

# Senior Match Handbook

## Season – 2023/24

To be read in conjunction with the [Senior Rules](#) and the [RDCA Constitution](#) at:

[Senior Documents](#) and [Women's Documents](#)



Covering all Senior Men's and Women's games

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**Scores!** Enter short scores into playHQ by 9:00pm every match day.



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# Presentation Night

## Season 2023/24

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Dorset Gardens Function Centre**  
335 Dorset Rd Croydon

Starting at 7:00 pm.

Cost \$65 per person

If Trophy winners are unable to attend, please advise, in writing (email), the Senior Secretary to avoid a fine being implemented. [Senior Secretary](#)

**Dress:** Neat Casual, no denim, 'T' Shirts or Flip Flops (Thongs).

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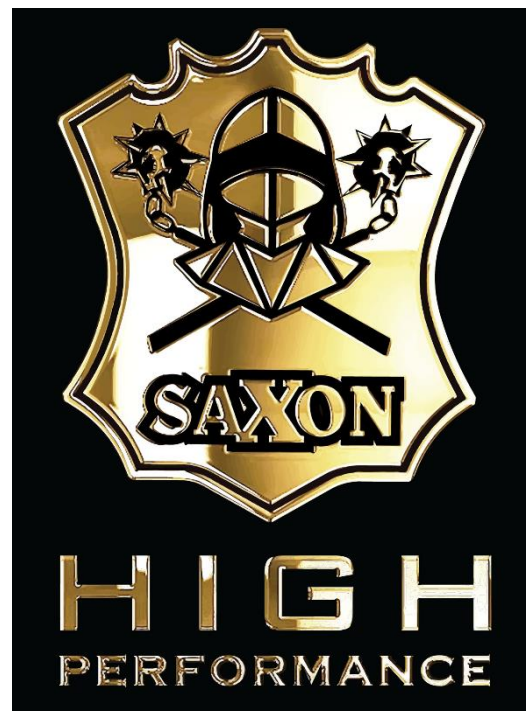
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## Team Grading and Match Venues

Up to date ground information for a particular match may be obtained via the playHQ website.



## Rule Changes for 2023/24

The RDCA Constitution and official RDCA Senior Playing Rules are separate documents and available on the [RDCA](#) website.

- When an umpire attends a tribunal hearing they shall be paid a fee of \$50.00. The fee is to be paid by the offending club if the charges are appealed. Should the Tribunal dismiss the charge with no penalty or uphold the appeal, the \$50 will be refunded.
- Men's Competition Structure
  - The men's senior competition will comprise multiple divisions, each division containing multiple grades. All grades will comprise eight (8) teams per grade. Grades may comprise an alternate number of teams to fulfil fixturing requirements.
    - The first division will be known as "Premier 1 Division" with five grades.
    - The second division will be known as Premier 2 Division with four grades.
    - The third division will be known as "District 1 Division".
    - The fourth division will be known as "District 2 Division". Other divisions may be created to fulfil other requirements as may be appropriate.
- Men's Limited-Over Matches
  - (B) 72 (all district grades)
- Report on umpire is now non-mandatory



## General Information

- Ignorance of the rules is no defence against any form of penalty outlined in the rules.
- Team Captains are required to understand and embrace Rule (MW16): **Duties of Team Captains**.
- Match Reports (both teams) – Rule (M33) (W54)
  - Short Scores are to be entered into playHQ by 9pm on the day of play, no need to phone or SMS to anyone. Minimum is the short scores but do **not** finalise or complete the match if entering on day one of a two day game.
  - Full match report to be completed on playHQ by 6pm the day after match completed.
  - **Captains'** Appraisal of Professional Umpire on playHQ within 72 hours.
    - To state clearly why a point was deducted from a score of 10 for the umpire
- Umpires' fees
  - will be paid by the RDCA to each umpires' designated bank account and charged against Clubs' accounts.
  - Senior Umpires fees
    - Premier 1
      - Single Umpire - \$200
      - Dual Umpire - \$160
    - Premier 2 (and Lower)
      - Single Umpire - \$180
      - Dual Umpire - \$140
    - All Grand Finals
      - Single Umpire - \$220
      - Dual Umpire - \$180
    - 20/20 matches
      - \$80 per umpire
  - Womens Umpire Fees
    - One Day Match
      - \$160 per umpire
    - T20 Match
      - \$80 per umpire
- Where play is abandoned by the Senior Committee, there will be no payment to the umpire(s).
- When an umpire is required to attend the game and play does not proceed beyond the tea break, 50% of the fee is payable.
- The full fee is to be paid once play continues, for whatever period of time, beyond the scheduled tea break.
- Affiliation Fees:
  - Senior teams       \$220
  - Junior teams       \$150
  - Veterans           \$110
- LATE team entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Senior Committee.

## RDCA Policies

[Member Protection](#) including Harassment and Discrimination Policy

[Working with Children](#)

[Social Media Policy](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)





## RDCA **Heat** and Fire Rating Policy

<b>Forecast at 8.00 am</b>			
Temperature	(Modified Rules) <b>36°C or more</b>	(Conventional Rules) <b>39°C or more</b>	Dangerous Conditions
Fire Rating	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Code Red</i>
<b>ACTION</b>	<b><u>All Modified Grades</u> cancelled</b>	<b><u>All Fixtures</u> cancelled</b>	<b><u>All Fixtures</u> cancelled</b>
<b>During Play</b>			
Match Officials expected to monitor temperature at <u>start</u> and <u>each break</u> in play i.e. Drinks Breaks and Tea Break			
<b>PREMIER 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>39°C or more</b>	<b>Less than 39°C</b>	<b>40°C or more</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Leave the field; monitor temperature every 15 minutes	Play may commence or resume with temperature monitored at each break	Play abandoned for the day
	If not under 39°C within 60 minutes abandon days play		
<b>DISTRICT 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>36°C or more</b>	<b>Less than 36°C</b>	<b>40°C or more</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Leave the field; monitor temperature every 15 minutes	Play may commence or resume with temperature monitored at each break	Play abandoned for the day
	If not under 36°C within 60 minutes abandon day's play		

Reference point for local temperature information – Bureau of Meteorology smartphone app selecting [SCORESBY](#).

**All interruptions to play must be recorded in scorebook including time and temperature readings**

The RDCA Senior Committee retains discretion to abandon part, or all, competition matches on the day prior if circumstances dictate.

# Extreme Heat Conditions

Cricket is a summer sport and as such it is inevitable that at times, matches will be scheduled for play during extreme heat conditions. As such, all captains, officials, team managers, coaches and umpires must acknowledge that they have a fundamental 'Duty of Care' to all players & officials.

## Definition

Forecast temperature is 36° C or more for Modified Grades and 39° C or more all other grades.

## Provisions

1. Adequate ice, easy to access shade, cold fresh water and sunscreen will be made available to both teams and officials at all times during the day.
2. If possible, drink eskies with water bottles and sports drinks are to be placed near the boundary.
3. Any player may take a drink break at the end of any over.
4. Official drink breaks are to be taken every 30 minutes.
5. Players under 18 years of age are restricted to bowling spells of 8 overs as per Rule 15.
6. Clubs should avoid having players under 14 years of age on the field if possible.
7. Normal loss of time rules applies in case of any lost time due to extreme heat.

## Guidelines and Advice

### Symptoms of Heat Injury or Heat Stroke

High intensity exercise in a hot environment can lead to: **Dehydration, Heat Exhaustion and Heat stroke.** Heat stroke is a potentially fatal condition and must be treated immediately by a medical professional.

The symptoms of heat injury or heat stroke are:

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Headache
- Confusion
- Light-headedness

These symptoms indicate players should **stop playing, drink more fluids** and **cool down.** Seek medical treatment if these symptoms don't improve rapidly.

Also remember to keep an eye on other players or officials who may not realise they are suffering from dehydration or heat stress.

### Timing of Training

Where possible, avoid scheduling training during the hottest part of the day (usually between noon and 4pm during daylight saving time). Early morning or night practice minimises the risk of encountering unacceptable playing conditions.

## Hydration

The ACB Junior Cricket Policy refers to the following guidelines regarding hydration practices for matches held during hot weather. These guidelines are also relevant to senior cricket competitions. Drinks breaks should occur every 30-40 minutes in all matches (every 30 mins in conditions of extreme temperature)

- Water is the most appropriate drink for re-hydration. However diluted cordial or sports drinks may be supplied. Flavoured drinks may be particularly palatable to children who have consistently poor drinking habits during exercise
- Drinks should be available for individual players between drinks breaks. Umpires should be advised when additional drinks are sought and players should make every effort to ensure
- No time is wasted
- Players are to have their own drink bottles. This ensures that each player has access to an adequate level of replacement fluids and reduces the risk of contamination and viruses
- Where cups and a large container are used, cups must not be dipped into the container. Used cups should be washed or disposed of after use
- Do not share cups if used
- Remember, Covid-19 and other viruses are still around

### **Additional considerations in regard to Hydration include:**

- Consideration should be given to relaxing slow over rate penalties to allow for additional drinks breaks (which should be completed as soon as possible).
- Drink bottles also may be made available with club square leg umpires if deemed necessary or stored underground on the field if a suitable facility exists (eg. covered tap box).
- Encourage players and officials to drink plenty of fluids (preferably water) with no restrictions placed on players getting drinks, placing them on the field, etc.

### **Player Rest and Rotation.**

- It is recommended that wherever possible when extreme temperatures are forecast, surplus players should be selected in addition to 12th man
- Consider rotating players on and off the field. Rest periods are particularly important for faster type bowlers
- Ensure players and officials seek shade when players not on the field
- Team managers/coaches especially should be vigilant and not pressure their players in any way re performances or endurance.
- Limit bowling spells
- Limit individual batting innings

## Clothing

It is essential that everyone is made aware of the importance of:

- Wearing long sleeved shirts
- Wide brimmed hats
- The appropriate application and re-application of SPF 30+ sunscreen
- The use of wet towels
- Sunglasses

## Other Considerations

The welfare of players and umpires is paramount

- On days of extreme heat coaches, players, umpires and officials should be aware of the possible risks and carefully monitor all players and umpires. If any show signs of distress from the heat (see symptoms of heat illness outlined above) swift and appropriate action should be taken
- Be aware that junior, female and older players are more susceptible to heat injury.
- Be aware of junior players also playing in senior matches on the same day.
- Ensure there are sufficient shaded areas at grounds for both players and spectators where possible

## Remember HEAT

**H**ydrate **bearing in mind COVID-19 is still around**

**E**nsure good nourishment

**A**sk for extra drinks breaks

**T**alk to each other to recognise heat stress



## Lightning Safety

Electrical storms and the presence of lightning is difficult to predict and can be localised in nature. The following guideline (which applies to all Senior, Junior, Veteran and representative matches) is to assist match leaders (umpires, captains and junior coaches/managers) to make a duty of care decision when faced with weather conditions causing lightning within the proximity of active cricket matches.

If lightning and thunder (flash to bang) are separated by a period of time of less than 30 seconds, then the lightning is close enough (within 10km) to be a threat. Match leaders are advised to immediately suspend play and all players and officials are to move to SAFE areas. Common sense should also prevail. If lightning is observed in your vicinity, leave the field. Do not hesitate to take the initiative and lead your players off even if the opposition and/or umpires do not agree.

### 1) SAFER AREAS DURING A LIGHTNING EVENT

- a) Enclosed vehicles with windows closed (car, van, bus or similar)
- b) Substantial enclosed buildings
- c) Low ground, sheltering in clumps of low bushes
- d) Trees of uniform height, e.g. forest or large group of trees

### 2) UNSAFE AREAS INCLUDE:

- a) High ground
- b) Open ground
- c) Water
- d) Isolated or tall trees
- e) Near outdoor metal structures such as fences, gates, poles, seating
- f) Insubstantial structures such as shade shelters and picnic sheds

A period of 30 minutes should elapse before play is resumed, that is, after seeing the last lightning flash, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. If during this time lightning is again observed, the 30 minutes starts again.

