

TARANAKI CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (“TCA”)

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Definitions

- a.) Chairperson: shall mean the Chairperson of TCA or his/her appointed deputy.
- b.) Administrator: shall mean the Administrator of TCA or his/her appointed deputy.
- c.) Competitions Director: shall mean the Competitions Director appointed by the Board or his/her appointed deputy.
- d.) The Board: shall mean the Board of Directors of TCA
- e.) TCA: shall mean the Taranaki Cricket Association Incorporated, a body duly incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible to play in any TCA competition a player:
 - a.) must live in Taranaki, and
 - b.) must be a financial member of a club affiliated to TCA, and
 - c.) must not have played for a club based outside Taranaki at any time during the season.
- 2.2 For the purpose of this rule a student who normally lives in Taranaki but has been attending primary, secondary or tertiary education outside Taranaki is deemed to live in Taranaki.
- 2.3 The Competitions Director may, at his sole discretion, grant any player dispensation from the requirement to live in Taranaki if, and for so long as, the player plays his/her cricket solely for a Taranaki club. The Competitions Director's decision in respect of any grant or refusal of such dispensation shall be final.

3. Non-financial member

Any player in default with his/her subscription or fines to any club or association affiliated with New Zealand Cricket (Inc) may be debarred by the Board from taking part in any TCA competition.

4. Transfer of players

- 4.1 A player shall be free to change clubs in Taranaki between the end of a season and the start of the next season as long as the player has no outstanding subscriptions owing to his/her club they are transferring from.
- 4.2. Any player may change clubs in Taranaki during a season provided the written consent of the Board is obtained and a written clearance from his/her former club is presented to the new club before the player starts to play for the new club. No part may be taken in a match that commenced prior to full consent being obtained. This clearance is not required by primary, secondary or tertiary students while at school in Taranaki or transferring from a school to a club upon completion of their secondary school education.
- 4.3 A player shall be deemed to be a member of the club for which he/she first plays in any season even if a subscription has not been paid.
- 4.4 No club shall refuse to release a player from a club without good reason. What shall constitute good reason shall if necessary be determined by the Board. A club shall act promptly on a transfer request.

5. Representative Unavailability

- 5.1 Any player who is not available for any representative match under the control of TCA, shall not play in a club match under the control of TCA on any day of the representative match, unless he/she has notified the Convener of Selectors (“the Convener”) and the Chairperson of TCA of his/her non-availability, prior to the team being selected. The Convener and the Chairperson shall in each case determine whether the reason for non-availability shall warrant clearance to play club cricket.
- 5.2 Where a player is released by the selectors from a representative team because of injury, he/she shall not play in a club match on any day of the representative match unless he/she has been given leave to do so by the Convener and the Chairperson.

6. Participation in the National Club Championship

The Taranaki Premier Limited Overs Champion will have the opportunity to contest the Central Districts Club Champs for the right to participate in the National Club Champs in Auckland. TCA may decide, at its absolute discretion, to decline this opportunity to any Club or team that fails to meet certain criteria that the Board may set; these may include:

- a.) The Clubs inability to substantially field the players that participated in the winning of the Taranaki Limited Overs Club Championship
- b.) Any reports of the Team, or player/s of that team, unsatisfactory behavior, on or off the field, at any time during the season.
- c.) Premier High School teams are not eligible to compete in the CD Tournament
The Board may; in their place, appoint another Premier Team to the National Club Tournament that would, in their opinion, best represent Taranaki.

7. Power of Board and/or Competitions Committee

The Competitions Committee and/or the Board in its absolute discretion may:

- a.) Alter any competition at any time that it deems necessary.
- b.) Fine clubs and/or deduct points for any prescribed breach of the conditions contained within these rules.
- c.) Make dispensation decisions or rulings concerning any TCA competition match and in such case the decision or ruling will be final.
- d.) Delegate authorities

For competition related matters, contact is to be made in the first instance, to the Competitions Director, John McElroy - 0272487879

7.1 **Change of times and venues**

All matches shall be played at the time and venue as set down by TCA unless prior approval for any change is obtained from the Competitions Director. If approval is granted the host team is responsible for notifying the opposition and the umpires.

7.2 **Cancellations**

There shall be no general notice of cancellation of any matches. It is the responsibility of the teams involved in any match to cancel matches.

7.3 **Default**

- a.) In the event of a team defaulting a match, the Secretary of that club must notify the Secretary of the opposing club and the Competitions Director by 8 pm on the Thursday preceding the match.
- b.) No team shall be eligible to commence or resume play unless there is a minimum of seven players ready and available to take the field. This applies to both the batting and fielding sides. If any team fails to field a team of seven players the game shall be called off and the team with less than seven players will be deemed to have defaulted that game and points will be awarded to their opposition accordingly. Any team, which does not have the required number of players ready to take the field 20 minutes after the scheduled commencement or resumption of play, shall forfeit the match. This applies to both the batting and fielding sides
- c.) A defaulting team shall forfeit the game to the opposing team. If a club fails to observe the default procedure it will be liable of a fine of \$50.00 (except for a Premier team where the fine maybe \$500) and the team shall not play any further matches in the competition until the fine has been paid to TCA
- d.) The non-defaulting team shall be awarded points equivalent to the highest number of points by any other team in the grade for that series of matches.
- e.) Premier Grade - In the event of any team in the Premier grade defaulting a match, the defaulting team and all its Club teams shall not be awarded any points earned during that round of matches.

7.4 **Refusal to play**

Any team that refuses to play for any reason other than for rain and wet conditions shall be deemed to have conceded defeat. The match and all match points equivalent to the highest number of points by any other team in the grade for that series of matches shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

8. **Results**

8.1 **Radio reporting and updates**

Premier Grade

Clubs are obligated to provide accurate and up to date scores of games when contacted by the radio media; failure to report scores accurately may be viewed as a breach of Code of Conduct rule 15.4 (i).

8.2 **Close of play scores**

It should be noted that there are two procedures that apply to advising results. The relevant team should take the following action:

- a.) Premier Grade Only - Media results must be telephoned to The Daily News office at the close of each day's play. Phone 06 7590808
- b.) All Other Grades The close of play results are to be telephoned to **0800 STUMPS**, or, **0800 788 677** by Saturday evening. (refer to 0800 Stumps advert).
- c.) Sunday Games - All Grades are to be telephoned to The Daily News office by 7:00pm

8.3 **Reporting Results**

The responsibility is on the home team to telephone in results to the media. Any game where the result is in dispute shall not be reported. The Competitions Committee shall remove five points from a team not telephoning results, other than where a dispute has arisen.

