

**Far South Coast**  
**Cricket Association Inc**



# By-Laws

2023-2024 Season

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## **ADMINISTRATION**

- 1.1 The executive committee of management shall decide for the new season:
- a) Affiliation fees to be paid per competing Team.
  - b) The date on which the competition will commence.
  - c) The types of matches to be contested in each Grade.
  - d) The Grade in which nominated Teams shall compete.
  - e) Those `Experimental Laws of Cricket' to be adopted for use in the new season.
  - f) Match fees to be paid to appoint Umpires for competition round, semi-final and final matches. The fees are to reflect appointment of either one, or two Umpires to a match.
- 1.2 Team affiliation fees are to be paid to the Association by their nominating Club not later than 30 days after the date decided on for commencement of the new season's competition or any other date approved by the Executive. Any Club which fails to meet its obligation shall not have competition points allocated to its nominated Team(s) until its fees are paid in full.
- 1.3 If received in writing, extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Executive Committee, however, under no circumstances will the Committee allow:
- a) a Team representing a non - financial Club to compete in finals matches.
  - b) a non - financial Club at the completion of a season to nominate Teams for a succeeding season before becoming fully financial.
- 1.4 All clubs are to attend all general meetings of the Association
- 1.5 All Meeting of the Association may be held using video or audio-conferencing technology; Members must still have an opportunity to participate in meetings using this technology.

## **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

### **Registration**

- 2.1 Each club must register their players in PlayHQ. The minimum information required is:
- A) First & Last Name
  - B) Address
  - C) Date of Birth

D) Gender

E) Mobile Phone Number

F) Email address

- 2.2 Players are deemed to be registered once their names appear on the Club's registered players list in Play HQ.
- 2.3 All new players must be registered on Play HQ prior to the first match in which the player participates, unless dispensation approved by the Executive of the Association.
- 2.4 Any substitute fielder must be a registered player.

### **Transfers**

- 2.5 A Player registered with a Club may not transfer to another Club unless a clearance is obtained using the Play HQ player clearance system.
- 2.6 A player who is un-financial with any Association club shall not be eligible for registration with another club until such time that the player's financial obligations have been cleared with the original club.
- 2.7 Any player registered with another Association or another Club outside the FSCCA Inc. in the current or previous season, cannot play in the FSCCA competition unless:
- a) the Registrar receives a clearance from the outside Association/Club concerned through Play HQ; or
  - b) An application for a temporary permit lodged by the club through Play HQ has been approved by the association executive.
- 2.8 The Executive may grant permission for the player to participate in the game prior to the release being received. Any junior player playing junior cricket for a Club and wishing to play senior cricket for another Club must obtain the written consent from both Clubs and must notify the Association.

### **2.9 Temporary Permit**

A temporary permit is required for any player who is registered as a senior player with another club, and who is on loan from that club. These permits may be valid for one or more matches in a season. To be eligible for a temporary permit, a player needs to have been registered with the FSCCA club as a player in Play HQ in a previous season.

## **GENERAL MATCH CONDITIONS**

### **Alcohol & Smoking**

- 3.1 No alcohol will be consumed by any player or team official, on or off the ground, between the time the match begins and the time when stumps are officially drawn on that day.
- 3.2 Bega Valley Shire Council & Eurobodalla Council policy prohibits smoking on all playing fields, sporting grounds and sporting facilities and the like. (Note: Smoking is only permissible within designated car parking areas at these locations only.)
- 3.3 The team of any player or team official breaching this rule shall be regarded as having lost the match and shall forfeit any points gained. Where such team lost the match, first innings points shall be deducted from the total points gained by that team for the season.

### **Player Eligibility**

- 3.4 In the event of a bye, forfeit or when a player is not required other than those designated in by-law 3.4 may play in a lower grade team.
- 3.5 In A Grade, players under the age of 14 years (on the day of the match) must have a written permission signed by their parents/guardians to play (includes 12<sup>th</sup> man and sub-fielders This document must be filed with the Association Secretary prior to the game.

## **UMPIRES**

4.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint Official Umpires.