## First Aid

Victims of lightning strikes are safe to handle- they do not “retain charge”. First aiders must ensure they do not become another casualty- move the victim to a safer location. Effects of lightning strike include cardiac and respiratory arrest caused by disruption of the brains’ control centres. CPR or EAR should be given as required. It is important that even people who show no symptoms immediately after the strike receive medical attention as some effects may not be immediately obvious.



# Concussion & Head Trauma

Identification of concussion symptoms rests with match officials (unless a qualified medical practitioner is in attendance) who are to follow the assessment procedures herein and take appropriate action to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

The “assessor” shall be the qualified medical practitioner if present, otherwise the most medically qualified player, official umpire(s), Club official or team captain.

## **Purpose:**

It critical to pursue best practice in prevention and management of concussion and head trauma arising in the course of participating in RDCA sanctioned competitions and training sessions.

## **Scope**

This Policy applies to all male and female players and all umpires:

- (a) Participating in any RDCA sanctioned competitions and matches or training for such competitions or matches or training and
- (b) who receive a blow to the head or neck (either bare or while wearing protective equipment), whether by ball or otherwise.

## **Protective Equipment Requirements**

The RDCA recommends the use of helmets:

- by all players (regardless of age)
- use of products/attachments properly fitted to helmets that provide additional protection for the vulnerable neck/occipital area of the batter (Neck Guards).
- Helmets should be replaced immediately in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations following an impact.

## **Head and Neck Trauma Management**

If a Participant receives a blow to the head or neck (either bare or while wearing protective equipment), whether by ball or otherwise, then the assessor will undertake the Concussion Protocol outlined at Appendix 1 to this Policy, if they deem the blow warrants it. Importantly, this can include:

(a) Completing an on-field assessment to determine whether a concussion is established or suspected. Concussion is established through the reporting of symptoms and/or observation of signs. Symptoms are generally subjective to the individual (e.g. dizziness, headache, nausea) and signs are generally objective (e.g. loss of consciousness, altered balance, amnesia, disorientation, uncontrolled fall).

(b) If a concussion is suspected or a further assessment is required, follow the Concussion Protocol by removing the Participant from the sporting environment and completing the assessment guidelines at Appendix I.

(c) If a concussion is diagnosed, following the return to play steps contained in the Concussion Protocol.

If the assessor directs a Participant to leave the field or training area (if a concussion is diagnosed or if further assessment is required), the Participant must leave the field without delay.

No person, including the Participant under assessment, should attempt to influence the assessor in making their assessment or the decision to remove the Participant from the field for further assessment.



The match situation is not relevant in the management of the Participant and whether they are required to leave the field of play if concussion is suspected or diagnosed. The primary and only concern in any assessment shall be the health, safety and welfare of the Participant suspected of having suffered a head trauma/concussion. As an example, it is not relevant to the operation of this Policy, or the assessment of the Participant by the medical staff member or contractor, that the Participant is in a last wicket partnership to save or win a match.

If there is a qualified doctor on duty at a match or training session, the doctor will make any assessments required under this Policy. At matches or training sessions where a qualified doctor is not present, official umpire(s) or team captain(s) or most senior club official will undertake any necessary assessments (however he/she must refer the Participant to a doctor if he/she suspects a concussion or hospital if he/she suspects a serious head/neck injury). RDCA supports a conservative approach to the diagnosis and treatment of concussion and head/neck injuries.

More serious co-existing diagnoses (e.g. fractured skull, neck injury) should be managed as an emergency priority with ambulance attendance sought and once these are excluded then diagnosis of concussion can be considered.

After a blow to the head/neck, if any of the following are present:

- (a) Loss of consciousness for any time;
- (b) Amnesia – inability to remember recent details;
- (c) Inability to keep balance;
- (d) Vomiting not explained by another cause, such as known gastroenteritis; and/or
- (e) Tonic posturing or fitting,

Then the diagnosis of concussion (or more serious head trauma) is established.

More subtle symptoms (e.g. headache, dizziness, feeling of vagueness) are less conclusive, and in these scenarios, the Concussion Protocol in Appendix 1 should be completed.

The assessor will make the final diagnosis of whether a concussion may have occurred and refer the participant to a qualified doctor.

The participant will not be permitted to resume play on the day of the incident without first obtaining written clearance from a qualified doctor.



## Concussion & Head Trauma Assessment

### Recognise & Remove

Concussion should be suspected **if one or more** of the following visible clues, signs, symptoms or errors in memory questions are present.

#### Visible clues of suspected concussion

Any one or more of the following visual clues can indicate a possible concussion

- Loss of consciousness or responsiveness
- Lying motionless on the ground / Slow to get up
- Unsteady on feet/ Balance problems or falling over/ Incoordination
- Grabbing/ Clutching of head
- Dazed, blank or vacant look
- Confused/ Not aware of state of play or events

#### Signs and symptoms of suspected concussion

Presence of anyone or more of the following signs and symptoms may suggest a concussion.

**Loss of consciousness**

**Headaches**

**Seizure or convulsion**

**Dizziness**

**Balance problems**

**Confusion**

**Nausea or vomiting**

**Drowsiness**

**Feeling slowed down**

**“Pressure in Head”**

**More emotional**

**Irritability**

**Blurred vision**

**Sensitivity to light**

**Sadness**

**Amnesia**

**Sensitivity to noise**

**Fatigue or low energy**

**Don't feel right**

**Neck Pain**

**Feeling like "in a fog"**

**Nervous or anxious**

**Difficulty remembering**

**Difficulty concentrating**

**Any player/ umpire with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed medically. Players/ Umpires with a suspected concussion should not be left alone and should not drive any vehicle.**



## Memory function

Failure to answer any of the following questions correctly may suggest a concussion:

- “What is your full name”
- “What is your date of Birth
- ”What venue are we at today”
- “What is the name of your club”
- “Are you batting or bowling”

In all cases of suspected concussion, the player or umpire is referred to a medical professional for diagnosis and guidance as well as return to play decisions, even if the symptoms resolve.

## CONCUSSION **RED** FLAGS

**If ANY of the following are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the field of play. If no qualified medical professional is available, consider transporting by ambulance for urgent medical assessment.**

**Complains of Neck Pain**

**Deteriorating conscious state**

**Increasing confusion or irritability**

**Severe or increasing headache**

**Repeated vomiting**

**Unusual behaviour change**

**Seizure or convulsion**

**Double vision**

**Weakness, tingling or burning in the arms or legs**

## Remember: DRS ABCD

The basic principles of first aid:

- Danger (to patient, aider and goose neckers)
- Response (question the patient)
- Send (for Ambulance)
- Airway (is it clear?)
- Breathing (mirror, chest rising)
- CPR (if not breathing)
- Defibrillation (if heart has stopped)



# Assessment of Players, Teams and Playing Conditions

## JLT Sport Game Day and Training Checklist

The website is [here](#), though written for football it equally applies to cricket.

This checklist is a basic pre-game/training inspection tool that helps to identify safety concerns and record your club's actions.

In each RDCA scorebook, there is a checklist form that should be used by all teams for every game or there is a smartphone app which can be found under JLT Cricket Match Day for both Android and iOS.

On the JLT form see page 3, point 2. Field of Play,

All Boundary markers (lines, ropes, hats, etc.) at least 3 yards/2.74 metres away from any off-field hazards including but not limited to fencing, concrete gutters, goal posts, trees or other solid structures which may cause injuries to cricketers.

Your club executive may need to discuss with council officers the need for them to remove any existing goal posts for the safety of cricketers.

**Scores!** Enter short scores into **playHQ** by 9:00pm every match day.

# Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game.

Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the **captains**, but extends to all players and officials. Captains need to step up and work with their players to embrace to this all-important philosophy.

## Respect

The RDCA expects that all players and officials apply themselves in all matters pertaining to cricket with respect for the ideals under which cricket should be played.

Not only do the objectives of our Association project “the playing and fostering of cricket, free from any objectionable features, and the better acquaintance and fellowship of the players” but The Laws of Cricket devotes a specific section on the spirit of the game and the responsibility of captains, with whom major onus rests, and players to ensure that the game is not injured by unwarranted actions.

All players, officials and spectators involved in RDCA matches are expected to:

Respect the Rules and Laws under which the matches operate. This includes possessing a good knowledge of the Laws and Rules of the game and applying them without fear or favour.

Respect your own captain and team. It is a privilege for you to represent your club on the field of play; no matter in what level of cricket you are involved. Reciprocate by conducting yourself with decorum while always endeavouring to do your best.

Respect your opposition players. While acknowledging that good natured banter is acceptable as part of the modern game, comments should be restricted to the conduct of the match and must never degenerate to what may be construed as personal abuse. There is no place for any act of violence on or off the playing field during the course of play.

Respect the Role of the Umpires. Umpires, whether officially appointed or volunteers, are expected to control the game, as required by the Laws and rules, with absolute impartiality. Captains, players and umpires alike must uphold this basic essential of the game.

Respect the Spirit of the Game and its Traditional Values. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire’s decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice eg:
  - To appeal knowing that the batter is not out
  - To advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - To seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one’s own side.

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

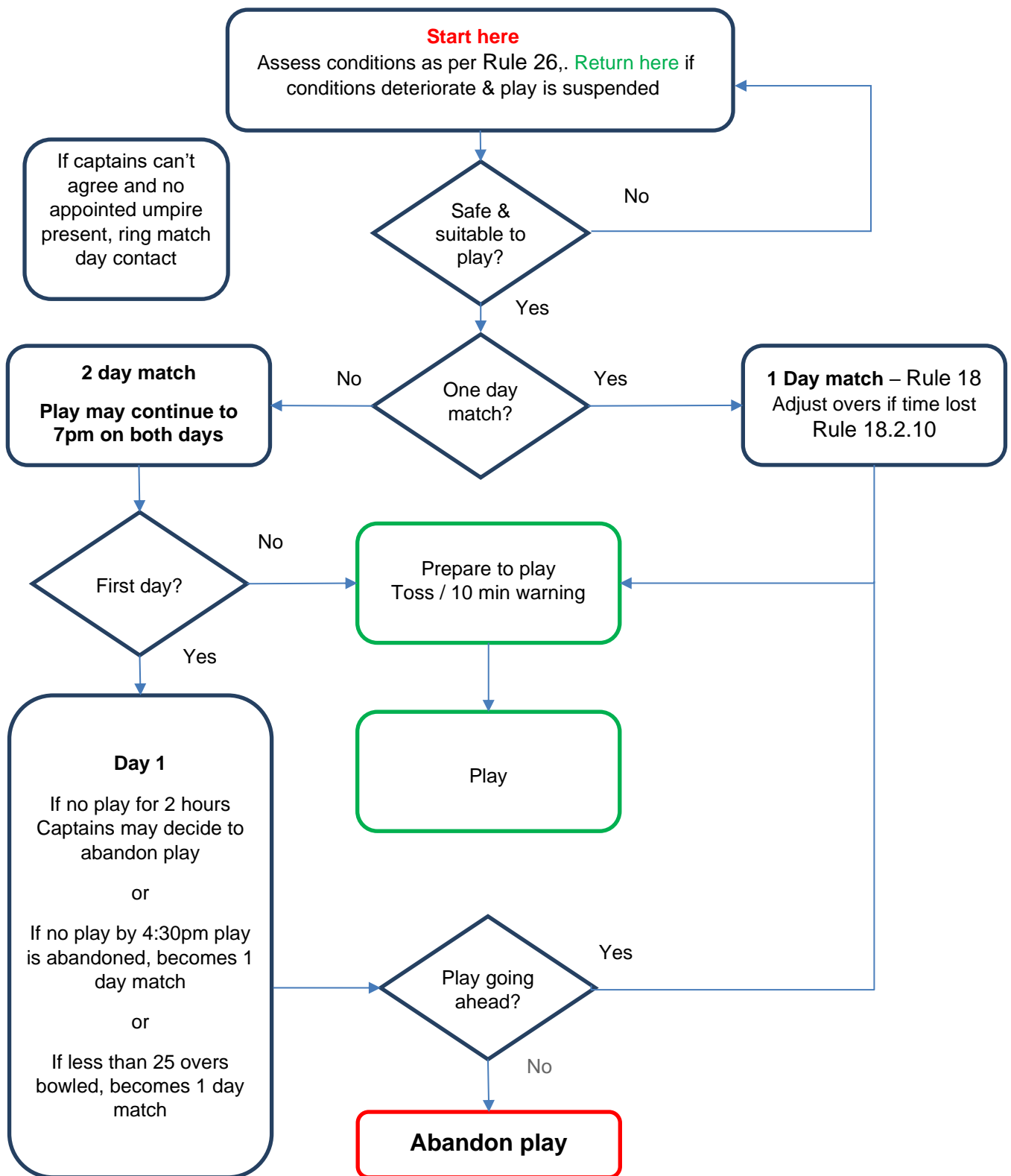
It is expected by the RDCA Senior Committee that all umpires, players, officials and spectators will adhere to the Spirit of Cricket and, should they witness behaviour unbecoming to the game, bring such actions to the notice of the RDCA Senior Secretary, through appropriate channels, for action.

