary provided to involved parties as soon as practicable after the Protest Panel makes its decision. These minutes will be forwarded to the Association Secretary as soon as is practical following the conclusion of the hearing. The Association Secretary will then forward these minutes to involved clubs along with any other relevant information.

7.3.6 During the course of a Protest Hearing, evidence may be heard that leads to a potential need for a Judiciary Hearing. In such cases, the Protest Panel shall provide relevant materials to the Association Secretary and Executive Committee that may lead to citing under section 4.11 and subsequent Judiciary processes.

7.4 Protest Hearing

7.4.1 The Protest Hearing will broadly adhere to the same guidelines for Judiciary Hearings outlined in section 4.14 and its sub-paragraphs. Responsibility for the conduct of the Protest Hearing rests with the Protest Panel Chairman. No hearing will be invalidated for technical irregularities provided such irregularity does not, in the opinion of the Association Executive Committee, prevent the relevant club(s) from receiving a fair hearing. Technical irregularities include, but are not limited to, non-adherence to the timeframes and procedures outlined in this document.

7.5 Burden of Proof

7.5.1 All Protest Hearings will consider evidence presented, make decisions and impose penalties on a “balance of probabilities” basis.

7.6 Appeals

7.6.1 Any club relevant to any Protest Hearing may seek leave to appeal the outcome of the Protest Hearing by application to the Association Executive Committee via the Association Secretary and through their own Club Secretary. The application for leave to appeal must be received

by the Association Secretary within seven (7) days of the Protest Hearing decision in question.

7.6.2 Appeals will only be considered on three grounds:

(a) An error in the application of law by the Judiciary panel;
(b) Severity of penalty imposed; and/or
(c) Presentation of new evidence.

7.6.3 Applications for leave to appeal will be considered by the Executive Committee at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee or earlier if deemed necessary. Such applications must detail the full extent of the grounds of the appeal. This application will be used by the Executive Committee to determine if there are sufficient grounds for appeal.

7.6.4 The Association Secretary or their delegate shall advise the relevant Club Secretary of the outcome of the application. Should the application be unsuccessful, further applications for leave to appeal can only be made to the New South Wales District Cricket Association according to their standard process.[13] Should the application be successful, the Association Secretary or their delegate shall notify the relevant Club Secretary of the details of the Appeal Panel hearing to be heard in relation to the matter.



8.0 Playing Conditions – All Match Formats and MWCA Match Day Operations Policy

8.1 Playing Conditions - Two Day Matches

LINK TO TWO DAY MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS

8.2 Playing Conditions – One Day Matches

LINK TO ONE DAY MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS

8.3 Playing Conditions – Twenty20 Matches

LINK TO TWENTY20 MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS

8.4 Match Day Operations Policy

LINK TO MWCA MATCH DAY OPERATIONS POLICY including the Medically Unfit Player – Substitution Policy

Appendix A – Grading Guidelines

SATURDAY COMPETITION

A player who reaches the following milestones in any grade (or above) will be given the respective grading for the following two (2) seasons.

Graded two grades below

A player may be graded two grades below where they do not meet the criteria for any higher grading category, subject to minimum participation requirements.

- 90+ runs with average 12+
- 8+ wickets with average 35 or under

Graded one grade below

- 90+ runs with average 14+
- 10+ wickets with average 30 or under

Graded in that grade

- Batting: 250–349 runs.
- Batting: 160+ runs with an average of 16+.
- Batting: average of 45+.
- Bowling: 16–20 wickets.
- 12+ wickets with average below 20
- Batting: top run scorers, calculated as 2.75 x the number of teams in the grade; for example, top 17 in a six-team grade or top 22 in an eight-team grade.
- Bowling: top wicket takers, calculated as 2 x the number of teams in the grade; for example, top 12 in a six-team grade or top 16 in an eight-team grade.
- Bowling: at least three wickets per game with an average of 8 or below. (minimum two bowling appearances)

Graded one grade above

- Batting: 350–449 runs.
- Batting: 200+ runs with an average of 40+.
- Batting: average of 80+.
- Bowling: 21–29 wickets.
- Bowling: 15+ wickets with an average between 10 and 12.
- Bowling: at least four wickets per game with an average of 6 or below. (minimum two bowling appearances)

Graded two grades above

- Batting: 450–549 runs.
- Batting: 200+ runs with an average of 60+.
- Bowling: 30–39 wickets.
- Bowling: 15+ wickets with an average between 8 and below 10.

Graded three grades above

- Batting: 550+ runs.
- Batting: 300+ runs with an average of 80+.

- Bowling: 40+ wickets.
- Bowling: 15+ wickets with an average below 8.

The below equivalency grading will apply to a player who reaches the following performance milestones in any grade (or above) will be given the respective grading for the following two (2) seasons.

- *Premier Cricket (-5 per grade)*
- *PG = 2nd Grade Premier Cricket*
- *Shires Cricket (-3 per grade)*
- *FG = 2nd Grade Shires*
- *Metro = 4th Grade Shires*
- *Master = 5th Grade Shires*
- *Classics = 6th Grade Shires*
- *NSW Metro Turf Club= (-1 per grade)*
- *NSW Metro Synthetic Club = MWCA 1st Grade or lower*
- *Women's Premier Cricket (+1 per grade)*
- *Sunday Twenty20 (+1)*
- *CNSW Youth U17 Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
- *CNSW Youth U15 Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
- *CNSW Youth U15 Div 2 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
- *CNSW Youth U14 Div 1 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
- *CNSW Youth U14 Div 2 (MWCA 5th Grade)*
- *ISA or GPS Turf Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
- *ISA or GPS Turf Div 2 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U16 Div 1 (MWCA 5th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U16 Div 2 (MWCA 6th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U14 Div 1 (MWCA 6th Grade)*

(a) Teams must hand the Association teams lists prior to the season. Teams who have listed players exceeding the four (4) point system but are chosen for a lower grade will be given exemption to the rule. Players graded three (3) grades above e.g. 1st grade in 4th Grade aren't eligible for that grade irrespective of the four (4) rule. New players joining the team with a previous grading receive no such exemption and will be counted with other graded players, whether exempted or not, in assessing the four-point rule.