4.2 Payment of Umpires:

- a) where there are two umpires present on the day the payment will be \$120.00 per day, per umpire.
- b) Where there is one umpire present on the day the payment will be \$240 per day for the umpire.
- c) If umpire/s attend a ground and the match is called off without starting, \$25.00 payment only
- d) For lower grade games the total available for umpire payments will be \$3 per scheduled over in the match - e.g. U13s with 50 overs the available amount for umpires will be \$150. If there are two umpires they will get \$75 each plus travel.
- e) Travel costs to continue at 50c/km for all umpires from their home town, directly to the ground and back home again

4.3 The payment of umpires will be made by the Association and reimbursed by the invoicing of the concerned home clubs at the end of the November, February and March.

## SCOREBOOKS & RESULTS

### Scorebooks

- 5.1 Each team is responsible for providing appropriate scorebooks at all matches.
- 5.2 Scorebooks must be fully completed and agree, at the completion of the match. Particular attention should be paid to the following which is required for the Play HQ website:
- Total scores (team & player) are filled in and agree.
  - Number of over's (team & player) filled in.
  - All team members' names listed who participated in the match whether players have batted or bowled or not.
  - not-out batsman must be shown
  - the names of the players involved in run outs, taking catches, wicketkeeper catches and stumping must be recorded
  - the order of dismissal of batsmen and the relevant fall of wicket score
- 5.3 Winning team details are completed and signed by umpire(s) or competing team officials before leaving the venue following the completion of the match.
- 5.4 Clubs must keep the signed hard copies for future possible scrutinizing of any disputed match results.
- 5.5 Should any disputes arise and the signing off procedure has not occurred, both teams shall be fined and will receive no points for the match.

### Entry of Results in Play HQ

- 5.6 All clubs must enter the names of all team members into the Play HQ website prior to 7pm on the day prior to the match to allow the electronic scoring by opposing teams.
- 5.7 **The Home Team** shall be responsible for entering the results onto the Play HQ by 6.00pm on the day following that match.
- 5.8 Where a game does not commence for reasons other than a forfeit players named in teams shall not have this game counted towards finals eligibility. Where a team forfeits players from the team that forfeited against shall have the game counted towards their finals eligibility
- 5.9 **The away side is to confirm the result in Play HQ by 8pm on the Monday following the conclusion of the match. If this isn't**

completed on time the entered result will stand

- 5.10 Penalty for not or late entering/confirming the result shall be warning or loss of competition points (as per fine schedule) for each match not entered.
- 5.11 Penalty for not or late entering the team member names or full player scores shall be a warning or loss of competition points (as per fine schedule) for each match not entered.



## 6. COMPETITION POINTS

<b>COMPETITION POINTS RESULT TYPE</b>	<b>ONE DAY/T20</b>
Won or Forfeit	12
Tie	6
Lost	0
Abandoned/Washout	6
Bye	0
Loss on Forfeit	-6

6.1 Win on forfeit – In the calculation of Net Run Rate (One-Day & T20) , the winning team will receive an adjustment of 3+ points for the match. That is Equivalent of 240 runs for 40/over's faced – 120 runs against 40 over's bowled

## **7. SEMI- FINALS AND FINALS**

### **General Conditions**

- 7.1 Unless otherwise determined by the Association Executive, semi-finals shall be contested in each grade by the top four teams on the respective points score ladder at the completion of the competition rounds.
- 7.2 First shall play fourth and second shall play third.
- 7.3 The winners of the two semi-finals shall meet in the Final to decide the Premier Team. The highest place winning team will host the final
- 7.4 In the event of a tie or a draw/no result in either a semi-final or final match the team which finished highest on the competition point score ladder at the end of the competition rounds shall be declared the winner of the match.
- 7.5 Where two or more teams have an equal number of competition points of the conclusion of the preliminary rounds relative position shall be determined by,
- A. Net Run Rate (NRR) in One-Day Matches & T20 Competition's , team's NRR is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that throughout the competition , the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition (Runs for Over's faced ) – (Runs against Over's Bowled).

### **Grounds**

- 7.6 Ground for each semi-final and final match will be chosen by the club with the highest placed team on the competition point score ladder in the respective grade. The grounds chosen must be approved as suitable by the Association Executive.