Not to do so will devalue the spirit of this great game. Any transgression will get a vigorous, predictable response from the Disciplinary Committee.

## Note!

Umpires may not umpire again if the games become too stressful.

# Wet Weather Protocol



## Duty of Care is applicable at all times

Captains must sign off "Match Day Checklist" indicating conditions are playable and confirm:

- Bowlers are able to bowl from normal run-up
- Fielders have secure footing, especially close to the wicket
- Batters are able to safely run between wickets and turn without undue hinderance
- No other hazards are apparent



# Ground Preparation & Maintenance Responsibilities

## The Role of the Home Captain / Team

Per Rule MW16.4 & Rule (M27.8) (W18.6), it is the responsibility of the Home Club, through its appointed team captain, to have the ground properly prepared for play.

This involves:

- Removing any obstructions or obstacles
- Boundary markers (lines, ropes, hats, etc.) are in position
  - Min 3.1 metres away from any hazards like fencing, concrete gutters, trees or other solid structures which may cause injuries
- Fielding circles are in place
- Stump holes are level with the pitch surface
- Bowlers' run-ups are satisfactory
- Stumps are in place at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play

These preparations must be in place prior to the scheduled commencement of play and the umpire is obliged not to let the match proceed until satisfactorily completed.

Similarly, should the match be interrupted during play due to excessive rain, and a decision is made to attempt to continue, it is the responsibility of the Home team to expeditiously undertake any necessary maintenance requirements to return the field to playable status.

Failure of the Home Club / Team to initiate / complete preparation maintenance requirements may result in the matter being brought to the attention of the RDCA Senior Committee for their consideration of disciplinary action for the offending Club, Captain and / or team.

## The Role of Officially Appointed Umpire(s). Rule (M38) (W59)

On arrival at the ground, the appointed umpire(s) assume(s) full control / responsibility for the conduct of that match. Their main responsibility is to ensure completion of the fixture and that all preparations have been made, wherever possible, to achieve commencement of play.

Of course, the safety of the players is paramount.

It is solely for the umpire(s) to decide whether conditions of ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place. Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal. The fact that the grass and the ball are wet does not warrant the ground conditions being regarded as unreasonable or dangerous.

Conditions shall be regarded as dangerous if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire and be regarded as unreasonable if, although posing no risk to safety, it would not be sensible for play to proceed.

If the umpires consider the ground is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowler of a reasonable foothold, the fielders of the power of free movement, or the batters of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets, then these conditions shall be regarded as so bad that it would be dangerous and unreasonable for play to take place.

If at any time the umpire(s) agree that the conditions of ground, weather or light, or any other circumstances are dangerous or unreasonable, they shall immediately suspend play, or not allow play to start or to recommence. If play is in progress and the umpires do not agree about such conditions, they shall immediately suspend play.

When there is a suspension of play it is the responsibility of the umpires to monitor conditions. They shall make inspections as often as appropriate, unaccompanied by any players or officials. Immediately the

umpire(s) agrees that the conditions are no longer dangerous or unreasonable they shall call upon the players to resume play.

**Let's get together to ensure that we all work from the same page and play as much cricket as the elements allow.**

### **Match Start Times**

Normally the first day of the season is the first Saturday in October. In Non - Daylight Saving Time matches start at 12.30pm, thereafter at 1.00pm unless otherwise advised by the RDCA Senior Secretary. Rule 19.1

## **Registration Rule 9 and Classification Rule 10 of players**

- If a player is unregistered or ineligible the team will forfeit the match to the opposition.
- Clubs must complete a registration form for all new players prior to inputting player details:
- Get a copy of the [Player Registration](#) form here
- This form is to be retained by the club and made available to the RDCA for verification if required.
- Each club is responsible for inputting new player registrations into the **playHQ** system, including players requiring a clearance, to their club's block list of players.

## **Clearances and Permits – Rule 11**

- Where a player requires a clearance, such application is to be lodged through **playHQ**.
- The club being asked to approve the clearance shall respond within seven days, again through the **playHQ** system.
- The player is ineligible without this approval.
- Upon clearance being granted, the cleared player will automatically be registered with the new club.

Any concerns with **playHQ** please contact our Registration Secretary and MyCricket Administrator [Adam Kuklych](#).



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## Men's Player's Grade Rule 10.2.i

If a club has two or more teams in this Association, then any player of that club may play in any team of that club, within 6 grades or 1 team, whichever is the greater number of grades, than played in their previous match, without the approval of the Senior Committee. *NB: within 6 grades **excludes** the grade last played.*

### Grading Drop Table (M)

Divisions	Grades	Premier 1					Premier 2				District 1				District 2					
		Trollope	Wilkins	Newey	Pascoe	Meehan	Spencer	Beatty	Smith	Springett	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Premier 1	Trollope	Blue																		
	Wilkins	Green	Blue																	
	Newey	Green	Green	Blue																
	Pascoe	Green	Green	Green	Blue															
	Meehan	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue														
Premier 2	Spencer	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue													
	Beatty	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue												
	Smith	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue											
	Springett	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue										
District 1	A	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue										
	B	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue									
	C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue								
	D	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue							
District 2	E	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue						
	F	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue					
	G	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue				
	H	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue			
	I	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue		
	J	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	
	Grade that the player was in the previous match																			
	Grades the player may drop down in the next match (Or next team below in the club)																			
	<b>No substitutes are permitted in District 2 Grades. Otherwise see Rule 10.5</b>																			

### Substitutes Rule 10.5

Persons called upon to act as "substitutes" MUST be registered players of this Association. A player may act as a substitute in a grade not more than two (2) consecutive club teams lower than the team in which they last played for that club during the current season. A player acting as a substitute need not have played the required qualification matches in order to act as a substitute in finals.



## Player absent

Rule (M15.9) (W15.5) Any Player absent at commencement of a day's play shall not incur any time penalty on taking the field for the first time on that day. A (M) batter who is not out on Day one and is absent at start of play on Day two, may resume his innings following the fall of any subsequent wicket until the innings is complete.

## Afternoon Tea 15 minute rule

Rule (M24.1) (W48.1) If there is any break in play within 15 minutes of the tea break then the tea break shall be taken immediately. If the team is 9 wickets down at the tea-break then play continues for 15 minutes.

## Cricket Attire

Rule 12 describes proper cricket attire for all players, some coloured.

## NO Ball

Rule (M15.2 ii)(W31.2) Where a professional umpire is not officiating, any ball that would pass higher than the height of a batter's shoulder whilst standing in an upright position shall be called and signalled as a "No Ball" in both Limited-Over and Two-day matches.

Rule (M15.6)(W31.3) Full above the waist delivery per the laws and with a professional umpire.

Rule (M15.8)(W31.6) A ball pitching on the edge or off the designated playing surface, is a "No Ball".

## Wides

Rule 15.7. In grades without professional umpires Rule 18.1.3 applies

Rule 18.1.3 explains 'Wides' in Limited-Over matches which require painted lines as described in Rule 27.9.

Any additional extras scored shall be debited against the offending bowler.

## 10 Metre Circle

Rule 29.6 ii) Restrictions apply on fielding within ten (10) metres of the strikers' centre stump.

Rule 27.8 Home teams will be responsible for marking full continuous circles of ten (10) metres radius on the ground centred on the middle stumps.

## Minimum Overs for Premier Grades

Rule 20.1 In each innings of a match the overs bowled shall be no less than 16 overs per hour. A full day's play is scheduled to be completed by no later than 6:20pm.

Rule 20.2 Penalties

Rule 20.3 Notification of Penalties

## Women's Rules

Here are the main additional rules.

### Boundaries - Rule 18.10

T20 boundaries		One-Day boundaries	
A Grade	Other grades	A Grade	Other grades
50 metres	45 metres	60 metres	50 metres

### Deliveries per over Rules 26/45

An over shall not exceed 8 deliveries except if there is a 20/20 free hit to be played. However, the last over must have 6 legal deliveries.

### Retirement of Batters below A grade

- 20/20 = 50 - Rule 25.1
- One day = 100 – Rule 46

Retired batters can resume when no other batters are available.

### Bowling Restrictions

- 20/20 – Rule 27
  - 6 bowlers must be used – maximum of 4 overs per bowler
- One day – Rule 36.1
  - All grades - maximum 7 overs per bowler
  - Below A grade – must use 7 bowlers with a minimum of 2 overs each
- Underage – Rule 47.3

Age	Under 19	Under 17	Under 15	Under 14
Spell	8	6	5	4
Maximum	10	10	10	8

### Interruption in 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings

Where there is an interruption in the second innings, overs shall be reduced and a target score set. The calculation is detailed in Appendix 1. This is pointed to in the following rules.

Rule 34.3 for a 20/20 match.

Rule 43.1 for a One Day match if more than 30 minutes lost.



## Captain's Report on Umpires

Captains reports on umpires have moved to a non-mandatory system. We want to hear if an umpire has done a very good job. |

We also want to hear if there was a problem with an umpire.

If we don't receive a report, we will assume the umpire has done a good job.

A proforma report will be available for this reporting process which will need to be sent to the RDCAUA Secretary and the RDCA Senior Secretary.

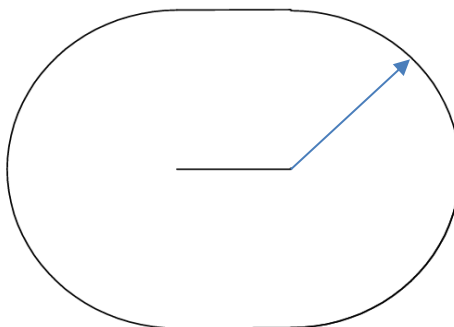
## Playing Hours and Overs

### Bowling Restrictions

Refer to Rule 19 for the hours, overs and bowling restrictions for particular grades.

### Fielding Restrictions for Limited Over Games

#### 40/40 and 20/20



**Continuous  
30m Radius  
from middle  
stumps**

Type of Game – Number of Overs		Maximum of fielders outside the capsule
40/40	20/20	
1 – 10	1 – 5	2
11 – 20	6 – 10	3
21 – 30	11 – 15	4
31 – 40	16 – 20	5
The restrictions reduce proportionally in a shortened match see Tables 18-1 & 18-2	The overs reduce proportionally in a shortened match see Rule 51.	



# Limited Overs Time Loss

When first innings time is lost overs are reduced. This can involve time lost before the start and during the first innings. The following tables show the bowling restrictions when time is lost. It is different for the 2 types of innings. The tables also show the change for the number of fielders allowed outside the capsule.