8.4 **Submitting Results to the Website**

- a.) The winning team must submit results of all games via CricHQ. In the case of tie or an abandoned game (ie no result) the home team is responsible for submitting the result.
- b.) If the results are not submitted to the website within 72 hours of the completion of the match, all match points earned by the winning team will be **deducted**. Similarly, the home team will lose any points entitlement for failing to submit a "tie" or a "no result" (abandoned) game.
- c.) Each person wishing to submit results must have created a CricHQ profile and be given administration rights by the TCA Administrator or Club Administrator with rights to the club team he/she wishes to submit a result for
- d.) For all grades except North T20 grade a full scorecard is required to be submitted
- e.) All Premier games should be scored live, it is the responsibility of the home team to do this, if this is completed successfully then the home team must upload the result.

8.5 **Disputed Results**

When the result of a match is in dispute, the captains of both teams must make a written submission to the Competitions Director within 48 hours of completion of the match and include:

- (a) A complete written explanation stating the reason for the dispute and including copies of their respective teams' scorebook.
- (b) All letters of dispute are required to be signed by an office bearer of the Club.

Where there is a disputed result in a match that will affect a team's contention for a quarter/semi final match that is scheduled to occur within 48 hours of the completion of the disputed match, the Competitions Director must be notified within 2 hours of the completion of the match.

8.6 **Umpires - Captain's report**

Both premier team captains, if their games have officially appointed umpires, shall complete and send a Captain's report on Umpires. This will be submitted online via CricHQ feedback. This must be completed within 72 hours of the completion of the match and emailed to TCUSA appointment officer Shaun Ryan, statman@clear.net.nz.

Failure to do so will result in a two point deducted by the Board at its absolute discretion.

9. Grading of Players

- 9.1 Prior to the start of the season, each Premier team must submit a list containing their 7 top players to the Competitions Director. This list will be posted on the Taranaki Cricket website.
- 9.2 These 7 players cannot play in any other grade.
- 9.3 All teams playing in the Premier Grade (incl. High School teams) must review their top 7 players regularly and on application to the Competition Director, re-grade players if necessary to ensure the top 7 players are always nominated.
- 9.4 Any re-grading application can only be submitted at the end of a match and must be in writing and be lodged by 7pm on the Thursday prior to the match they wish to play in.
- 9.5 Players must not play in one grade on any Saturday and then in a lower grade on the Sunday in any competition.
- 9.6 No player may play in the same grade or a lower grade match when their team has a bye without the approval of the appropriate Competition Committee member (below); whose decision shall be final.
- 9.7 An application by a club to re-grade a player during the season, from a higher graded side to a lower graded side, must be made by 7pm on the Thursday preceding the match to the appropriate Competitions Committee member before the player can play in the lower graded side. The Competitions Committee decision on re-grading players shall be final.
- 9.8 Any player shall be free to change grades between one season and another.
- 9.9 If a lower grade player plays on three consecutive playing days in a higher grade, that player shall be automatically re-graded to the higher grade.
- 9.10 If a lower grade player plays in any five days in total in a higher grade in any one season, that player shall be automatically re-graded to the higher grade.
- 9.11
 - a.) Prior to the start of the season, Clubs with more than one team in any one grade must provide team lists of at least 11 players for each team, to the Competitions Director. These team lists will be posted on the website under their Club. Players listed may only play in the team nominated.
 - b.) Club officials will be responsible for policing this rule. Teams not complying with this rule will have points deducted.
- 9.12 Any player who is a regular member of a Premier or Senior grade team may NOT play in the Secondary School grade competition.
- 9.13 For all re-grading matters, contact is to be made in the first instance to:

John McElroy on (06) 7587787 or 0272487879
Or
TCA – Travis Stewart (06) 7695388 or 021832097

All re-grading complaints must be lodged in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

- 9.14 Up to 3 players maybe changed for the second day of a 2 day match, except when played on consecutive days.

Additionally:

- a.) If a player/s has been selected to play or coach for a TCA, CD or NZ representative team and is/are required to be replaced for the second day of a 2 day match, then the replacement player/s may participate fully in the match.
- b.) If a player who has been selected for higher honours, has batted then the replacement player shall not be entitled to bat in that innings.
- c.) If a player who has been selected for higher honours, is not out then he/she shall be recorded in the scorebook as 'retired, not out' and his/her replacement shall be entitled to continue such innings.
- d.) If, due to the circumstances in 9.14 a), the replacement player (eg from the Senior Grade) may, in turn, be replaced under the same conditions that applies in 9.14 b) & c).

10. Artificial Pitches

Wearing of boots/shoes

It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players of his team who are to play on artificial surfaces do not wear sprigs of any type on their footwear. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action being taken against offenders.

11. Late Arrival

Any player who is late arriving at a game is not required to have a stand down time before that player can bowl or bat.

12. Premier Pitches

The Board can prevent a club team playing Premier Grade in the following season if that Clubs turf pitch surface or the surrounding playing area are not up to an acceptable level as determined by the Board. The Club shall be given until the 30th May to rectify the pitch and/or surrounding playing area. The Board's decision shall be final.

13. Pitches

- a.) All Premier grade matches shall be played on turf pitches from November 1st each season, except where dispensation for one-day matches on artificial pitches is given due to weather conditions early in the season.
- b.) Only concrete based artificial will be used for Premier grade matches if not played on grass
- c.) All other grades may play on artificial pitches
- d.) Clubs with multiple grounds, are responsible for informing the opposing team where they will be playing prior to the day of play.
- e.) Premier and Senior Grades. Grass pitch surfaces must be protected by adequate waterproofed coverings no later than the Thursday night or earlier if the forecast is detrimental to the preparation of a grass pitch before the scheduled Premier or Senior Grade game. This also applies to Premier artificial pitches. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement may lose competition points as decided by the Board in their absolute discretion.
- f.) Grass pitches that, for any reason, are deemed unable to be suitably prepared for a match must be notified immediately to TCA and their opposition no later than Monday preceding

the match. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement may lose competition points as decided by the Board in their absolute discretion; and their opponent may be awarded default points if a suitable alternative venue cannot be found for the match.

- g.) That all artificial pitches must have the proper crease markings plus the wide markings in place.
- h.) All artificial pitches must have no concrete visible in the playing area of the pitch and no significant areas of exposed concrete around the perimeter of the pitch

14. Match requirements

- a.) The club, on whose ground the match is played, shall ensure that the ground is properly marked; that stumps and bails are available; that the ground is in good order for play; and the amenities are serviceable. A scoreboard must be provided. When matches are played on outside grounds the team named first on the draw for matches shall be the host team.
- b.) Drinks must be available and provided by the home side for all drink breaks which also include lunch and tea breaks.
- c.) If the ground is not properly in order for play the host team may forfeit the match at the decision of the Competitions Committee.

TARANAKI CRICKET ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT ('THE CODE')

15 Code of Conduct ("The Code")

15.1 TCA shall pursuant to clause 7.8 of the Constitution and the powers set out in this section have the authority to take disciplinary action against any player, player umpire, TCA official, team club, or club member where written reports of complaints of unacceptable behaviour of persons coming within its jurisdiction have been received by the Administrator (or Chairperson where applicable).