### **Eligibility of Players**

- 7.7 To qualify to play in semi finals and/or in a particular grade and series, a player must have in that season;
- A. Been named in and played in a minimum of four (4) one day competition matches during the season for the club he the player is to represent (refer by-law 5.8) and ;
- B. In the event of a club having consecutive teams (A & B or B & C) in semi finals or finals on the same day the club may

interchange players between irrespective of their designation under by-law 3.4

- 7.8 Any player, having played in a lower grade semi-final as the result of rule 7.7c) shall still be eligible to play in the lower grade final if the higher grade team should be defeated in the semi- final.
- 7.9 Where a club enters two teams in the same grade a player can only be eligible for finals in one team. For simplicity the side the player first qualifies for (by playing the fourth game for that team), is the only one they will be able to play finals for
- 7.10 Where a team is forfeited against during the season and where they have submitted a team by the cutoff those players will have that game counted for eligibility purposes. Team that forfeits will not have that game counted towards their players eligibility
- 7.11 Should any club be concerned with a particular player's eligibility they should contact the Association Executive who will make an individual decision on the player concerned and their rights to play.

## **AWARDS & TROPHIES**

- 8.1 To be eligible for end of season awards players must have played 3 competition games in the grade the award is being awarded in.  
Aggregate awards only
- 8.2 The runs and wickets achieved in the normal rounds of the competitions (not semis or finals) are to be used for calculation of the averages and aggregates for the trophy awards. If no player in any grade has achieved the minimum requirement then the executive committee will make the decisions which players will achieve the trophies.
- 8.3 Awards for C Grade will only be awarded to U18 eligible players**
- 8.4 Player of the Final will be awarded each year and presented to the player at the Association Presentation Night in each Grade A, B & C. The players will be judged by the two captains and the two umpires present at the final.
- 8.5 A Club Championship trophy will be competed for across the season and will be judged on a cumulative points system below with points awarded per win in each grade in the regular season

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points per win</b>
A/Premier	5
B/B Reserve	4
C/15s	4
U13	4
U11	4
Blast program	10

## 8. CODE OF CONDUCT

**Note the executive proposes that the CNSW code of conduct be adopted in full. This will be voted on at the next general meeting of the Association and as such this section of the By Laws may be replaced with the CNSW By Laws**

8.1 The Association shall apply a Code of Conduct based on sportsmanship, fair play, and consideration for the efforts and responsibilities of others.

8.2 The Code applies to all players, team officials and others participating in the activities of the Association.

8.3 No person bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behavior.

8.4 Disorderly or improper conduct or behavior includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

- a) assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator;
- b) disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire;
- c) using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures;
- d) engaging in sledging;
- e) engaging in any form of conduct or behavior detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute;
- f) agree or attempt to obtain agreement between players and/or officials to produce a match result by methods such as unusual declarations, deliberate loss of wickets, or any other action that offends against the principles of fair play;
- g) the consumption of alcohol by players or match officials during the hours of play;
- h) engaging in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin, or
- i) refusing to supply that person's name and that person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report.

8.5 The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the

person acting as 12th man) comply with the Code of Conduct.

- 8.6 The captain of a team breaches the Code of Conduct if a player in that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behavior.
- 8.7 For the purposes of the this Code of Conduct sledging is defined as, “The giving of comments, insults and/or gestures by a player of one team to another of the opposition team causing personal offence and distraction such as to detract from that player’s ability to play the game.”
- 8.8 It would be expected that to constitute a cause for complaint any player so offended will request that such actions discontinue immediately and, failure by the offender to do so will, in turn, constitute a prima facie case of sledging.
- 8.9 In this event the player affronted should report it immediately to the Umpire who may take action under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket. Following the day’s play, the Player and/or the Umpire should also report the incident in writing through their club/organization should either wish to make a complaint of a breach of the Code of Conduct.
- 8.10 No person accused of a breach of the code of conduct shall be denied natural justice in responding to any allegation of a breach.

## **REPORTING BREACHES OF THE CODE**

### **Umpire Reports**

- 9.1 In the case of an offence under these rules, which an umpire considers to be serious, he may place the player immediately on report.
- 9.2 The Association Secretary must receive reporting documentation by 7pm on the next working day following the completion of the match. If this procedure is not followed the case may be dismissed.
- 9.3 The captain of the offending player can and may be reported due to the conduct of their player(s).

### **Other Complaints**

- 9.4 Any Club member, official or player may make a complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct.
- 9.5 Reports by parties other than an Umpire shall be in writing through the Secretary of their club to the Association Secretary (or nominee) outlining the offence or offences and shall be received no later 7pm on the next working day following the match or alleged incident.