## Premier grades 40 overs matches Rule M18.2

One Day 40 Over Compound Loss of Time Calculation Table																												
Fielders Outside Capsule					Bowlers X Overs	Time lost before start	Time lost during the first innings																					
2	3	4	5	0			4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80		
10	20	30	40	5 X 8		30	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	
9	19	29	39	4 X 8 & 1 X 7		38	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20		
9	18	28	38	3 X 8 & 2 X 7		46	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20			
9	18	27	37	2 X 8 & 3 X 7		54	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20				
9	18	27	36	1 X 8 & 4 X 7		62	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20					
8	17	26	35	5 X 7		70	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20						
8	16	25	34	4 X 7 & 1 X 6		78	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20							
8	16	24	33	3 X 7 & 2 X 6		86	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20								
8	16	24	32	2 X 7 & 3 X 6		94	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20									
7	15	23	31	1 X 7 & 4 X 6		102	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20										
7	14	22	30	5 X 6		110	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20											
7	14	21	29	4 X 6 & 1 X 5		118	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20												
7	14	21	28	3 X 6 & 2 X 5		126	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20													
6	13	20	27	2 X 6 & 3 X 5		134	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20														
6	12	19	26	1 X 6 & 4 X 5		142	26	25	24	23	22	21	20															
6	12	18	25	5 X 5		150	25	24	23	22	21	20																
6	12	18	24	4 X 5 & 1 X 4		158	24	23	22	21	20																	
5	11	17	23	3 X 5 & 2 X 4		166	23	22	21	20																		
5	10	16	22	2 X 5 & 3 X 4		174	22	21	20																			
5	10	15	21	1 X 5 & 4 X 4		182	21	20																				
5	10	15	20	5 X 4		190	20																					

Overs remaining

- To find the number of overs remaining for the first innings
- 1 Select the time lost in minutes before the innings in the pink column
  - 2 If no time is lost then use the 30 minute row
  - 3 Move across the blue time lost in minutes during the first innings.

- To find the fielding and bowling limits
- 1 Move down the green shaded 5 **Fielders Outside Capsule** column to the number of overs remaining for the innings
  - 2 Example: If **31 overs are to be bowled** then up to Over 7=2,15=3,23=4,31=5 fielders outside capsule and 1 X 7 & 4 X 6 bowlers x overs

## Modified grades Rule M18.3

Modified 36 Over Compound Loss of Time Calculation Table																				
Minimum bowlers with min 2 overs each	Time lost before the start	Time lost during the innings																		
		0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
7	60	<b>36</b>	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18
7	68	<b>35</b>	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	
7	76	<b>34</b>	33	32	<b>31</b>	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18		
7	84	<b>33</b>	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18			
7	92	<b>32</b>	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18				
7	100	<b>31</b>	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18					
7	108	<b>30</b>	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18						
6	116	<b>29</b>	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18							
6	124	<b>28</b>	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18								
6	132	<b>27</b>	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18									
6	140	<b>26</b>	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18										
6	148	<b>25</b>	24	23	22	21	20	19	18											
6	156	<b>24</b>	23	22	21	20	19	18												
6	164	<b>23</b>	22	21	20	19	18													
6	172	<b>22</b>	21	20	19	18														
6	180	<b>21</b>	20	19	18															
6	188	<b>20</b>	19	18																
5	196	<b>19</b>	18																	
5	204	<b>18</b>																		

Overs remaining

### To find the number of overs for the first innings

- 1 Select the time lost in the pink column titled **Time lost before the start** of the innings in minutes
- 2 If no time is lost before the start then use the 60 minute row
- 3 Move across the blue **Time lost during the innings** in minutes to find the applicable overs.

### To find the bowling restrictions

- 1 Move down the **bold, shaded, zero Time lost during the innings** column to the number of overs for the innings
- 2 If, for example, **31 overs** are to be bowled then on the left are min **7 Bowlers x 2 Overs** must be used

## Match Record

For matches with over restrictions the umpire should record the overs bowled by each bowler. The captain quite often asks for that information.

On the next page is a template to record details about, and during, a match. It enables keeping track of the number of overs for each bowler during limited over games as well as conditions, incidents and votes.

Fold the paper twice to fit in the umpires' pocket. Perhaps wrap it around a piece of cardboard. An Excel file is on the website for copying player data to it before printing it.

Umpires:		Home Team				Away Team																		
Team:		Won	Toss	Bat or	Bowl	Won	Toss	Bat or	Bowl															
Captain:																								
Scorer:																								
Game Information		1 to 10				No or Yes																		
Grade:		Respect for	umpires	Responsibilitie	s re laws	Captain's co-	operation	Respect for	opposition	Overall Spirit	of cricket	Incorrect	cricket attire	Incorrect	footwear	Unsuitable	stumps	Poor line	marking	Incorrect ball	No scoreboard	Late start	Slow over rate	
Round:																								
Date 1:																								
Date 2:																								
Home Team Ratings:																								
Away Team Ratings:																								
Day 1	Time	Team	End	Overs	Score	Incidents																		
Start																								
Finish																								
Last Bowler		L/Batsman				R/Batsman																		
Day 2	Time	Team	End	Overs	Score	Incidents																		
Start																								
Finish																								
Votes		3.				1.																		
2.		Audible Obscenity	N	Equipment Abuse	4W	U19	Max 20	Spell 10																
		Dissension/Disputing	N	Abusive Laguage to Player	4W	U17	Max 16	Spell 8																
		Sledging/Send off	N	Abusive Language to Umpire	8W	Break: Twice	the overs	of spell.																
		Disregard rules/umpire	2W	Intentional Player Contact	12W																			
		Alcohol Player	4W	Umpire Intimidation	Inv.																			
		Alcohol Official	Inv.	Other Misconduct	Inv.																			

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Bowler		Home Team:				U17				U19														

## Modified Rules table Rule M21.5

Description	Limited-Over match	Two-day match
Overs per match	72 (36 each team)	144 (72 each team)
Overs per split	36	36
Min. Bowlers per split	7	7
Min. overs per bowler/split	2	2
Max. overs per bowler/split	7 *	7 *
Ball over the shoulder	No Ball	No Ball
Batter retires upon reaching	50	100
Retired Batter returns	Yes	Yes
Overs per end	6	6

\* When a Not Out Retired batter returns to the crease, bowling restrictions for individual bowlers are no longer applicable; however, the team must still bowl the minimum number of bowlers.

## Split innings Rules table Rule M22.5

Description	Limited-Over match	Two-day match
Overs per match	72 (36 each team)	144 (72 each team)
Overs per split	36	36
Min. Bowlers per split	5	5
Min. overs per bowler/split	2	2
Max. overs per bowler/split	7	7
Ball over the shoulder	No Ball	No Ball
Overs per end	5	5

## T20 - Rules M44 W21 onwards

### Rule M51 W29.2 Interrupted or reduced overs match

In an interrupted or reduced over match then fielding restrictions will apply as follows:

Length (overs)	2 out	3 out	4 out	5 out
20	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20
19	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19
18	1-3	4-8	9-13	14-18
17	1-2	3-7	8-12	13-17
16	1	2-6	7-11	12-16
15		1-5	6-10	11-15
14		1-4	5-9	10-14
13		1-3	4-8	9-13
12		1-2	3-7	8-12
11		1	2-6	7-11
10			1-5	6-10

Less than 10 overs each = no match.



# Rule M19 Hours, Overs and Bowling Restrictions

Start time: 12:30 pm AEST, 1:00pm AEDT

Grades Legend: (A) = Premier Division, (B) = District Division inc Split Innings, (C) = Modified Division

		Two-Day Matches (including two-day finals)	Limited-Over Matches
1	Hours of play	1:00pm – 6:20pm (may be extended to 7:00pm with time lost, check rule 17.2)	1:00pm – 6:20pm (may be extended to 7:00pm with time lost)
2	Scheduled overs of play per day Rules 17.2 and 17.7	(A) 80 (B) 72 (C) 72	(A) 80 (B) 72 (C) 72
3	Designated maximum scheduled overs per match	(A) 160 (B) 144 (C) 144	(A) 80 (B) 72 (C) 72
4	Afternoon Tea Break (See also Rule 24)	3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	After completion of first innings (20 mins)
5	Compulsory close Team batting first	(A) 80 overs (for match) (B) 72 overs (for match) (C) 144 overs (for match)	(A) 40 overs (for innings) (B) 36 overs (for innings) (C) 36 overs (for innings)
	Team batting second	(A) 160 overs (for match) (B) 144 overs (for match) (C) 144 overs (for match)	(A) 40 overs (for innings) (B) 36 overs (for innings) (C) 36 overs (for innings)
6	Minimum overs required to constitute a match	(A) 25 overs (for match) (B) 25 overs (for match) (C) 25 overs (for match)	(A) 20 overs per team (B) 18 overs per team (C) 18 overs per team
7	If team batting first or is dismissed	Balance of maximum scheduled overs	Not applicable
8	Completion of Match	At completion of scheduled overs rules 17.2 & .7	Team batting second declares, is dismissed, or compulsorily closed
9	Slow Over rate (N/A in finals)	Premier division only Rule 20	Premier division only Rule 20
10	FOLLOW ON may be enforced	If the first innings lead is 80 runs or greater	Not applicable
11	Bowling restrictions (i) General	Nil	(A) 8 overs per bowler (B) 7 overs per bowler (C) 7 overs per bowler
	(ii) Time lost - Before start  During 1 <sup>st</sup> innings	Nil	Reduce 1 over per bowler, in turn, for each 8 minutes lost. Premier D'n 18.1, others 18.2
		Nil	Reduce 1 over per bowler, in turn, for each 4 minutes lost. Premier D'n 18.1, others 18.2
	(iii) Underage Max overs per pace* bowler per afternoon	U/17 – 16 overs  U/19 – 20 overs	U/17 and U/19 (A) 8 overs per bowler (B) 7 overs per bowler (C) 7 overs per bowler
		Max overs per pace* bowler per spell	U/17 – 8 overs U/19 – 10 overs (A) 8 overs per bowler (B) 7 overs per bowler (C) 7 overs per bowler
	Break between spells	U/17 and U/19 - twice the number of overs bowled in the previous spell	U/17 and U/19 - twice the number of overs bowled in the previous spell
	* Bowling type guideline	Bowlers of medium pace or faster are broadly defined as those for whom the wicketkeeper would normally stand back <u>or</u> as any bowler who is not considered to be a spinner.	

Table 19-1

19.1 Where summertime (daylight saving) hours are not in operation, all matches will commence 30 minutes earlier than indicated in Table 19-1 above.

## Over Rate Requirements (Premier Divisions only)

Rule M20.1 In each innings of a match, the overs bowled will be no less than 16 overs per hour. A full day's uninterrupted play is scheduled to be completed by no later than 6.20 pm.

## Suspect Bowling Action Process

1. Player identified by umpires, or by club report for matches without appointed umpires, as having a suspect action, should be reported to the RDCAUA Secretary and, in turn, RDCA Senior Secretary.
2. RDCA Senior Secretary to advise player's club to be advised of identification and confirms process to be taken *and seeks permission to observe and film the bowler's action (if necessary) at the next possible opportunity. Parent's written permission is required for players under 18 years of age.*

*(Note: If permission is granted then proceed to step 3 and player may continue to bowl in matches. If permission is not given then the player is banned from bowling in any matches until completion of the whole assessment / remedial action process.)*

3. RDCAUA Umpires Observer views bowler at next available match and advises RDCA Senior Secretary of outcome.
4. If action is considered suspect by the Umpires Observer, RDCA Senior Secretary advises club and player under review and sets a time frame for the following actions to be completed.
5. Club arranges for player's action to be videotaped and assessed by an accredited bowling coach approved by the RDCA Senior Committee, at the first opportunity (at cost to club). [Note: The RDCA sponsor, Saxon Sports, has offered to undertake this step for any club.]
6. Appointed bowling coach reviews and analyses videotape and provides a comprehensive report with recommendation for remedial action required to both the club and RDCA Senior Secretary.

The player is banned from bowling in matches until such time as remedial action recommended is completed and action reverts to within legality in terms of the Laws of Cricket.

7. Club initiates the remedial action and advises RDCA Senior Secretary upon completion and sign off by an accredited bowling coach.
8. RDCA Senior Secretary advises club and RDCAUA Secretary that the player is now available to bowl in the next match.
9. In the event that the redial action is not successful, as reported by the umpires, or participating clubs where no professional umpire is appointed, then the player will be not be allowed to continue bowling.

The RDCA Senior Secretary will inform the club in writing and recommend that the player be referred to Cricket Victoria's High Performance Department for further detailed analysis and review (at the club's cost).

10. A comprehensive signed off report, together with a copy of the video analysis and any recommended remedial actions, must be provided to the RDCA Senior Secretary before the player can resume bowling. A copy of the video will then be provided to the RDCAUA for the information of the umpires.