15.2 Such complaints of unacceptable behaviour shall be known as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Pursuant to clause 7.8 of the TCA Constitution any such complaint shall be referred to an independent Commissioner (known as the Taranaki Code of Conduct Commissioner (TCCC) or a Hearing Committee comprised of such members as shall be appointed by the Board on each occasion.

15.3 Reporting a breach of the Code

An alleged breach of the Code may be notified by:

- a.) (i) Any **player** participating in a match provided the player has first notified the matter of the complaint to an umpire.
- (ii) Where a **player** participating in a match believes another player participating in the same match has breached the Code, he/she must notify the Administrator of a complaint within **24 hours** of completion of the day's play upon which the breach occurred. A written complaint must follow within 48 hours of the completion of the day's play upon which the breach occurred with the signature of an office bearer of the players club.
- b.) (i) Either or both **umpires** officiating in a match.
- (ii) If an **umpire** reports a player for a breach of the Code he/she shall notify the Administrator within **24 hours** of the completion of the day's play upon which the breach occurred and forward a written report within 48 hours of the completion of the days play.
- c.) Any duly elected **Committee member** of a club.
- d.) Any **coach** or **manager** of a secondary school team.
- e.) Any **office bearer** of any cricket association or member of the management committee of any association.
- f.) A Taranaki **team manager**.
- g.) A Taranaki **selector**.

Where any such **other person** eligible pursuant to clause 15.3 (c) to (g) believes a player has breached the Code, he/she shall notify the Administrator within **24 hours** of completion of the day's play upon which the breach occurred and forward a written report within 48 hours of the completion of the days play.

- h.) (i) Any **Board Member** or the **Administrator** of TCA may at any time and on such grounds and after such enquiry as that person sees fit, report a player or any other person under the jurisdiction of TCA for an alleged breach of the Code, and such Board Member of TCA or the Administrator shall submit a written complaint to the Administrator (or the Chairperson if the complaint is made by the Administrator).
- (ii) No time limit shall apply in relation to a complaint made under this subsection.
- i) Upon receipt of the complaint the Administrator (or Chairperson if applicable and/or Board Director shall notify:
 - (i) the player or person concerned against whom the complaint has been made,
 - (ii) the TCCC and to
 - (iii) any other person or club or association as the Administrator (or Chairperson if applicable) shall in his/her absolute discretion deem necessary.

On receiving the report the TCCC will arrange a hearing to be held as soon as reasonably possible (see 15.5 below).

15.4 Unacceptable behaviour - A complaint of unacceptable behaviour will allege an action of one or more of the following behaviours (but without limitation).

- a.) Assaulting or threatening any umpire, player, official or spectator.
- b.) Abusing, disputing or questioning an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner after an umpire's decision.
- c.) Smoking or drinking alcohol on the field of play which is at all times prohibited.
- d.) The use of abusive, offensive language or making offensive hand signals.
- e.) Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise or words under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.
- f.) A captain of a team failing to exercise his/her responsibilities for a player's conduct. (A captain of a team is responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws).
- g.) Delays which are unreasonable in the opinion of the umpires.

- h.) Public acts of misconduct and/or behaviour detrimental to the best interests of Taranaki cricket committed or occurring while under the control of or playing for a TCA representative team or for a club cricket team either under the auspices of the TCA or playing as a representative of Taranaki Cricket.
- i.) Making any public and/or media announcement prejudicial to the interests and spirit of cricket which may bring the game of cricket or any cricketer or group of cricketers into disrepute.
- j.) Wearing or use of non-approved clothing during matches conducted under the auspices of TCA.
- k.) Playing cricket in contravention of any suspension made under these rules or, being a club, allowing a player to play for the club in contravention of any suspension made under these rules
- l.) Indulging in conduct prejudicial to the interests of cricket or the TCA, or any other cricket association.
- m.) Any such act of misconduct shall be deemed contrary to the interests and spirit of cricket.

15.5 Hearings procedure

- a.) The Administrator (and/or Chairperson as applicable) together with the TCCC may dismiss any complaint they deem frivolous and/or vexatious without conducting any hearing pursuant to the procedures set out below.
- b.) Upon receiving the report and determining that the matter requires a hearing:
 - i. the TCCC shall arrange a hearing to be held as soon as reasonably possible.
 - ii. The hearing shall be attended by the Complainant and the person or club against whom the complaint has been lodged.
Either party may have up to 2 supporters present at the hearing.
A Club may be represented by its President (or his duly appointed nominee) and/or the Chairman and the Team Captain.
If the complaint is against the Captain then the Vice Captain or a representative of the team may also attend.
 - iii. In the event that the person or club against whom a complaint has been made fails to attend the hearing the TCCC may still hear and decide the complaint.
 - iv. The TCCC shall hear the complaint in any manner and form as to procedure as he/she shall determine.
 - v. A member of the TCA Board of Directors may attend and be heard at the hearing.
 - vi. The TCCC may require any person subject to the Code to attend the hearing where in the opinion of the TCCC that person might assist in any way.
 - vii. In determining what penalty, if any, is to be imposed the TCCC will take into account the guidelines set out in this Code but shall also comply with the principles of natural justice at all times.
 - viii. The TCCC shall advise his/her decision in writing to the player or club and to the Administrator and the complainant as soon as practicable after he/she has reached its decision. A decision may be given orally at the meeting and subsequently confirmed in writing.
 - ix. The TCCC shall also provide in writing a copy of his/her decision to the player's club.

15.6 Penalties

A person or persons, team or club found guilty of a breach of the Code may be subject to a penalty as follows:

- a.) A Person:
 - i. A reprimand and/or
 - ii. A fine not exceeding \$500.00, and/or
 - iii. A suspension from playing cricket
 - iv. Cancellation of all or part of any competition points awarded to the player's team from the match which is the subject of a breach of the Code or from points already awarded to such teams.
- b.) A Team or a Club:
 - (i) A reprimand and/or
 - (ii) A fine not exceeding \$500.00 and/or
 - (iii) Cancellation of competition points.
- c.) All fines must be paid in full to TCA within 14 days of the fine being imposed. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in all that Club teams' points being forfeited until all outstanding fines have been paid.
- d.) A player who is suspended from playing cricket under these rules must not play in any game of cricket which is arranged, organised or promoted by any club which is affiliated to TCA or which is affiliated to any other District or Major Association within New Zealand or which otherwise comes under the auspices of NZ Cricket
- e.) Withdrawal of team points shall be effective from the last day of the penalty due date.
- f.) TCA reserves the right to issue a media statement after any Code of Conduct hearing and any such media statement shall be made solely by TCA.