## **DEALING WITH BREACHES OF THE CODE**

### **Prescribed Penalties**

- 11.1 Prescribed penalties will be set by the Association Executive Committee and are in place for players wishing to plead guilty to any report. A single report form can contain a number of offences and the Executive can prescribe penalties for each offence individually.
- 11.2 Any person reported may elect to accept the minimum prescribed penalty for the offence (see Appendix 2) which the player is reported by notifying the Association Secretary prior to 7.00pm on the next working day following the completion of the match in which the player was reported.
- 11.3 This does not negate the right of the Association Executive to reject this acceptance and have the matter heard by the Judiciary Committee if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.



## **Judiciary Hearings**

11.4 If the accused chooses to challenge the charge then a Judiciary Committee will be formed comprising 1 Executive member and 2 representatives from clubs not involved. Clubs will be expected to nominate a judiciary representative at the start of the season each year

11.5 Within seven (7) days of an alleged breach being referred to the Judiciary, the Secretary must:

- a) provide the person who is the subject of the report/complaint a copy of all reports to be considered and notice to appear before the Judiciary Committee; and
- b) provide that person's Club Secretary a copy of such reports and notice.
- c) the time and place for such Judiciary hearing must be set out in that notice and must be at least 48 hours after the time that the notice is sent.
- d) if the Association deems it appropriate it may ask the person who reported the breach to appear at the Judiciary hearing by giving notice to that person in accordance with these regulations.

11.6 Judiciary hearings may be held in person or using video or audio conferencing as determined by the judiciary committee.

11.7 All notices and reports will be sent electronically to the address recorded in the Play HQ database for that person. Service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected once it was sent.

11.8 The Association should convene the Judiciary hearing as soon as practicable and preferably before the next playing date of the competition.

11.9 All Association disciplinary matters will be conducted informally and no member shall have right to legal representation.

11.10 No player under 18 years of age will be the subject of a disciplinary hearing without a parent or responsible adult being present.

11.11 Any person attending a disciplinary hearing shall be permitted to be accompanied by a witness who shall be an observer unless invited to do otherwise by the Chairperson of the Hearing.

11.12 If the Judiciary Committee is satisfied that proper notice was served it may conduct the proceedings in the absence of the person given notice to appear, and, if necessary, the person who has made the complaint.

- 11.13 The Judiciary Committee must verbally advise the person, who is the subject of the report, its decision as soon as possible after the hearing
- 11.14 As soon as practicable after the hearing the Judiciary Committee must give written notice of its decision to:
- a) the person who is subject of the report; and
  - b) that person's Club; and
  - c) the person who lodged the report.
  - d) if a person who was given notice to appear fails to do so, and the Judiciary Committee proceeds, it may subsequently set aside any order made in the absence of that person, upon receipt of advice satisfactory to it, that the person did not receive the notice. The Judiciary Committee shall then determine on the facts available to it whether to proceed or dispense with the matter.
- 11.15 The Secretary of the Association shall keep all records of proceedings and decisions relating to Judiciary hearings for a period not exceeding two years at which time the records shall be destroyed.
- 11.16 any player suspended for any offence will not take part in any matches while under suspension. In addition, if a player is found guilty of an offence and is suspended by the Judiciary Committee, his team will be penalized four (4) points in the competition table, provided that only one penalty of points will be imposed on any team per match. The Judiciary Committee has the discretion to waive the four (4) point penalty.
- 11.17 A player is suspended in the grade and team that the infringement occurred. The suspension will be served in that team. Any matches washed-out and won on forfeit will count towards the period of suspension. A bye does not count as a match.
- 11.18 The Judiciary Committee must report any action taken under to the Association Management Committee as soon as possible.
- 11.19 Any fine must be paid to the Association within thirty (30) days of the person being notified that the fine has been imposed.
- 11.20 A person is ineligible for selection or participation in, or appointment to, any match or fixture set down by the Association until any fine imposed on him/her has been paid or penalty served.