## Dangerous and Unfair Bowling

**Full Toss Refer to Rule 15.6.**

### Short Pitched Deliveries

A short-pitched ball is defined as a delivery that would have passed over the shoulder of a batter standing upright at the crease.

In all grades without a professional umpire ANY short-pitched ball shall be a **NO Ball**.

A maximum of one (1) fast, short-pitched balls shall be allowed per over in 1 Day matches.

A maximum of two (2) fast, short-pitched balls shall be allowed per over in 2 Day matches.

An extra short-pitched ball in any over shall be a **No Ball** and requires the umpire to adopt the procedures laid down in Laws 41.6.3 to 41.6.5 - -"Bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries - action by the umpire" after deciding that the bowling has become Dangerous or Unfair.

**Law of Cricket 21.10** applies - any ball that bounces above head height of a batter standing upright at the crease shall be deemed as a "**No Ball**" and called / signalled as such. It shall also be counted as one (1) of the maximum short-pitched balls allowed per over.

In a **one day match, where a Professional umpire is officiating**, one (1) ball per over may pass over the batter's shoulder whilst standing in an upright position. Any other ball within the over which in the umpire's opinion would pass higher than the height of the batter's shoulder whilst standing in an upright position shall be called and signaled as a "**No Ball**" by the umpire at the bowler's end OR by a professional umpire at square leg.

In all other limited Over/One day Matches any fast, short-pitched ball, as defined above, shall be called "**No Ball**" and the umpire shall implement procedures in terms of Law 41-6.





# Umpiring in the RDCA

## Umpire Duties and Responsibilities

For Team and / or Professional Umpires

### Before Match

1. Be properly prepared:
  - Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and RDCA Rules
  - Clothing as per RDCA requirements
  - Equipment – (basic requirements) - Tape measure or like, mallet, counter, water bottle, watch, notebook & pen, bowlers' markers.
2. Check appointment details
3. Ensure attendance at ground at least 45 minutes before scheduled start
4. Greet colleague and synchronise watches
5. Check boundaries, outfield pitch surrounds for any dangerous surfaces, holes etc. and that crease markings and fielding restrictions are clear; organize rectification with home Club as necessary.
6. Pre-match discussion with both team captains re match conditions, boundaries, joint responsibilities as to player behaviour and match conduct and confirm when drinks breaks are to be taken.
7. Supervise coin toss 30 minutes prior to time of commencement of match or as dictated by conditions.
8. Erect stumps at least 20 minutes before scheduled start of match.
9. Introduce yourself to scorers and establish where they will be located.
10. Sight team lists and that they have been exchanged before play begins.
11. Advise both teams, 5 minutes before start, that umpires are taking the field and walk out together with your colleague.

### Bowler's End Umpire

1. Ask bowler his method of delivery, convey to striker, and provide "guard" to striker as requested.
2. Check readiness of striker, fielding captain, other umpire and scorers (prior to commencement or recommencement of play following drinks, tea or any other interruption).
3. At scheduled time, call "Play".
4. Call "Play" at the start of each innings, the start of each day's play, and at restart after any interval or interruption.
5. Count the number of balls and calls "over" after 6 legitimate balls.
6. Keep fielding captain abreast of over rate at least at each interval.
7. Call and signal to the scorers "No Balls" within his jurisdiction and all "Wides".
8. Signal to scorers all "Boundaries", "Byes" and "Leg Byes".
9. Answer appeals covering all modes of dismissal encompassing "Bowled", "Caught", "LBW", "Handled the Ball", "Hit the Ball Twice", "Obstructing the Field", "Timed Out" and "Run Out" at his end.
10. Call and signal "Dead Ball" when applicable.
11. Check for "Short Runs" while batters are running between wickets. Signals as required.

12. Give consent to fielder leaving or returning to the field and determines time before permitting returning fielder to bowl.
13. Ensure no more than 5 fielders on leg side at instant of delivery; otherwise calls "No Ball".
14. Make decisions based on hard evidence and maintains impartiality at all times.
15. Call for drinks to be ready 2 overs before agreed time.
16. Call "Time" at cessation of play before intervals, interruptions of play, at end of each day's play and at the conclusion of the match.
17. Respond to any captains' enquiries.

### **Striker's End Umpire**

1. Support colleague by counting balls bowled (Signalling when 2 remaining in over) and, to assist with LBW decisions, indicates how far striker is standing out of his ground.
2. Call and signal short run(s) at his end.
3. Answer appeals for "Hit wicket", "Stumped" and "Run Out" at his end.
4. Observe bowler's action for fairness of delivery (Reports any concerns to RDCA Executive)
5. Check number of fielders behind square leg at instant of delivery. Calls "No Ball" if more than 2.
6. Check whether any runner does not leave the crease prior to the ball reaching the striker.
7. Observe position of batters with regard to crossing when action indicates possible catch, over throws or illegal fielding.
8. Ensure wicket keeper does not encroach in front of stumps before taking the ball.
9. Watch for all forms of illegal play.
10. Give utmost co-operation and assistance to colleague at all times.
11. At All Breaks of Play:
12. Ensure the match ball is in the possession of an umpire until play recommences.
13. Take note of last striker and bowler.
14. Check that score books agree at the Tea Break and close of play
15. Record time of start and termination of innings to calculate innings time for inclusion on Umpires' Match Report.



## **After Match Duties**

### **Day 1 of 2 day games**

1. Record last bowler and end bowled from
2. Record last facing batter and end batting
3. Decide with other umpire who will retain the match ball(s).
4. Check that score books agree and balance.

### **At conclusion of match**

1. Check that score books balance and agree result.
2. Make notes for Umpires' Match Report Form including "Fairest and Best" and "Spirit of Cricket" voting and any matters to be advised to Association Executive for action.
3. If necessary, complete Umpires' Incident Report Form(s) and have signed off by the player or Club official. Submit all reports to reach the Umpires' Secretary within 24 hours of completion of the match but preferably sooner.

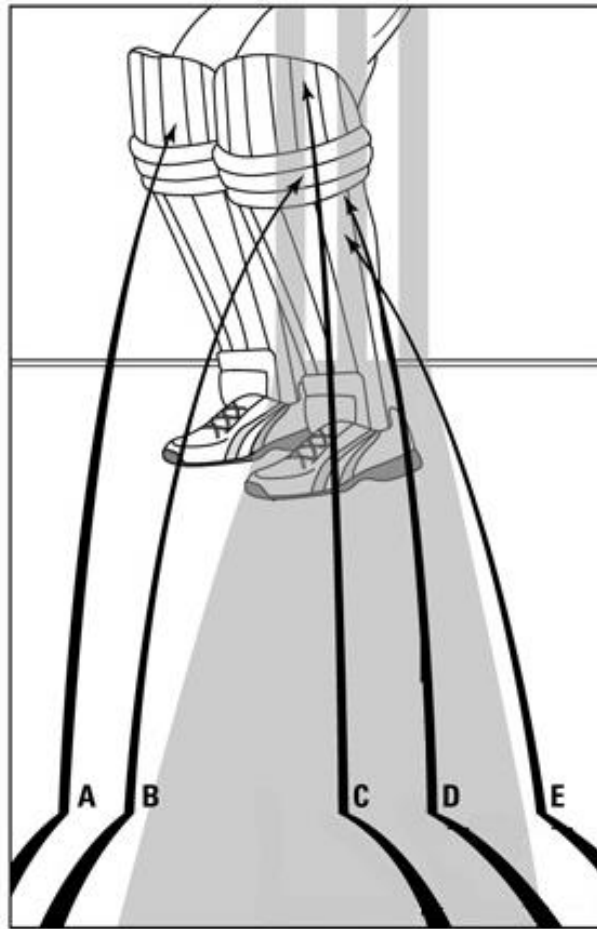
### **Within 72 hours of completion of match**

1. Enter Umpires' Match Report into **MyCricket**.
2. View personal Captains' Reports on Umpires to obtain feedback on match performance.



## The LBW Law (Law 36)

For a batter in a cricket match to be given out *leg before wicket* (LBW) a strict set of rules apply, to do with where the ball has struck the pitch and then hit the batter's pad. This figure takes you through the possibilities.



- A. Not out. Ball striking pad outside line of stumps. Ball would not have hit stumps.
- B. Out. If the batter did not play a shot, OR if the batter is hit in line with stumps, and ball will go on to hit wicket. Ball pitched outside line of off stump.
- C. Out. If the umpire feels the ball would have hit the stumps and not missed the top.
- D. Out. Ball pitched inside line of leg stump.
- E. Not out. Ball pitched outside line of leg stump.



## Five Penalty Runs M(Trollope Shield and Wilkins Cup)

Offence	Law No	Final Warning	Action	Report
Player returning without permission	24.4		Ball is dead 5 run penalty Ball re-bowled	Player & Captain
Deliberate short run	18.5	When ball is dead, first and final warning. No runs. Send batters back	When ball is dead, No runs send back  5 penalty runs	Player(s) & Captain
Illegal fielding	28.2.3		Ball is dead 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled	Player and Captain
Ball hits fielder's helmet placed behind the wicketkeeper	28.3.2		Ball is dead  5 run penalty	
Ball tampering	41.3	First and final warning.  Change the ball  5 run penalty	<b>Any further instance</b> in the innings: Change ball Bowler removed 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Deliberate distraction of the striker	41.4	Call and signal dead ball First and final warning No dismissal Ball to be re-bowled	Call and signal dead ball No dismissal 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled	Player(s) & Captain
Deliberate distraction or obstruction of the batter	41.5		Call and signal dead ball No dismissal 5 run penalty Ball to be re-bowled Batters decide who faces	Player(s) & Captain
Time wasting by fielders	41.9	Call dead ball or when the ball is dead, first and final warning	Call dead ball or when ball is dead <b>Either</b> 5 run penalty (if between overs) or captain to remove bowler (if during the over)	Team & Captain
Time wasting by batter	41.10	When ball is dead, first and final warning	<b>Any further</b> instance during the innings, when ball is dead, 5 run penalty	Player(s) or team & Captain
Fielders damaging the pitch	41.12	When ball is dead, first and final warning	<b>Any further</b> instance during the innings, when ball is dead, 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Batter damaging the pitch	41.14	When ball is dead, first and final warning  Inform each incoming batter	<b>Any further</b> instance during the innings, when ball is dead,  No runs, send back 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain
Batters stealing a run	41.17		Call and signal dead ball as soon as the batters cross: Send back 5 run penalty	Player(s) & Captain



# Umpire Signals



**DEAD-BALL**  
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



**NO-BALL**  
Signalled when the ball is in play.



**Bye & PLAY**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**Boundary 4**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**5 runs**  
Signalled when the ball is dead. Not penalties.



**WIDE**  
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



**\* Out \***  
Signalled when the ball is in play or dead.



**SHORT-RUN/s**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**Boundary 6**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**5 Penalty runs to the batting side.**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**Leg-bye**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**LAST-HOUR**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**New ball**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.



**Revoke**  
Signalled when the ball is dead to cancel all previous signals.



**5 Penalty runs to the fielding side.**  
Signalled when the ball is dead.

Umpires must signal events in the order they occurred – Penalty run signal precede all others.