15.7 Appeals

- i. Any person or party heard by the TCCC may appeal the issued decision.
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 - i. An appeal must be lodged with the Administrator within 3 working days of the date of the decision of the TCCC.
 - ii. Each person and/or Club lodging an appeal shall pay a deposit of \$500 which shall accompany the notice of appeal.
 - iii. In the event of the deposit not being paid within the time specified by clause b(ii), the Appeal shall be deemed to be abandoned.
 - iv. Lodging an appeal shall not stay the penalty imposed and/or the obligations there under but the TCCC may, on application, and in any manner at his/her absolute discretion, grant a stay until the appeal is heard.
- c.) TCA or NZ Cricket has the right to lodge an appeal with no deposit required.
- d.) An Appeal shall be heard by an independent Commissioner or a Hearing Committee (the Appeal Tribunal) at the sole discretion of the Board and pursuant to clause 7.7 of the TCA Constitution.
- e.) The Appeal Tribunal shall follow the procedures set out within this section of the Code of Conduct as to Reporting Procedures; Hearing Procedures; and Penalties.

- f.) The Notice of Appeal lodged under 15.7 (b)(ii), shall specify:
 - i. the decision appealed against, and
 - ii. the date of the decision appealed against, and
 - iii. the specific grounds for the appeal; and
 - iv. shall include a copy of the written decision of the TCCC.
- g.) i. The Appeal Tribunal shall have full discretionary power to hear and receive such evidence as it considers appropriate, notwithstanding that the evidence may not be legally admissible.
 - ii. The Appeal Tribunal has the power to impose any penalties under the Penalties provisions of this Code.
 - iii. The Appeal Tribunal may also at its sole discretion, order that the deposit paid on lodgement of the appeal, or any part thereof, be refunded.
 - iv. Where evidence is given before the Appeal Tribunal there shall be no cross-examination or questioning of witnesses (if any) except to the extent that the Appeal Tribunal in its discretion permits.
- h.) The Appeal Tribunal may give an oral decision at the conclusion of the hearing but the decision shall be confirmed in writing to all parties as soon as practicable.
- i.) The decision of the Appeal Tribunal on Appeal shall be final.

15.8 Entry Points (Penalties)

The entry point is the point at which any TCA Code of Conduct penalties for a breach of the Code will first be considered by the Commissioners but shall not bind the TCCC. It is a guide against which aggravating and/or mitigating factors will be brought to account, to the effect that the entry point penalty may be increased or reduced.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour (non exhaustive):

- a.) A player or team official assaulting or attempting to assault an umpire. Entry point 3 years.
- b.) A player or team official assaulting or attempting to assault another player, team official or spectator. Entry point 2 years.
- c.) A player or team official abusing an umpire. Entry point 5 playing days.
- d.) A player or team official disputing, or showing dissent with, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally following an umpiring decision. Entry point 3 playing days.
- e.) A player or team official asking an umpire the reason for a decision. (Note: It is unacceptable for a player or team official to ask any question of an umpire, connected with a decision to dismiss or not dismiss a batsman, subject to a question by way of legitimate clarification for the reason for dismissal. Eg LBW, caught at the wicket, etc). Entry point 1 playing day.
- f.) A player or team official intimidating an umpire by excessive appealing, celebrating a dismissal before the umpire makes his decision or charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing. Entry point 1 playing day.
- g.) A player or team official using any language or gestures that offend, insult, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or origin. Entry point 5 playing days.
- h.) A player or team official abusing another player, team official or spectator. Entry point 3 playing days.
- i.) A player or team official throwing the ball at or near any other person in an inappropriate or dangerous manner. Entry point 2 playing days.
- j.) A player or team official using crude or abusive hand signals or pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman. Entry point 2 playing days.
- k.) A player or team official using crude and/or abusive language. Entry point 2 playing days.
- l.) A player or team official changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.4. Entry point 7 playing days.
- m.) A player or team official engaging in public criticism of or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official. Entry point 5 playing days.

16. Suspension Rules (Sin binning)

All teams and players involved in matches controlled by TCA shall be subject to the following suspension code:

Definitions:

- a.) Umpires' shall be officially appointed TCUSA Umpires.
- b.) There must be at least one officially appointed TCUSA Umpire standing in the match.
- c.) In all cases the Taranaki Cricket Association Code of Conduct applies.
- d.) If two Umpires are standing, either umpire shall have the power of suspension.
- e.) The Suspension rules will apply to any game organised by TCA

16.1 Suspension Criteria

- a.) Any player, or players, who use abusive or offensive language or makes abusive or offensive gestures to any player, umpire or spectator, or physically assaults any player, umpire or spectator during the course of a match or brings the game into disrepute, may be disciplined according to clause 15 of these rules.
- b.) Any act of misconduct that is deemed to be contrary to the interest and spirit of cricket.
- c.) These suspension criteria also apply to players that off the field of play.

16.2 Suspension Penalties

Any player who is suspended must:

- a.) Be reported to their Captain as soon as practicable, by the Umpire.
- b.) Be advised of the duration of their suspension which shall be for a period determined by the Umpire but not exceeding a period of two hours playing time.
- c.) Not be replaced during their absence from the field, unless suspended under clause 16.4

16.3 Suspended Bowler

Any bowler who is suspended:

- a.) Shall not bowl again in that match until he/she has been back on the field during play for the same length of time as his/her suspension. The Umpire shall record commencement and resumption times.
- b.) If a bowler is suspended during the course of an over, the remainder of that over shall be bowled by another player who has not bowled in the previous or any part of the previous over, and who will not be bowling the subsequent over.

16.4 Suspended (Not Out) Batsman

Any (not out) batsman who is suspended:

- a.) Must be replaced immediately but shall not be allowed to recommence their participation in the game until the batsman, or batsmen, have been off the field for the length of the suspension period.
- b.) Will only be able to recommence his/her innings at the fall of a wicket, which occurs after the suspension period ends.

16.5 Suspended (Dismissed) Batsmen

If a member of the batting team, having already been dismissed in the last innings of a match; is suspended; that suspended time will apply in their next fielding innings of the next match.

16.6 Suspension Time Not to Count

General curtailment of play due to bad light, weather conditions, interval between innings, lunch or tea intervals, or any other acceptable reason will not count as playing or match time, during the period of any individual player suspension.

16.7 Suspensions Carried Forward

- a.) All suspensions shall, if the suspension time has not expired, be carried forward into the next innings or the next day of the game or the next TCA club match that the suspended player is available to play in.
- b.) Any suspension time carried forward to another match will only be used when the suspended person's team is fielding and is to be used as soon as possible.
- c.) Any suspended player must be present at the ground for all (or the remainder) of the suspension time.
- d.) Any suspension time carried forward will be used with or without Umpires appointed by TCUSA.
- e.) Any suspended time carried over must be completed in the same grade in which the original sin binning occurred unless agreed by the Chairperson and/or Competitions Director.

16.8 Reporting a Suspension

All suspensions shall be reported to the Competitions Director or TCA Administrator within 24 hours of the end of the day on which the suspension occurred by the match Umpire/s.