11.21 Any person who fails to present themselves at a hearing of the Judiciary Committee without just cause, having been given due notice of their attendance being required, shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to such penalty as determined by that Committee

## **THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 Judiciary Committee will be formed by the Executive comprising 1 Executive member and 2 representatives from clubs not involved. Clubs will be expected to nominate a judiciary representative at the start of the season each year
- 12.2 A member of the committee will be appointed as the Secretary to the Judiciary Committee
- 12.3 A quorum for the Judiciary Committee shall be two members
- 12.4 No person may be a member of a Judiciary Committee if that hearing involves an alleged offender or complainant connected with a Club or body of which the proposed Judiciary person is an active member.
- 12.5 It is the responsibility of the Judiciary to investigate the matter to the extent necessary to ensure that justice is done and the person responding to the allegation is afforded a fair and proper hearing.
- 12.6 A Judicial Committee must address the requirements of natural justice and procedural fairness in any process before it. Key points of the process are:
- a) it shall be a non-legal process with emphasis on natural justice, fair play, and procedural fairness.
  - b) it shall avoid application of the rules of evidence to facilitate a non-legal environment.
  - c) it shall set out the nature of the breach clearly and specifically so that the person “charged” may have clear understanding and the right to respond in defence of the allegations.
  - d) it shall provide for the hearing and taking of evidence from minors.
  - e) it shall provide for any person accused to have a non-participatory/observer witness in attendance.
  - f) it shall seek to resolve all matters speedily yet not with unseemly haste such as to disadvantage any party.
  - g) it shall aim to be corrective rather than punitive but shall provide for fines and suspensions.
  - h) it shall have the power to direct Clubs to take actions arising out of the outcome of such hearings.
  - i) it shall have the power to hear any such part of any hearing in camera.

- j) all information heard in the judicial process shall be confidential to the Judiciary Members.
- k) it shall provide for an appeal process.

12.7 Without limiting the range of penalties it may impose, the Judiciary Committee may:

- a) issue a warning in the form of a reprimand to the person appearing before it; or
- b) impose a fine; or
- c) suspend or disqualify that person for a specified period of time; or
- d) any combination of (a) (b) (c) above; or
- e) otherwise deal with the person.
- f) suspend the operation of any Penalty on any terms it thinks fit.

## **DISPUTES AND PROTESTS**

- 13.1 Any matter of complaint concerning games, other than breaches of the Code of Conduct, must be submitted in writing through the Secretary of the affiliated Club to the Association Secretary within seven (7) days of completion of the match concerned. Verbal representations shall not be entertained and all written submissions must contain all relevant facts with reasons in support, in addition to being noted on the match result sheet and duly signed.
- 13.2 A copy of the subject matter shall be furnished to the Secretary of the team protested against and shall be allowed seven (7) days to state the Clubs claims in writing before the matter is dealt with by the Association.
- 13.3 The Match Review Committee shall consider the complaint.
- 13.4 In the exercise of its function, the Match Review Committee shall do all such things as may be necessary to ensure that all matters are set down for hearing with as much expedition as is reasonably possible, and concluded within as short a period as is reasonably possible.
- 13.5 The Match Review Committee shall consist of the Association Secretary, the Registrar and one other committee member appointed by the Management Committee.
- 13.6 The Match Review Committee shall determine what action, if any, it shall take. Any action taken shall be conveyed to the relevant Clubs as soon as possible following receipt of the report.
- 13.7 The Match Review Committees shall report its decisions to the Management Committee. No member of the Match Review Committee (including the chairperson) shall have the right to publish in any manner the decisions of that Committee. All decisions shall be notified to the Secretary of the Association who alone shall have the right to publish, following consultation with the relevant Committee.
- 13.8 There shall be no fee required for the submission of a complaint but should such complaint be deemed, upon investigation, to be frivolous or mischievous the lodging club may be fined an amount not exceeding \$100.
- 13.9 The Association Secretary, on becoming aware of matters occurring in any game that gives rise to a possible breach of the

Laws and/or Association Rules and/or By-Laws generally, or acting on the advice of the Registrar, may make such inquiries and seek such written reports from Clubs and other affiliated bodies concerned as are necessary to resolve the matter.

13.10 Such report(s) are to be submitted and considered by the Match Review Committee within seven (7) days of their receipt.

13.11 The awarding of Competition points by the Registrar may be held in abeyance pending completion of the investigation and determination of the matter.

13.12 A member of the Match Review Committee shall not take part in a hearing that may involve an affiliated club or affiliated organization or a player of a Club or a member of an organization with which he or she holds office as Committee person or with which otherwise he or she holds a close association.