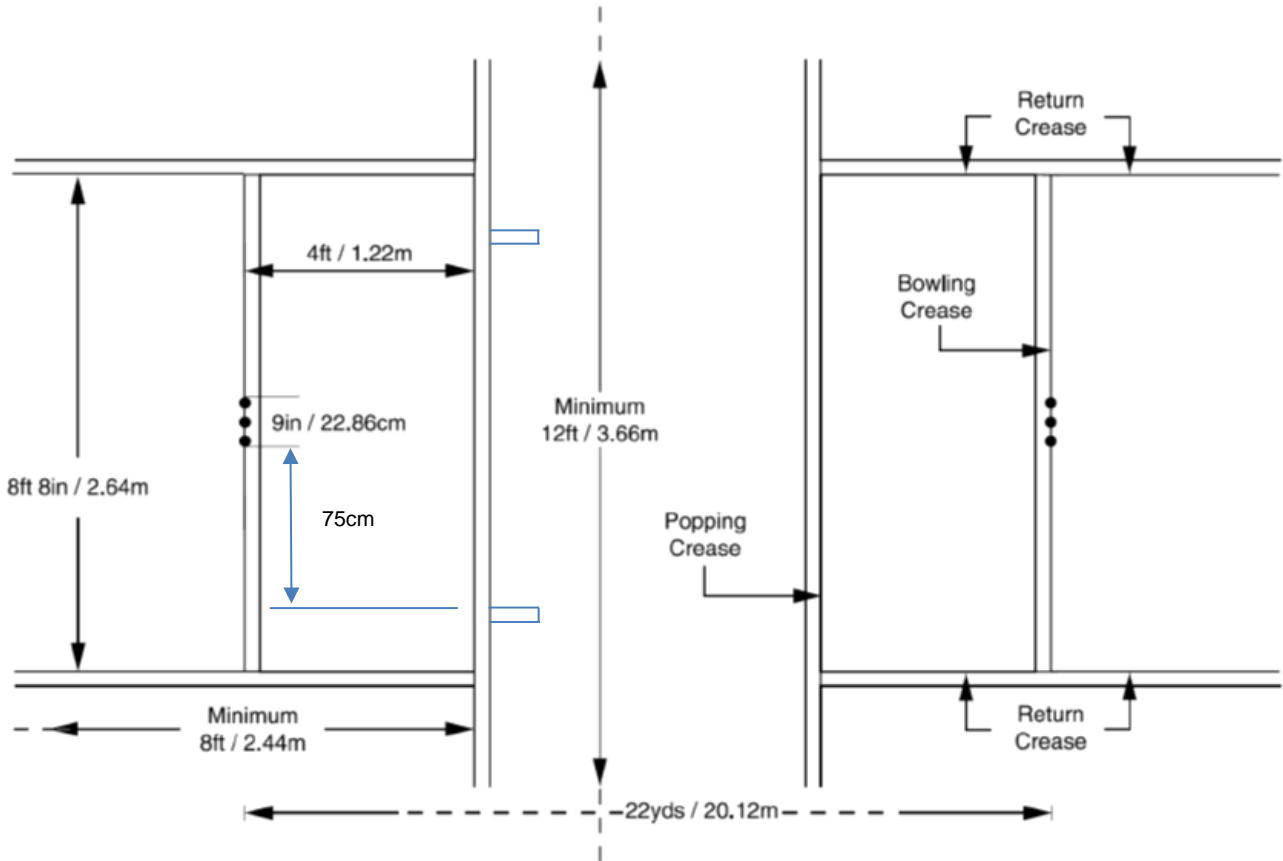
**CAPITALISED** signals are made first with a **CALL** for the players' benefit, then when the ball is dead the signal is repeated **to the scorers**.

The umpires must wait until **the scorers acknowledge each separate signal** before permitting play to proceed.

\* If on appeal, a batsman is Not-out the umpire shall call **NOT-OUT**.

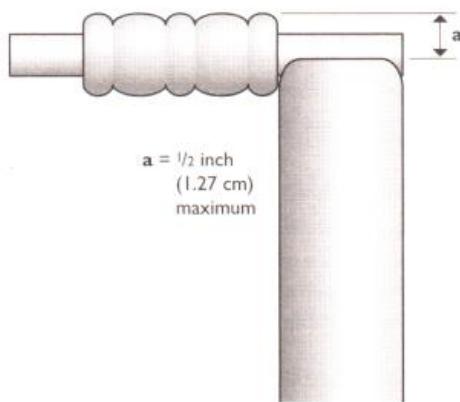
# Cricket Pitch & Stump Dimensions

Laws 6 (The pitch) and 7 (The creases)

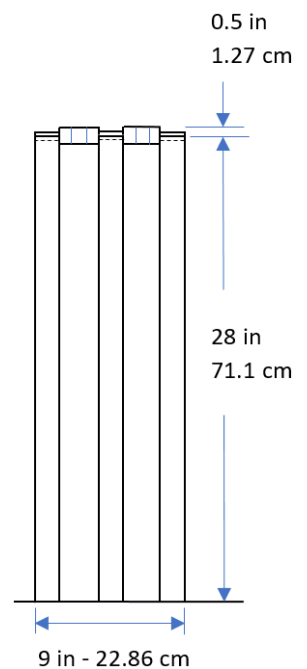


Rule [15.7](#) & [26.9](#) (No professional umpire / One day game)

To assist in adjudication of wides a white line must be painted in front of the popping crease, 75 centimetres either side of the outside stump. The ball is wide if it passes the crease on the outside of the line.



Law 8 The Wickets



## CODE OF CONDUCT Rule 13

All persons in attendance, the players, officials, staff and spectators, must conduct themselves within the bounds of these rules and also as described in the **Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket** in the official **Laws of Cricket**. Transgressions hurt the game, and our association, and there is **no tolerance** for them.

Umpires have a duty to report any transgressions as per Rule 42. However, anyone can raise a report. The match atmosphere gets poisoned if it gets to this.

The **constitution** describes the procedures to deal with protests, charges and reports.

This may result in a reprimand and fines, forfeits, and/or suspensions as per Rule 14.

The captain/club is responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators as per Rule 14.

13.1 The following code of behavior is recommended by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) and adopted by the RDCA. The Senior Committee may impose penalties for breaches of this code.

13.2 All matches will be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and Club Officials, Coaches, Captains and Players are required to adopt this code, or the Senior Committee may impose penalties.

13.3 No player or official will, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.

Players will:

- i) Respect the umpire.
- ii) Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire.
- iii) Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
- iv) When given out, move immediately from the field.
- v) Endeavour to assist the umpire in carrying out the umpire's duties.
- vi) Not indulge in "sledging" of opposition players.
- vii) Not verbally or physically abuse any player or official.

13.4 Clubs will place all teams under the control of a responsible person.

13.5 Captains will:

- i) Instruct all players to avoid time-wasting. Incoming and outgoing batters are expected to pass on the field of play.
- ii) Instruct bowlers to return to the start of their run-up quickly and be ready to bowl without time-wasting.
- iii) Instruct all fielders to move quickly between overs and whenever required to change position, i.e. field setting, and changes be undertaken without time-wasting.
- iv) Ensure that players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

13.6 Smoking on the playing field during the progress of a match is strictly prohibited. No alcohol will be consumed by players or match officials while the match they are participating in is in progress.

13.7 Players will maintain a standard of dress consistent with Rule 12.

13.8 Clubs will be responsible for the behavior of their supporters and spectators.



13.9 Player being **reprimanded** - see Rule 14.6.

13.10 Persons registered with the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Incorporated (RDCA) who post on the RDCA website or on a club website or in social media will be subject to the rules of the RDCA and the Code of Conduct under the RDCA Social Media policy as posted on the RDCA website.

The term social media refers to any medium or method which is used by individuals or organisations to disseminate information or opinions to one or more other individuals or organizations. This includes noticeboards and toilets.

13.11 Threatening, offensive and obscene language will not be tolerated.

**Note!**

Umpires may cease umpiring if the games are becoming excessively stressful.



## Reporting an Incident

To have to lodge a report is not pleasant for all involved and usually completely spoils the proceedings of the day.

It is most important for the umpire that special emphasis is placed on the procedure per Rule 14.4.i (Informing the player, captain or club).

The **Umpires Incident Report Form** and the player / official interview must be completed within 60 minutes of the completion of the match and the report form must contain:

- Correct and concise details in all pertinent areas of the report
- Indication of the charge being laid by ticking / crossing the pertinent box which also advises the pertinent "Set Penalty Offered".
- Advise reported player / official that he may accept the set penalty offered or refer the matter directly to the Tribunal.
- Advise reported player / official, of right to amend original plea should he / she subsequently decide to do so, but this must be completed in terms of RDCA Rule 14.4.v within 24 hours of the match completion.
- Basic information in the "Details of Report" section relating to the charge(s) only e.g. Basic circumstances which led to the report.
- No other extraneous information should be included on this form.
- Please be aware that, should the reported player / official not accept the set penalty offered, you will be required to attend a Tribunal Hearing likely to be held on the following Wednesday
- RDCAUA Secretary will advise details of the hearing and arrange for advocate support.
- Should a reported player / official not accept the offered mandatory penalty, the report will be referred to the **Disciplinary Committee** for action.
- Notice of the report (preferably with completed documentation but, at the very least, verbally or by email) must reach the RDCAUA Secretary no later than 12 noon on the next day following completion of the match to enable formal submission requirements to be met.
- It is preferable that, if all report requirements can be met, the report is submitted on the day of the incident.
- Any report made against an umpire must be lodged with the Disciplinary Committee Chair (in writing) within 24 hours of the incident giving rise to the report as detailed in RDCA Constitution Rule 45. All reports will be referred to the RDCA Umpires Association for investigation and resolution.

# Sample Incident Report Form



## RDCA INCIDENT REPORT FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Match.....This Club.....v .....That Club.....

Grade.....A Premier.....

Round.....XX.....

PLAYER / OFFICIAL NAME	CLUB	
T. Gunn	That Club	
UMPIRES REPORT IN WRITING REQUIRED TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO RDCA RULES		
REPORTABLE OFFENCE:	DIRECT TO TRIBUNAL	SET PENALTY OFFERED FOR PLAYER REPORT ONLY
		Tick ALL Applicable
Audible Obscenity (heard beyond boundary)		Naming
Dissension / Disputing decision		X Naming
Sledging or send off		Naming
Wilful Disregard of Laws; RDCA Rules; Umpire(s) Instructions		2 weeks
Alcohol Consumption (player)		4 weeks
Alcohol consumption (match official)		To Disciplinary Committee
Equipment Abuse	X	4 weeks
Abusive Language or action – to any player		4 weeks
Abusive Language or action - to Umpire		8 weeks
Intentional Player contact		12 weeks
Umpire Intimidation		To Disciplinary Committee
Other Reportable Incidents		To Disciplinary Committee
Player / Official must attend the Independent Tribunal for charge to be heard		Set Penalty Accepted
Intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with an umpire	Charged Player	Yes
Threatening or attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire	Witness (if applic)	No
Striking an umpire		Yes
		No

### Details of Report:

I was officiating at \_\_\_\_ bowler's end \_\_\_\_\_ when the incident occurred at approximately \_\_\_\_ 3.00 \_\_\_\_ pm.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ T. Gunn \_\_\_\_\_ Player / Official \_\_\_\_\_ player \_\_\_\_\_ was reported for .....Dissension and equipment abuse in that he disputed an LBW decision and proceeded to smash his bat against the gate post when leaving the ground

Witness cited: RDCA Umpire M.Y. Partner; A. Skipper (This Club)

Umpires  
 Signature:.....Signed..... Name : (print).....I.M.A. Judge....  
 Reported Player / Official  
 Signature.....Signed..... Name : (print).....T. Gunn.....  
 Witness / Club Official  
 Signature.....Signed..... Name : (print).....A.Boss...(That Club).....