16.9 Second Suspension

- a.) Any player who is suspended from play under these rules and who behaves in such a manner as to warrant a second suspension shall be sent from the field for the remainder of the match by an official umpire.
- b.) Additional to 16.9(a) any player who is suspended a second time in the same match or at any other time during the season will not be allowed to return to the match from which they are suspended and shall stand down from the next scheduled TCA Club match regardless of whether it is a one or two day game.

16.10 Notes for Scorers

A suspended batsman who does not recommence his/her innings shall be recorded, as "suspended" on the score sheet with his/her innings, for statistical purposes, shall be 'Not Out'.

16.11 Code of Conduct

Nothing in these rules shall prevent an Umpire or the Umpire's jointly from being able to lodge a report to the Association in accordance with the Associations Code of Conduct irrespective of any action that has/has not been taken against any player or players.

GENERAL PLAYING CONDITIONS

17. At all times the traditions and the spirit of the game must be maintained.

18. Laws of Cricket

Except as specified to the contrary the 2000 Code of the Laws of Cricket plus amendments, the current NZC First Class playing conditions shall apply in all matches. Exception being as otherwise provided within the T.C.A. Rules & Regulations. The following conditions are applicable to all grades (Men and Women).

19. Fitness of Pitch, Ground, Weather and Light

- a.) Pitch, Ground, Weather and Light
 - i. If at any time the umpires together agree that the conditions of ground, weather and light are so bad that there is obvious and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire, so that it would be unreasonable or dangerous for play to take place, then they shall immediately suspend play, or not allow play to commence or restart. The decision as to whether conditions are so bad as to warrant such action is one for the umpires alone to make.
 - ii. If no Umpires are present then the Captains shall agree on any decision to start or continue play.
 - iii. The fact that the grass and ball are wet and slippery does not warrant the ground conditions being regarded as unreasonable or dangerous. If the umpires consider the ground is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowler a reasonable foothold, the fielders the power of free movement, or the batsmen 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 unreasonable for play to take place.

Note: In order to facilitate play at the earliest possible moment after rain, the Umpires shall see that all necessary steps are taken to improve the playing area, including the pitch, by

instructing the host home club to use every practicable means to remove water from the pitch itself and any other water surrounding the pitch or elsewhere on the playing area.
Mats or blankets may remain on the ground whilst play is in progress.

20. Balls

- a.) Each team shall provide its own cricket balls when fielding.
The Premier grade shall play with the following:
 - i. In the two day competition, good quality Kookaburra, 4 piece red balls
 - ii. In the limited overs competition, a new Kookaburra 4 piece white ball
 - iii. In the twenty20 competition, a new Kookaburra 4 piece white ball
- c.) All other grades shall use 2 piece or 4 piece red Kookaburra ball of good quality.
 - i. For all Premier and Senior grade games a new ball, of the type as set out in clause 20 (a) above, shall be supplied for the 1st innings of either side. The fielding captain may use a new ball in the second innings, provided it is taken at the commencement of the innings.
 - ii. In all other grades the use of a new ball at the commencement of an innings shall be optional, however if an innings is started with a used ball, this ball must be used throughout the innings.
 - iii. A new ball may be taken after 80 overs in an innings.

21. Dress Code

- a.) It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that all players wear whites or Board approved coloured clothing, this includes coloured shorts, If a team is wearing coloured shorts, then these must be a uniformed short and all members of that team wearing them
- b.) A Club must apply to the Board to register its colours with the Association and if permission for those colours is granted by the Board in its absolute discretion, then no other Club may use those colours. A record of all approved clothing will be kept by the TCA and each approved coloured strip will be displayed on the Taranaki website under the respective Club/Team.
- c.) When playing in competitions with a white ball; teams must wear coloured shirts as a minimum and coloured pads while batting.
- d.) Club or other motifs as approved by the Board may be worn on shirts, pullovers and hats.

21.1 Sponsors Logos/Insignia

The design and placement of insignia or sponsors logos on playing strips must be submitted to the Board for approval who retain the right to prohibit the use of any insignia.

21.2 Vests/T-Shirts

No vests or T-shirts may be worn if this results in an advertisement being visible through a shirt.

21.3 Dress Code for Finals – All Grades

All players in finals must wear whites or Competition Committee approved coloured clothing to be eligible to win a final. If players in the winning team do not comply, then the Grade trophy will not be awarded to that team and the team will not be recognised as winning the Grade. In this event, the Grade trophy will not be awarded to the second placed team. Finals played with a white ball will require teams to wear coloured clothing and coloured pads.

22 Notification of Teams

- a.) Before the toss the captains shall exchange team lists, also give a copy to the umpires, if present.
- b.) Should any captain or his/her deputy refuse to exchange team lists, play shall not commence until this exchange takes place.
- c.) No player shall take part in a match if he/she is not listed, except with the approval of the opposing captain.

23. Semi Finals and Finals (includes North Quarter Finals) Team and Player Eligibility – All Grades

- a.) Player Eligibility:
 - i. Premier & Senior Grade
 - a) A player must have played at least two days of Premier Limited Overs Cricket for that club that season to be eligible for the semi final or final of the Limited Overs Competition
 - b) There is an exemption for Tertiary Students studying outside of Taranaki where they are required to play only one day of limited overs cricket prior to the semi final or final of the limited overs competition.
 - c) For the end of season semi/finals a player must have played at least 5 days of cricket for the club that season prior to the semi final
 - ii. Lower Grades
For all end of season semi/finals, a player must have played at least 3 games for that team that season prior to the semi final.
 - iii. North T20 Grade
A player must have played at least 2 games for that team that season prior to the semi final

Player eligibility all grades:

Where evidence is provided by a club official that an ineligible player has taken the field of play without the consent of the opposing Captain, all points accrued for that match by the infringing team will be deducted for that round. The Competitions Directors decision on these matters will be final.

- i. Players may not play in one grade on any Saturday and then in a lower grade on the Sunday.
- ii. A player cannot play in more than one end of season lower grade semi-final or final in the same season
- iii. Player regrading and eligibility rules will not generally apply to the Premier mid week T20 competition due to the short duration of the competition

- iv. Clubs must enquire to the Competitions Director if there is doubt on a player's eligibility for the semi-finals and finals matches. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all players meet the eligibility criteria.
 - v. The Board has in its absolute discretion the power to disqualify a team from playing or receiving a trophy if the above are not observed
 - vi. A player that plays at a higher level and is away with that team on any given Saturday through out the season will count towards a playing day so that they are eligible for any finals.
- b.) **Team Eligibility**
- i. When two or more teams finish equal on points at the end of any round robin competition, the winning team shall be the team with the best net aggregate runs versus wickets taken over the round robin portion of the competition. This calculation is carried out by the Competitions Director or his/her delegate.
 - ii. The Board, after consultation with The Taranaki Umpires & Scorers Association, can stop a team playing in a semi final or final if a player, or team, has indulged in conduct prejudicial to the interests of cricket in Taranaki.
 - iii. All teams participating in a final in any grade must submit a squad list of all players that have met the eligibility criteria set out in rule 23 a & b to the TCA Administrator by 7pm on the Sunday immediately prior to their scheduled final. These squad lists will be made available to respective opponents. Each team will have to Wednesday 5pm prior to the final to question any players eligibility of their opponent

c.) **Trophies**

Trophies shall be deemed to be held in trust for TCA by the holders for the time being, and the holders shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of such trophies whilst in their possession. All engraving shall be the responsibility of TCA

d.) **Top Qualifier**

If Pukekura Park is unavailable for any Premier or Senior Finals match, the venue for the Final will be at the home ground of the top qualifier.