(b) If a player has previously be graded in 1st or 2nd grade in MWCA an equivalent competition in past five (5) the club need to seek approval to play in the lowest two grade. The lowest two grades are development grades for new and younger player transitioning from juniors or new adult player to cricket. Previously returning higher grade players should be returning in middle or higher grades.

(c) The association has the discretion to re-grade any team before 1st November, based on performances in current season. The association has the discretion to re-grade and / or place restrictions any player before 31st January, based on performances in current season.

(d) Restriction on unregistered players (listed as Fill In in PlayHQ), after 1st November:

- Retirement at 30 runs

- Max of five (5) overs

(e) Committee retains discretion on special grounds as set out in Para 5.4.4(a).

TWENTY20 COMPETITION

Soft Grading

- *Player who has four (4) games in two grades higher, is soft graded in that grade. Approval required from association committee to play two grades or lower after four (4) games.*
- *Season exception can be provided if players nominated at the start of season and they meet the grading requirements for the lowest grade nominated.*

Batting

- *Three Grades Above - 350 runs+*
- *Two Grades Above - 300 to 349 runs*
- *Grade Above - 250 to 299 runs*
- *Same Grade - 150 runs to 249 runs*
- *Same Grade - Top 10 batsmen*
- *Grade below - 100 runs to 149 runs*
- *Two grades below - Less then 99 runs with min 2 games*

Bowling

- *Three Grades Above - 15 wkts*
- *Two Grades Above - 12 to 14 wkts*
- *Grade Above - 10 to 11 wkts*
- *Same Grade - 5 to 9 wkts*
- *Same Grade - Top 8 bowlers*
- *Grade below - 3 to 4 wkts*
- *Two grades below - Less than 2 wickets with min 2 games*

The equivalency grading below will apply to a player who reaches the following performance milestones in any grade (or above) will be given the respective grading for the following two (2) seasons.

- Premier Cricket (-5 per grade)
- PG = 2nd Grade Premier Cricket
- Shires Cricket (-3 per grade)
- FG = 2nd Grade Shires
- Metro = 4th Grade Shires
- Master = 5th Grade Shires
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- NSW Metro Turf Club= (-1 per grade)
  - *NSW Metro Synthetic Club = MWCA 1st Grade or lower*
- *Women's Premier Cricket (+1 per grade)*
  - *CNSW Youth U17 Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
  - *CNSW Youth U15 Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
  - *CNSW Youth U15 Div 2 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
  - *CNSW Youth U14 Div 1 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
  - *CNSW Youth U14 Div 2 (MWCA 5th Grade)*

- *ISA or GPS Turf Div 1 (MWCA 3rd Grade)*
- *ISA or GPS Turf Div 2 (MWCA 4th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U16 Div 1 (MWCA 5th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U16 Div 2 (MWCA 6th Grade)*
- *MWJCA U14 Div 1 (MWCA 6th Grade)*

(a) Teams must hand the Association teams lists prior to the season. Teams who have listed players exceeding the four (4) point system but are chosen for a lower grade will be given exemption to the rule. Players graded three (3) grades above e.g. 1st grade in 4th Grade aren't eligible for that grade irrespective of the four (4) rule. New players joining the team with a previous grading receive no such exemption and will be counted with other graded players, whether exempted or not, in assessing the four-point rule.

(b) If a player has previously be graded in 1st or 2nd grade in MWCA an equivalent competition in past five (5) the club need to seek approval to play in the lowest two grade. The lowest two grades are development grades for new and younger player transitioning from juniors or new adult player to cricket. Previously returning higher grade players should be returning in middle or higher grades.

(c) The association has the discretion to re-grade any team before 1st December, based on performances in current season. The association has the discretion to re-grade and / or place restrictions any player before 31st January, based on performances in current season.

(d) Restriction on unregistered players (listed as Fill In in PlayHQ), after 1st December:

- Retirement at 20 runs
- Max of two (2) overs

(e) Committee retains discretion on special grounds as set out in Para 5.4.4(a).

Appendix B – Player Gradings Updated 2026/27

Main Competitions Gradings

See file "Saturday Competition Player Gradings 2627"

Twenty / 20 Competition Gradings

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Appendix C - Record of Amendments to the MWCA 2024-25 Handbook

Item	Action	Date	Approver	Synopsis of Action
MWCA Handbook 2023-24	Approved for Issue	18 December 2023	MWCA Committee	New 2023/24 Handbook approved
MWCA Handbook 2024-25	Approved for Issue	18 December 2023	MWCA Committee	New 2024/25 Handbook approved
MWCA Handbook 2025-26	Approved for Issue	10 September 2025	MWCA Committee	New 2025/26 Handbook approved
MWCA Handbook 2026-27	Approved for Issue	12 September 2026	MWCA Committee	New 2026/27 Handbook approved