Umpires Please Note: One report form per player to be used and relevant boxes are to be ticked

Pink Copy: To RDCA within 24 hours, Blue Copy: Umpires to retain,  
 Yellow Copy: Reported Player / Official Club, Green Copy - Witness Club



## Grounds Codes and Locations

<b>Shire of Yarra Ranges</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Address</b>
<a href="#">YR01</a>	Alan Smith Oval, Pinks Reserve – Liverpool Road, Kilsyth
<a href="#">YR02</a>	Roy Baldwin Oval, Pinks Reserve – Liverpool Road, Kilsyth
<a href="#">YR03</a>	Lilydale Recreation Reserve #1 (Main) – Main Street, Lilydale
<a href="#">YR04</a>	Lilydale Recreation Reserve #2 (Rear) – Main Street, Lilydale
<a href="#">YR05</a>	Gateway Reserve – Nelson Road, Lilydale
<a href="#">YR06</a>	Lilydale Heights College – Nelson Road, Lilydale
<a href="#">YR08</a>	Kimberley Reserve #1 (South) – Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park
<a href="#">YR09</a>	Kimberley Reserve #2 (North) – Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park
<a href="#">YR12</a>	Montrose Recreation Reserve – Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Montrose
<a href="#">YR13</a>	Mooroolbark College – Manchester Road, corner Ross Pincott Drive, Mooroolbark
<a href="#">YR14</a>	Keith Hume Fraser Reserve #1 (South) – Swansea Road, Montrose
<a href="#">YR15</a>	Keith Hume Fraser Reserve #2 (North) – Swansea Road, Montrose
<a href="#">YR16</a>	Mooroolbark Heights Reserve – Longfellow Avenue, Mooroolbark
<a href="#">YR17</a>	Kiloran Park #1 (South) – Hawthory Road, Mooroolbark
<a href="#">YR19</a>	Elizabeth Bridge Reserve – Durham Rd, Kilsyth
<a href="#">YR20</a>	Red Earth Community Park – cnr Brice Avenue & Hull Road, Mooroolbark
<a href="#">YR22</a>	Balcombe Ave Reserve – Balcombe Avenue, Mooroolbark
<a href="#">YR23</a>	Morrison Reserve, (Back of school) – via Burdap Drive, Mt. Evelyn
<a href="#">YR24</a>	Kinley Estate Oval – Cave Hill Rd (rear of Lilydale High School)
<a href="#">YR25</a>	Mt. Evelyn Res #1 (Main) – Tramway Road, Mt. Evelyn
<a href="#">YR26</a>	Mt. Evelyn Res #2 (Lower) – Tramway Road, Mt. Evelyn
<a href="#">YR27</a>	Silvan Recreation Reserve – Monbulk Road, Silvan
<a href="#">YR28</a>	Seville Recreation Res. #1 (North) – Monbulk-Seville Rd., Seville
<a href="#">YR29</a>	Seville Recreation Res. #2 (South) – Monbulk-Seville Rd., Seville
<a href="#">YR30</a>	Coldstream Recreation Reserve (Halley Supple Oval) – South Gateway, Coldstream
<a href="#">YR31</a>	Margaret Lewis Reserve – Ingram Road, Coldstream
<a href="#">YR34</a>	Gruyere Recreation Reserve – Killara Rd cnr Cahillton Road, Gruyere
<a href="#">YR35</a>	Queens Park – Don Road, Healesville
<a href="#">YR36</a>	Don Road Sporting Complex #2 (North) – via Don Road, Healesville
<a href="#">YR37</a>	Hoddles Creek Community Reserve – Gembrook-Launching Place Road, Hoddles Creek
<a href="#">YR38</a>	Launching Place Reserve – Wickhams Road, Launching Place
<a href="#">YR39</a>	Millgrove Recreation Reserve – Cavanagh Road, Millgrove
<a href="#">YR40</a>	Woori Yallock Reserve – Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, Woori Yallock
<a href="#">YR41</a>	Yarra Glen Rec. Res. #1 (Main) – via Melba Highway, Yarra Glen
<a href="#">YR42</a>	Yarra Junction Reserve – Park Road, Yarra Junction
<a href="#">YR43</a>	Wesburn Park #1 (West) – Warburton Highway, Wesburn
<a href="#">YR44</a>	Wesburn Park #2 (East) – Warburton Highway, Wesburn
<a href="#">YR45</a>	Wandin North Reserve – Clegg Road, Wandin North
<a href="#">YR46</a>	Wandin East Recreation Reserve – Monbulk-Seville Road, Wandin East
<a href="#">YR47</a>	Warburton Cricket Ground – Warburton Highway, Warburton
<a href="#">YR48</a>	Powelltown Reserve – Yarra Junction-Noojee Road, Powelltown
<a href="#">YR49</a>	Sheep Station Creek Recreation Reserve – Healesville-KooWeeRup Road, Yellingbo

## City of Maroondah

No.	Venue & Address
<a href="#">MR01</a>	Ainslie Park – Brentnall Road, Croydon
<a href="#">MR03</a>	Gracedale Park – Gracedale Avenue, Ringwood East
<a href="#">MR04</a>	Hughes Park (Brushy Creek Park) – Maroondah Highway, North Croydon
<a href="#">MR05</a>	Barangeong Reserve #1 (West) – Bambra Street, Croydon
<a href="#">MR06</a>	Barangeong Reserve #2 (East) – Bambra Street, Croydon
<a href="#">MR07</a>	Barangeong Reserve #3 (Baseball area) – Bambra Street, Croydon
<a href="#">MR08</a>	Griff Hunt Reserve – Lyons Road, Croydon North
<a href="#">MR09</a>	Lipscombe Park – Kirtan Drive, Croydon
<a href="#">MR10</a>	(ex) Melba College – Samuel Street, Croydon
<a href="#">MR11</a>	Cheong Park – Eastfield Road, Croydon South
<a href="#">MR12</a>	Benson Oval (Eastfield Park) – Eastfield Road, Croydon South
<a href="#">MR13</a>	Dorset Recreation Reserve #1 (East) – Dorset Road, Croydon South
<a href="#">MR14</a>	Dorset Recreation Reserve #2 (West) – Dorset Road, Croydon South
<a href="#">MR15</a>	Croydon Hills Primary School – Campaspe Drive, Croydon Hills
<a href="#">MR17</a>	East Ringwood #1 (Main) – Mt Dandenong Road, Ringwood East
<a href="#">MR18</a>	East Ringwood #2 (Lower) – Mt Dandenong Road, Ringwood East
<a href="#">MR19</a>	Ringwood Secondary College – Bedford Road, Ringwood
<a href="#">MR21</a>	Heathmont Reserve – Waterloo Street, Heathmont
<a href="#">MR23</a>	North Ringwood Reserve – Wonga Road, Ringwood
<a href="#">MR26</a>	Quambee Reserve #1 (Main) – Wonga Road, Ringwood North
<a href="#">MR27</a>	Quambee Reserve #2 (North) – Wonga Road, Ringwood North
<a href="#">MR31</a>	J.W. Manson Reserve #1 (East) – Selkirk Avenue, Wantirna
<a href="#">MR32</a>	J.W. Manson Reserve #2 (Main) – Selkirk Avenue, Wantirna
<a href="#">MR33</a>	J.W. Manson Reserve #3 (West) – Selkirk Avenue, Wantirna
<a href="#">MR36</a>	Mullum Reserve #1 (Main) – Mullum Mullum Road, Ringwood
<a href="#">MR37</a>	Mullum Reserve #2 (Lower) – Mullum Mullum Road, Ringwood
<a href="#">MR40</a>	Silcock Reserve (North) – William Road, Croydon
<a href="#">MR41</a>	Silcock Reserve (South) – William Road, Croydon
<a href="#">MR51</a>	Arrabri Reserve – Allambanan Drive, Bayswater North
<a href="#">MR52</a>	Croydon Primary School – Kent Avenue, Croydon
<a href="#">MR54</a>	Glen Park Reserve – Glen Park Road, Bayswater
<a href="#">MR58</a>	Greenwood Park – Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood

<b>City of Knox</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Address</b>
<a href="#">Kx01</a>	Guy Turner Reserve – Amber Street (off Bona Vista Rd), Bayswater
<a href="#">Kx02</a>	Sasses Avenue Reserve – Terama Crescent, Bayswater
<a href="#">Kx03</a>	Chandler Park – Chandler Road, Boronia
<a href="#">Kx06</a>	Lewis Park #1 (North) – Lewis Road, Wantirna South
<a href="#">Kx07</a>	Lewis Park #2 (South) – Lewis Road, Wantirna South
<a href="#">Kx08</a>	Lewis Park #3 (West) – Lewis Road, Wantirna South
<a href="#">Kx09</a>	Wantirna Reserve – Mountain Highway, Vermont South
<a href="#">Kx10</a>	Schultz Reserve – Kinloch Parade, Wantirna
<a href="#">Kx11</a>	Walker Reserve – Tyner Road, Wantirna South
<a href="#">Kx14</a>	Templeton Reserve – Templeton Street, Wantirna
<a href="#">Kx15</a>	Milpera Reserve – Milpera Crescent, Wantirna
<a href="#">Kx16</a>	Wantirna College – Harold Street, Wantirna
<a href="#">Kx18</a>	Llewellyn Reserve #2 (West) – via Llewellyn Park Drive, Wantirna South
<a href="#">Kx22</a>	Scoresby Recreation Reserve (Exner Reserve) – Stud Road, Scoresby
<a href="#">Kx27</a>	Colchester Park (Reserve), Colchester Road, Boronia
<a href="#">Kx28</a>	Scoresby Secondary College – Zervas Street, Scoresby
<a href="#">Kx29</a>	Dobson Park Reserve #1 – Francis Crescent, Ferntree Gully

<b>City of Manningham</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Address</b>
<a href="#">MH01</a>	Colman Park – Colman Road, Warrandyte South
<a href="#">MH02</a>	Warrandyte Reserve #1 (Main) – Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte
<a href="#">MH03</a>	Warrandyte Reserve #2 (North) – Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte
<a href="#">MH04</a>	Stintons Reserve – Commercial Road, Park Orchards
<a href="#">MH05</a>	Wonga Park Reserve #1 (Main) – Launders Avenue, Wonga Park
<a href="#">MH06</a>	Wonga Park Reserve #2 (Upper) – Launders Avenue, Wonga Park
<a href="#">MH08</a>	Warrandyte High School – Alexander Rd, Warrandyte
<a href="#">MH09</a>	Donvale Primary School – Elata Street, Donvale
<a href="#">MH10</a>	Templestowe College – Cypress Avenue, Templestowe
<a href="#">MH11</a>	Burgundy Drive Reserve – Burgundy Drive, Doncaster
<a href="#">MH12</a>	Serpells Community Reserve (East) – Burleigh Drive, Templestowe
<a href="#">MH13</a>	Donvale Reserve #4 (East) – via Mitcham Road, Donvale
<a href="#">MH14</a>	Bulleen Park West Oval – via Bulleen Road, Bulleen
<a href="#">MH15</a>	Serpells Community Reserve (West) – Burleigh Drive, Templestowe



# **RDCA Umpires' Association**

## **History of the RDCA Umpires Association**

The RDCA Umpires' Association began in 1955 under the founding Presidency of Reg. Johnston who saw the need to create a group of independent adjudicators for the higher grade matches of the Association and interest in playing cricket was growing at a rapid rate.

Being an umpire was, and is, seen as a natural progression for players wanting to retain their involvement in the game while placing less stress on their aging bodies.

Over the years many of the umpires' panel members have demonstrated their love of and commitment to the game by significantly contributing to the RDCA in administrative and management areas.

For service to the RDCA, members have seen fit to award Life Membership to the following past and present members of the RDCA Umpires' Association and we acknowledge them for their selfless contributions to the current standing of your Association:

Bob Bissett (dec)	Alan Bonnett (dec)	Josh Brown (dec)
Ken Dunham (dec)*	Tony Gawne*	Ron Ellis (dec)*
Reg. Johnston (dec)	Harold Matthews (dec)	Pat Meehan*
Stuart Newey*	Steve Pascoe, OAM*	Charlie Puddyphatt (dec)
Alan Reidy (dec)	Don Smith* (dec)	John Springett (dec)*

\*The Umpires' Association has also bestowed separate Life Membership recognition to these past and present members, and to Paul Denton, John Fearnley and Martein Pruyzers, specifically for their services to RDCA umpiring.

The dedication of our panel members is appreciated by all who seek independent management of match situations and we continually strive to improve our knowledge of the Laws and local Rules as well as match management skills to contribute to cricket matches free from any undesirable aspects. Rarely are we unsuccessful.

If you are reading this section of the manual then it is likely that you are a registered Umpire in the RDCA competition.

On behalf of the Board of Management, and its respective competition committees, please accept our thanks to you for participating in this role.

If you are not a registered umpire then please consider becoming an umpire.

Ask a professional umpire to provide more information or contact a member of the committee whose name appears in the front and become a participant in your sporting community.



## **Umpire Accreditation & Renewal**

The Ringwood & District Cricket Association Umpires' Association fully endorses panel members involvement in the National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme which is conducted under the auspices of the Australian Cricket Board, and is responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of umpire accreditation.

Members are required to have Community Officiating (Level 1) accreditation as a minimum requirement to umpire in the RDCA.

The Representative Officiating (Level 2) is available to members who wish to enhance their training qualification. It aims to provide umpires officiating at all levels below first class with an appropriate level of competency and your Association strongly recommends completion of the course to all panel members.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be recognized through the awarding of a certificate and ID card, and your name will be registered on the ACB and Australian Sports Commission data bases of accredited umpires.