If Pukekura Park is unavailable for any lower (2nd, 3rd) grade Taranaki final, the venue for the finals will, whenever possible alternate between North and South Taranaki.

Premier Grade Limited Overs Competition

24. (a) **Length of Innings:** 50 overs per side
 (b) **Overs per bowler:** Maximum 10
 (c) **Hours of play:** 10.30am start.
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|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1 st Innings | : | 10:30am – 1:50pm |
| Lunch Break | : | 1:50pm – 2:20pm |
| 2 nd Innings | : | 2:20pm – 5:40pm |

Penalties for not bowling the required overs:

1. If the team bowling first fails to bowl the number of overs in the allotted time then they must complete the overs not bowled and will only get to face the number of overs they completed within the time.
2. If the team bowling second fails to bowl the number of overs in the allotted time then 5 penalty runs will be awarded to the batting team for each over remaining when the time elapses, the bowling team then must complete the overs.

This rule only applies when there are officially appointed umpires standing.

- (d) **Points:**
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|------------|---|---------------|
| Win | : | 4 points |
| Tie | : | 2 points each |
| Rained out | : | 2 point each |
| Bonus | : | 1 point |

Bonus Point: The team that achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point. A teams run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced. Where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.

Points will **NOT** be carried over to the 2 day competition

**24.1 Powerplay Fielding Restrictions:
See Appendix 1 for explanation of Fielding Restriction Outer and Inner Circles**

- (a) As per 1st Class Playing Conditions

24.2 Free Hits

- (a) As per 1st Class Playing Conditions
 (b) The "free hit" rule only applies when there is an appointed umpire standing at the bowlers end.

24.3 Semi-finals and Finals

- (a) The semi-final round will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.
 (b) Teams may comprise of 12 players
 (c) In the Semi Final should there be no result in a match the teams finishing top qualifiers in the round robin shall go direct into the final.
 (d) Should the game be delayed through weather, Umpires shall have the power to determine the length of the game. A late start can still constitute a 50 over game.
 (e) If the Final is unable to determine a winner because of weather, then the winner shall be the top qualifier of the round robin competition.

- (f) If both teams are equal on points at the conclusion of the round robin competition and cant be separated with the net runs per wicket calculation and the Final cannot be completed, then the trophy shall be shared.
- (g) Prior to the start of the match, team captains must exchange team lists and a copy must be supplied to the umpires
- (h) These lists must contain a batting XI (non batter) and bowling XI (non bowler)
- (i) The non batter and non bowler will have no stand down period if they are off the field for any length of time

Senior Grade Limited Overs Competition

25. (a) **Length of Innings:** 45 overs per side
 (b) **Overs per bowler:** Maximum 9
 (c) **Hours of play:** 10:30am start – can be changed through mutual agreement
 Lunch between innings – 30 minutes
- (d) **Points:**
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|-------------|---|---------------|
| Win | : | 4 points |
| Tie | : | 2 points each |
| Rained out | : | 2 point each. |
| Bonus Point | : | 1 point |

Bonus Point: The team that achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point. A teams run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced. Where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.

25.1 **Fielding restrictions: See Appendix 1 for explanation of Inner and Outer Circles**

- (a) At the instant of delivery there may be no more than five fieldsmen on the leg side of which no more than two may be behind square leg.
- (b) For the first 13 overs only two fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the outer circle marking at the instant of delivery. For the remaining overs only five fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the outer circle marking at the instant of delivery.
- (c) In the first 13 overs there must be a minimum of two stationery fieldsmen within the inner circle, at the instant of delivery. The two stationery fieldsmen may be permitted to stand deeper than the inner circle when fast bowlers are bowling, provided only that they are standing in slip leg slip or gully fielding positions.
- (d) Where play is delayed or interrupted affecting the innings of the team batting first and the total number of overs available is reduced, the number of overs in regard to field restrictions shall be reduced proportionately, e.g. Innings reduced to 40 overs. The first 12 overs shall have field restrictions placed on them.
- (e) The field restrictions for the innings of the team batting second shall be the same as for the team batting first except in an interrupted match when the overs available for the team batting second are reduced to fewer overs than were available for the team batting first in which case the number of overs that the field restrictions shall apply for the team batting second will be reduced proportionately to the number of overs that the field restrictions have applied to the team batting first, e.g. Team batting second has available to them 30 overs. Then field restrictions shall apply to the first 9 overs.
- (f) In the event of an infringement of (a), (b), (c), above, either umpire shall call and signal "No Ball".
- (g) Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations in numbers of overs.

25.2 **Semi Finals and Final**

- (a) The semi-final round will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.
- (b) The winners of the semi-finals shall play a final. The final shall be played under the same match conditions as the teams played in their round robin competition.
- (c) In the Semi Final should there be no result in a match the teams finishing top qualifiers in the round robin shall go direct into the final.
- (d) Should the game be delayed through weather, Umpires shall have the power to determine the length of the game. A late start can still constitute a 45 over game.
- (e) If the Final is unable to determine a winner because of weather, then the winner shall be the top qualifier of the round robin competition.
- (f) If both teams are equal on points at the conclusion of the round robin competition and cant be separated by the net runs per wicket calculation and the Final cannot be completed, then the trophy shall be shared.

Twenty20 Competitions

26 a) **Premier Round Robin**

Two pools of four will play one round over 3 weeks after which the top two teams in each pool will play a crossover (1 v 2) semi-final. The final will be played between the winners of the semi-finals. Matches unable to be played or abandoned on Tuesday evenings should be played by mutual agreement before the next round of the competition.

Hours of Play (Tuesday Evenings)	1 st Innings	5:30pm – 6:45pm
	Interval	6:45pm – 7:00pm
	2 nd Innings	7:00pm – 8:15pm

Balls: New White 4 piece Kookaburra

b) **Lower Grades (South)**

Hours of Play	1 st Innings	11:00am – 12:15pm
	Interval	12:15pm – 12:30pm

2nd Innings 12:30pm – 1:45pm

Balls: Kookaburra Red 156gm 2 piece

c) **North T20 Grade**

Hours of Play	1 st Innings	2:00pm – 3:15pm
	Interval	3:15pm – 3:30pm
	2 nd Innings	3:30pm – 4:45pm

Playoff Structure:

Will be modified depending on number of teams and weeks of play available.

Twenty20 Rules

26.1 The Result

In a match where each team has the opportunity to play the same number of overs; the result is decided by highest number of runs scored or in the case of a tie – an eliminator over.

If an unequal number of overs is played the team with the highest scoring rate per over shall be declared the winner. If the team batting first was dismissed in less than the maximum permissible overs, their scoring rate shall be calculated by dividing the runs scored by the maximum number of overs permissible, NOT the number of overs actually received.

26.2 Duration

One innings per side, each innings limited to a maximum of 20 overs. A minimum of 5 overs per team shall constitute a match.

26.3 Interval

The interval will normally be of 15 minutes duration. In reduced overs matches, the interval will be cut to 10 minutes. There are no drinks breaks.

26.4 No Ball

Any kind of No Ball will incur a penalty of 1 run.

26.5 The Free Hit

Should a bowler deliver a no ball by overstepping the popping crease, it will incur the penalty of 1 run and his next delivery is designated a free-hit. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (ie any kind of no ball or wide), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing.

The batsman facing a free hit delivery can only be dismissed through a run out, for hitting the ball twice, obstructing the field or handling the ball, as is the case for the original “no ball”. If the same batsman is facing then fielders must remain in same position. If batsmen change ends, the field can be changed.

This “free hit” rule only applies when there is an appointed umpire standing at the bowlers end.

26.6 Wasting Time

Appointed Umpires may award 5-run penalty runs to either team at their discretion if they believe either team is wasting time. Umpires are instructed to apply a strict interpretation of time-wasting by the batsman (five-run penalties). For example, batsmen are expected to be ready for the start of a new over as soon as the bowler is ready.

26.7 Slow Over Rate

Fielding teams must complete their allotted 20 overs within 75 minutes. If the fielding team do not start to bowl their 20th over within 75 minutes, the batting side is credited an extra 6 runs for every whole over bowled after the 75 minute mark; the umpire may add more time to this, if he considers the batting team is wasting time.

26.8 Bowling Restrictions

Bowlers may bowl a maximum of only 4 overs per innings. In a delayed or interrupted match, no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the total overs allowed unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption.

26.9 Fielding Restrictions

Leg Side

No more than 5 fielders can be on the leg side and a maximum of 2 behind square leg at any time.

Outer Circle

During the first 6 overs, a maximum of 2 fielders can be outside the outer circle. After the first 6 overs, a maximum of 5 fielders can be outside the outer circle.

26.10 Batsman Timed Out

The incoming batsman must be in position to take guard or for his partner to be ready to receive the next ball (or for his partner to receive the next ball) within one minute 30 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket.

26.11 Short Pitched Bowling

one short-pitched ball is allowed per over. (Premier Only)

26.12 Eliminator Tie-Breaker

If the match ends with the scores tied and there must be a winner, the tie is broken with a one over per side eliminator. If weather and light conditions permit, this shall commence within 5 minutes of the conclusion of the match or rescheduled by the umpires. Prior to the commencement of the eliminator, each team selects 3 batsman and 1 bowler. The umpires shall choose which end to bowl and both teams will bowl from the same end. The same fielding restrictions will apply as for the last over of a normal T20 match.

The team batting second in the match will bat first in the one over eliminator.

The same ball as that used at the end of the teams innings will be used for the extra over. The loss of 2 wickets in the over ends the teams one over innings.

In the event of a “tie” at the end of the eliminator, the team that has hit the most number of boundaries combined from its two innings (main match + eliminator) shall be the winner. If this is the same for both teams, the team that hit the most number of boundaries (fours + sixes) in the main match only, will be declared the winner.

Alternative Tie-Breaker (eg midweek twilight matches)

If, in the umpires opinion, fading light prevents the “eliminator” being completed safely; the “bowl-out” tie-breaker option may be employed as follows:

Five bowlers from each side delivering 2 balls each at an unguarded set of wickets. If the number of broken wickets is equal after the first 10 balls per side, the bowling continues and is decided by sudden death

26.13 Reduction of Overs

Teams have one hour 15 minutes to bowl 20 overs. In the first innings, the calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on one over for every full 3.75 minutes in the total time available for play up to the scheduled close of play. In the second innings of the match, overs shall be reduced at a rate of one over for every full 3.75 minutes lost, unless the first innings finished early / second innings started early in which case no overs are lost until the time that has been gained is subsequently lost.

All other one day rules apply.

LOWER GRADE COMPETITIONS – NORTH AND SOUTH

27	(a)	Length of Innings:	40 overs per side
	(b)	Overs per Bowler:	Maximum 8
	(c)	Hours of Play:	10:00am start (South) 1:00pm start (North)

Break between innings – 15 minutes

(d) Points:	Win	:	6 points
	Tie	:	3 points each
	Rained out	:	2 points each.

27.1 Fielding restrictions

- (a) At the instant of delivery there may be no more than five fieldsmen on the leg side of which no more than two may be behind square leg. In the event of an infringement of this clause, either umpire shall call and signal "No Ball".
 - (b) At the instant of delivery there must be a minimum of four fielders within the outer circle
 - (c) These fielding restrictions apply throughout the innings
- In the event of an infringement of these fielding restrictions either umpire shall call and signal "no ball"

27.2 North Quarter and Semi-finals

- (a) A 2nd grade quarter final will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3
- (b) A 3rd grade quarter final will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3
- (c) In the quarter finals, because of rain and should there be no play, or there is no result, then the teams finishing first and second shall go through to the semi-final.
- (d) The semi finals (North Final) will be contested by the winners of the quarter finals.

27.3 South Quarter and Semi-finals

- (a) A quarter final will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3
- (b) In the quarter finals, because of rain and should there be no play, or there is no result, then the teams finishing first and second shall go through to the semi-final.
- (c) The semi finals (South Final) will be contested by the winners of the quarter finals.

27.4 Separate Trophies available for the North and South Grade winners.

27.5 Finals

- (a) A Taranaki one-day final between the top North and South teams will take place. (Final starts at 10:30)
- (b) The final will be 40 over match with a maximum of 8 overs per bowler
- (c) If in the Finals there shall be no play, or, a result does not eventuate then the T.C.A. Championship shall be deemed to be shared.