Enquiries should be addressed to the RDCA Umpires' Adviser, usually listed on the website.

### **Umpire Accreditation Renewal**

New cards are issued during January and July annually. Accordingly, the reaccreditation process, including sign-off, needs to be completed by 30 June or 31 December.

Please take the following steps to renew your accreditation:

Go to the Community Cricket website: <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/umpire/accreditation-and-pathway>

Log on to the site using your email address and password (if you have not logged on to the site previously, you will need to register – follow the process on the aforementioned website).

### **Navigate the courses**

Complete the Online "Representative Officiating (Already accredited umpire)". This is a free course.

Contact the RDCA Umpires' Advisor, or secretary, to request an Umpire Reaccreditation Form.

Complete the Re-accreditation Form and return to the advisor or secretary.

Your application will be assessed on the basis of your completion of the Online Course and recent past umpiring experience and performance.

All members must have completed the on-line Cricket Victoria Community Officiating Accreditation Program (Level 1) to be eligible to umpire in the RDCA. The fee will be refunded by the RDCA upon the successful completion of the course.

The link is <https://play.cricket.com.au/community/umpire/umpire-development>

## Community Officiating

Cricket Australia's Community Officiating Program replaces the old Level One Umpire Accreditation course. It is an entry level course designed for:

- Those interested in becoming cricket umpires on a regular paid basis for the first time.
- Parents who, from time to time. Are required to officiate in junior competitions.
- Teachers who supervise and officiate in school competitions; and
- Anyone wishing to expand their knowledge of the game.

The accreditation program is conducted in two parts:

- Part One – a knowledge based section completed on-line; and
- Part Two – a practical section covering on-field technique and application of the knowledge gained in Part One followed by on-field assessment in a match environment.

The cost of the program is expected to be \$40 which will include access to the on-line section of the course as well as additional resources required to complete the course.

Umpires must have the [Working with Children](#) certificate.

There is no cost for the volunteer applicants but you will need to have a current passport photo available when the application is lodged at an Australia Post outlet.

RDCAU Membership for the Season is \$60 payable within 1 month of 1<sup>st</sup> appointment.

## Umpires' Beliefs, Responsibilities and Ethical Standards

The Australian Sports' Commission describes the duty of sports' officials is to act as impartial judges of sport competitions. When acting as an official, the duty carries with it an obligation to perform with accuracy, fairness and objectivity through an overriding sense of integrity.

Although the vast majority of cricket umpires work as an amateur official, it is vital every official approach each assignment in a professional manner. Because of their authority and autonomy, officials must have a high degree of commitment and expertise. Cricket Victoria (CV) believes these facts impose on its umpires, the higher ethical standard by which true professionals are judged.

By choosing to umpire in the Ringwood & District Cricket Association (RDCA) competition you have therefore inherently accepted the responsibilities that go with that commitment.

The RDCA is committed to improving all aspects of cricket in the district at all levels. Playing, coaching and officiating are all part of the one brand and the RDCA aspires to be the best in all of these areas.

Quality officiating plays a vital role in player development and in the public image of the sport. It is important that all umpires who choose to umpire with CV, be part of this commitment and aspire to do their best to enhance a positive image of Premier cricket.

Every time an umpire wears the uniform it says *'I am a representative of the Ringwood & District Cricket Association'*, and we must be seen to maintain the highest standards in everything we are seen to do.

## Philosophy

As umpires we are an integral part of the cricket community, working with other stakeholders to provide a positive cricket experience for all participants.

### *We believe:*

- That every official in all RDCA competitions should demonstrate the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other valued life skills.
- That every official has the opportunity to perform at the highest level at which they are capable.
- That, to achieve this, all umpires will demonstrate a commitment to their personal development.
- That all officials are committed to the six core principles of:
  - Trustworthiness – involves integrity and honesty
  - Respect – displaying sportsmanship to all participants
  - Responsibility – being accountable and prepared
  - Fairness – making sure that everyone is treated equally
  - Caring – showing compassion for every person's role
  - Sportsmanship – playing by the rules.



## Rights

As an official operating on behalf of the RDCA you have the right to expect that:

- Your health and safety are paramount
- You will be treated with respect and openness
- You will be appointed to a level of competition appropriate to your level of competence
- You will have access to training and self-improvement opportunities.

## Theme

Individual umpires who wear the RDCAUA uniform, will demonstrate that they are part of the collective umpiring body by:

- Following the RDCA Umpires' **Code of Ethics**, being professional in all of their actions, having the utmost integrity and possessing an individual quest for excellence in preparation and performance.
- Being a positive part of the umpiring community, sharing and growing together for the betterment of umpiring and cricket
- Being part of the education process by which everyone can gain through the sharing of experiences, enforcing rules in a consistent manner and working to enhance the sporting experience for all.

## RDCAUA Mission

- To provide trained and accredited umpires for all matches in each competition conducted by the RDCA.
- To provide the highest quality standard of umpiring possible, for each level of the RDCA, by individuals who are appropriately trained and prepared.
- To be recognised as the district that produces the best umpires for the RDCA umpiring environment.

In striving to achieve this, it is expected that all umpires will have in place an individual plan by which they can demonstrate their commitment to their personal and professional development.

To achieve this and to support individuals to achieve their goals, the RDCA will:

- Establish recruitment strategies to encourage interested men and women to become umpires, to increase the body of officials available each week.
- Provide training programs that develop the individual's understanding of the Laws of Cricket, Playing Conditions for all competitions and specific technical training in best practice field craft.
- Encourage observation of the 'Spirit of Cricket', sportsmanship, fair play and ethical standards on all occasions.
- Recognise achievement and development by the promotion of individuals along a merit based pathway.

# Heat Guidelines for Cricket Umpires

We all are aware that the umpires and the team management has the duty of care to for the health and safety of the players. We are so actively occupied looking after others' but who looks after the Umpires? Unfortunately, we are the destiny of our heat exhaustion on the field of play.

If you are 2% dehydrated, it can cause detrimental effects. It can decrease your performance by 20%, both physically and mentally. This could mean the below-mentioned:

- Reduced concentration – miscounting balls and overs.
- Slower reaction times - Movement becomes lethargic & sluggish as well as getting into position.
- Impaired judgement and decision making – Missing no-balls, LBWs will be affected, caught decision could be clouded.

These are a few guidelines that Umpires could take into consideration to alleviate the effect of heat exhaustion.

## Before the Match

- Have a good night's sleep.
- Avoid any alcohol the night before the match, especially if you know what the weather forecast is. Alcohol causes dehydration.
- Ensure that you have a good breakfast on the day of the match.
- Ensure that you are well hydrated before the match. You should drink at least a litre of water before 2-3 hours of exercise on average.
- When you consult with the Captains before the match, ensure that the Umpires are taken into consideration when water is carried out to players.

## During the Match

Refer to the RDCA Heat Policy.

- Remember to include yourselves as umpires in the frequent drinks breaks during the pre-match discussion with the Captains.
- If, at any time during the match, umpires feel that their condition will compromise their decision making, they should take the necessary precautions by rehydrating themselves. Remember, if you feel that way, then the players are probably feeling the same.
- When there are two umpires and one of the umpire's condition is affected, take a drinks break and stand at square leg if you're up to it. Or go off the ground for a few overs. Wet your neck, rehydrate properly, sit in the shade and recommence when your condition allows you to.
- If you are standing alone and your condition gets worse, speak to the Captains and go off the ground for a while, wet your neck, rehydrate properly and sit in the shade, while the players assist in umpiring. When your condition allows, recommence.
- When there is one umpire and his/her condition is affected, ensure that you are rehydrated as often as the players are.

# Remember HEAT:

**H**ydrate (Covid safely)

**E**nsure that you're well nourished

**A**vail of extra drinks breaks

**T**alk to Captains to monitor YOU

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## Ringwood & District Cricket Umpires' Code of Ethics

CV is entrusted with the development of cricketers from when they enter the sport to the National and International level, for those who achieve the highest level of recognition. This process requires that umpires at all levels to be independent, impartial and responsible to the people they serve. The official is appointed to carry out the roles and responsibilities as identified by the governing body (RDCA Executive Committee, CV or Cricket Australia).

The umpire should at all times follow the directions of the governing body, especially in the area of maintaining standards.

Violation, by an umpire, of the Code of Ethics may result in sanctions by the Executive Committee.

### **An umpire shall:**

- Place the welfare of the individual player above all other consideration.
- Maintain confidence and control at all times when in the role of the umpire.
- Devote time, thought and study to improving his understanding of the Laws, Playing Conditions and craft, to provide an effective and creditable performance in a fair and unbiased manner.
- Work with fellow umpires and the RDCA in a spirit of harmony and co-operation for the betterment of cricket.
- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position to benefit oneself.
- Under all circumstance avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group other than the sport we serve.
- Always act in a dignified manner in all personal conduct with players, coaches, club officials, CV officials and the public, whilst acting as the official.
- Be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance befitting the importance of the event.
- Honour RDCA appointments, regardless of any possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- Not make public comment or statement to news media that is critical of any stakeholder in the sport.
- Not smoke in the vicinity of the playing area.
- Not present in public in an intoxicated state.
- Carry a responsibility to act in a manner becoming of a professional person. The conduct of the umpire influences the public attitude towards the sport and the umpire.

## **Expectations**

Individual umpires must take responsibility for all of their actions and be ultimately responsible for their own progression. Whilst others may decide on your progress, it is the individual who has control over their improvement.

### **Set yourself up for success.**

The umpire who waits for success to come their way will be passed by others who *lead change*.

As the official - *What makes you stand out?*

When an appointment for higher duties was made, ask yourself - Why was that person chosen ahead of me?

Your credibility as an official is determined by your understanding of the game and your technical ability to manage the match. The successful official demonstrates best practice, communication skills and develops a professional, working relationship with all stakeholders.

## **Code of Conduct for Umpires**

### **All Ringwood & District Cricket Association umpires:**

1. Shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.
2. Bear a responsibility for promoting a positive public image of RDCA and the sport.
3. Shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately before, during and after an event and shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
4. Will respect the basic tenets of history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
5. Shall be impartial and fair in all deliberations.
6. Shall uphold the traditions, etiquette and dignity of cricket.
7. Shall master the Laws of Cricket and the mechanics to enforce the Laws in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
8. Shall display and execute superior, communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
9. Must avoid conflicts of interest both real and perceived.
10. Shall encourage inclusivity and access for all.
11. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players.
12. Shall be punctual and professional in the fulfilment of their duties.
13. Shall work with each other and the governing body in a constructive and co-operative manner.
14. Must not make false or misleading statements in regard to any matter arising from their officiating



## Umpires' Team Rules

- ❖ ***One in All in – ABSOLUTELY no exceptions***
- ❖ ***We don't mess up great decisions with poor explanations***
- ❖ ***If we are asked a respectful question, we give a respectful answer***
- ❖ ***The behaviour we ignore is the behaviour we encourage***
- ❖ ***Good umpires know what to do; great umpires have the courage to do it!***

Signal to each other the balls remaining in the over after each wide, no ball, dismissal or any other reason when unsure of the count.

Call the other umpire over to witness/participate in any extraordinary discussion or direction/warning.

### *Explanations:*

- ***WE ARE A TEAM!***
- ***ALWAYS support your colleague; discuss and resolve any matters of contention, on or off the field, in private.***
- ***OWN the decision and progress as a team. No bad-mouthing panel members***
- ***WE HELP AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER!***
- ***Giving too much information often only muddies the waters. Keep it simple; don't try to justify close decisions. IT'S YOUR OPINION THAT COUNTS.***
- ***Be civil at all times. Don't exacerbate what could become volatile situations with your words or actions.***
- ***Don't pass a problem on to the next match's umpires. If you note actions outside the Spirit of Cricket / Code of Conduct, TAKE ACTION. Involve team captains and emphasise their responsibility to control their team member's behaviour / actions.***
- ***You know what's required. Be assertive; Control the match; Hold Captains responsible; Escalate issues (Incident Report) if warranted.***



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