Additional Limited Overs Conditions – All Grades

28. Interrupted Play Calculations

- (a) If rain delays the start of play, the number of overs for each team shall be reduced on one over for every eight minutes of playing time lost. (i.e. if 40 minutes is lost the number of overs is reduced by 5 overs for each side). If less than 20 overs are possible for each team the match shall be declared "Rained Out". (i.e. four hours lost for Premier and three hours 20 minutes lost for Second and Third grades).
- (b) If rain interrupts play while the first team is batting, the number of overs for each team shall be reduced as in clause 28a above.
- (c) If rain interrupts play while the second team is batting, the number of overs for this team shall be reduced by one over for every four minutes of playing time lost. If less than 20 overs are possible for the second team the match shall be declared "Rained Out".
- (d) If an unequal number of overs is played the team with the highest scoring rate per over shall be declared the winner. If the team batting first was dismissed in less than the maximum permissible overs, their scoring rate shall be calculated by dividing the runs scored by the maximum number of overs permissible, NOT the number of overs actually received.
- (e) If the number of overs is reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second a minimum of 5 bowlers must still be used. The maximum number of overs per bowler will be reduced to give the most even distribution possible for 5 bowlers. (i.e. a 50 over match reduced by rain to 25 overs after 12 overs bowled in the first innings, 6 overs each by 2 bowlers, 13 overs remain and a minimum of 3 more bowlers must be used, 1 with a maximum of 5 overs and 2 with a maximum of 4 overs. The team bowling second would then be allowed the same distribution of overs, 2 bowlers with a maximum of 6 overs, 1 with a maximum of 5 overs and 2 with a maximum of 4 overs).
- (f) The above rules are not in affect for the Premier Grade as the Duckworth Lewis Formula will be used for calculations

29. Wides See Appendix 2 for Wide Markings Diagram

- (a) Any offside delivery that passes outside of the offside line, without making contact with the strikers bat or body, then that ball is to be called a 'wide ball', irrespective of the speed of the ball bowled.
- (b) Any legside delivery that passes behind the batsman and outside the leg stump.
- (c) A penalty of one run shall be awarded on the call of wide ball. Unless the call is revoked, this penalty shall stand even if a batsman is dismissed, and shall be in addition to any other runs scored, any boundary allowance and any other penalties awarded.
- (d) All runs completed by the batsmen or a boundary allowance, together with the penalty for wide, shall be scored as wide balls. Apart from any award of a 5 run penalty, all runs resulting from a wide ball shall be debited against the bowler.

30. No ball

No ball shall be interpreted as follows:

- (a) As per 1st Class conditions except in all Lower Grades competitions where all deliveries that bounce and pass or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker, standing upright at the crease, the Umpire shall call and signal "no ball".

Premier Grade Two-day Competition

31. (a) **Pitches:** All games, including semi-finals and finals will be played on turf.

(b) **Hours of play:**

10.30am -	12.45pm
1.25pm -	3.40pm
3.55pm -	6.00pm

Exceptions: -

Due to junior cricket commitments being played on Home grounds, home fixtures for Woodleigh and NP Old Boys' teams will have the right to commence their games at a later time than shown above. It will be the responsibility of the home team to advise their opponents and Umpires of the actual starting times. Each playing period time shall be the same as stated above, irrespective of the actual starting time.

(c) **Points:**

Outright	:	6 points
1 st innings lead	:	2 points
1 st innings tie	:	1 point each
Outright tie	:	3 points each
No result	:	2 points each
Abandoned Match	:	3 points each

Bonus Points will apply for each team's first innings.

Batting bonus points can only be scored up to the end of the 75th over

1 point	:	160 runs
2 points	:	200 runs
3 points	:	240 runs
4 points	:	280 runs

Bowling points

1 point	:	3 wickets
2 points	:	5 wickets
3 points	:	7 wickets
4 points	:	9 wickets

31.1 Overs

(a) A minimum of 105 overs must be bowled in each day's play. There is no limit on overs in the 1st innings. Each team must bowl a minimum of 16 overs per hour whilst they are in the field during the course of the game. 15 overs to be bowled in the last hour of the second day. A penalty of 5 runs will be awarded to the opposition for every over behind the scheduled number not completed. The penalty can only be awarded if there is an official TCUSA appointed umpire standing.

(b) There is no reduction of overs for any change of innings however umpires will adjust the minimum number of overs left in the day at each scheduled break and change of innings.

(c) Play shall continue until the minimum numbers of overs for that day have been bowled or the scheduled conclusion of play has been reached whichever occurs last. Play cannot go past 6:30 at any stage.

31.2 Definition of a 'no-result':

When the team batting second has not been bowled out or has not scored enough runs to gain a first innings result then the match is a no-result match.

31.3 Washed out games:

- (a) If the first day is washed out, the second day of the match shall not be played as a one-day limited over match.
(b) Should both playing days be washed out, then "abandoned match" points will be awarded.

31.4 Semi-Finals

(a) The semi-final will be contested between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.

(b) If in the semi-final, because of rain, there shall be no play or a first innings result does not eventuate then the team finishing top qualifiers in the round robin shall go directly into the Final.

(c) Result: In the event of a draw the winner shall be decided on the first innings.

(d) Teams may comprise 12 players.

(e) Prior to the start of the match, team captains must exchange team lists and a copy must be supplied to the umpires.

(f) These lists must contain batting XI (non batter) and fielding XI (non bowler)

(g) The player left out of the fielding XI (non bowler) may act as a 'normal' 12th man for the fielding part of the match (ie he/she can not bowl or wicket keep).

(h) The 12th man may be rotated on and off the field, however the rules of cricket regarding eligibility to bowl and bat in relation to a players' time off the field must apply except for the appointed non batter and non bowler, no stand down period will apply to them.

31.5 Finals:

(a) The final will be played over 3 days

(b) If in the final because of rain there should be no play or a first innings result does not eventuate, then the highest place qualifier in the final will be declared the winner of their T.C.A. Championship.

(c) Hours of play shall remain as that set out above, however, if daylight saving has finished then play will commence at 10am.

(d) The same 12 player rule that applies for the semi-final above (31.4 (d) – (h)) shall apply for the final.

(i) The TCA will provide 1 ball per innings. If more balls are required, the respective team will provide their own.

Additional 2 Day Conditions

- 32.** (a) A tie in two-day cricket is when all innings are completed and runs even.
- (b) In any match where the hours of play are curtailed by reason of adverse weather or ground conditions, the captains may agree to advance the time fixed for the commencement of luncheon and/or tea interval.
- (c) At the request of either captain the stated hours may be varied or extended where possible, on the day or subsequent days, to make up lost time in a days play because of light, weather or any other unavoidable circumstances. Hours of play are to be confined to the period 10.30am to 6.30pm. i.e. an extra half-hour (7 overs) per day is available to be claimed.
- (d) Where possible, time lost due to circumstances caused by a team, the non-offending team may claim this time as an extension in lieu of time lost. The time must be claimed immediately after the offence has occurred. However, any time lost under this clause and clause (b) shall qualify for assessing time lost.
- 32.1** If play is suspended for any reason the minimum number of overs to be bowled in a day shall be calculated as follows:
For every 3.75 minutes of play lost deduct one over.
E.g. (a) 30 minutes of time lost will equate to 8 overs being deducted. Ignore fractions of time left over.
(b) 60 minutes lost will equate to 16 overs being deducted.
- 32.2** No reduction in overs for a change of innings, lunch, tea or drinks intervals.
- 32.3** If an innings ends during the course of an over, such part over shall count as a whole over.