## **APPEALS**

- 14.1 Appeals against decisions of the Match Review or Judiciary committee shall be made to the Management Committee. Appeals shall be in writing and be lodged with the Association Secretary within seven (7) days after receipt of decision.  
Any Club or club member may, through their Club Secretary appeal against the finding or decision or the severity of any penalty imposed.
- 14.2 A fee of \$100 must accompany the appeal. The fee shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 14.3 In the event of an appeal, the relevant Committee may only represent the basis of its decision and may take no part in the decision making processes of the Management Committee in determining the appeal.
- 14.4 A member of the Executive Committee shall not take part in a hearing that may involve an affiliated club or a player of a Club or a member of an organisation with which he or she holds office as a Committee person or with which otherwise he or she holds a close association.
- 14.5 The decision of the Management Committee shall be final and no further appeal may be made to any other than provide in section 15.

## **APPEALS TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET ZONE**

15.1 NSW Country Cricket Policies and Procedures provide for an appeal to the Southern Districts Zone Cricket against any decision of the association , which in general involves an interpretation of the rules of the association or the laws of cricket , fines etc etc provided that such appeal is lodged with the zone within seven (7) Days of the association decision and is accompanied with the required fee.



## APPENDIX 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Fine</b>
Team Nominations notification – late or withdrawal	\$100
Ineligible player (each instance)	\$100
<p>Failure to upload results by 6pm on day following match by winning team (or home team in case of washout, draw)</p> <p>Breaches are grade specific, so a club that doesn't put results in for U13s gets warning for U13s and next week doesn't put result in for A Grade will get a warning for A Grade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 1<sup>st</sup> offence - warning from President</li> <li>ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence - loss of 1 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> offence - loss of 2 competition points in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>iv. 4<sup>th</sup> offence - loss of 3 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>v. 5<sup>th</sup> + offence - loss of 5 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> </ul>
<p>Team Player Names – not entering / late into Play HQ (per match)</p> <p>Breaches are grade specific, so a club that doesn't put results in for U13s gets warning for U13s and next week doesn't put result in for A Grade will get a warning for A Grade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. 1<sup>st</sup> offence - warning from President</li> <li>vii. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence - loss of 1 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>viii. 3<sup>rd</sup> offence - loss of 2 competition points in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>ix. 4<sup>th</sup> offence - loss of 3 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> <li>x. 5<sup>th</sup> + offence - loss of 5 competition point in grade where result not uploaded</li> </ul>

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **PRESCRIBED PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **One Match Penalty**

17.1 These offences are considered 3rd Grade offences. If taken to the Judiciary and found guilty, the penalty may be up to a three match suspension.

- a) Abusive language towards others that is not deemed excessive.
- b) Smoking whilst on the ground.
- c) A player may not wear clothing, equipment or footwear that is not approved by the Association.
- d) Continuing to use excessive swearing, not directed at another person, after first warning by umpire.
- e) A player or an Official to criticize in or to the media, any aspect of umpiring or, the management of the Association.
- f) Failure for the appointed Captain to sign the "Umpires Match Report" at the completion of a match.
- g) Following an umpiring decision a player may ask for clarification but shall not –
- h) Dispute the decision;
- i) React in a provocative or disapproving manner;
- j) Use offensive language to the umpire.

17.2 Guideline penalty: minimum first offence one match suspension and/or \$50 fine; second offence 4-match suspension and/or \$100 fine; further offences 8-match suspension and/or \$250 fine.

#### **Two Match Penalty**

17.3 These offences are considered 2nd Grade offences. If taken to the Judiciary and found guilty, the penalty may be up to a six match suspension.

- a) A player or official must not use crude or offensive language, gestures, or conduct him/her in a way that is detrimental to the game or to the spirit of the game.
- b) Knocking down the stumps personally or with equipment outside actions of normal play.
- c) Making obscene gestures to crowd, players or umpires.
- d) Making deliberate contact with another player in the course of play.
- e) Throwing of equipment where no damage to person or surrounds eventuates outside actions of normal play.
- f) Taking alcohol on the ground or drinking during the game.
- g) Abusive language towards others that is deemed excessive.

17.4 Guideline penalty: first offence 2-match suspension and/or \$50 fine; second offence 6-match suspension and/or \$100 fine; further offences 10-match suspension and/or \$250 fine.

### **Four Match Penalty**

17.5 These offences are considered 1st Grade offences. If taken to the Judiciary and found guilty, the penalty may be up to a 6 match suspension

- a) A player or official must not engage in racial vilification or racial abuse that may be construed as giving offence to a member of the public or another player or official.
- b) Throwing of equipment where damage to person or surrounds eventuates.
- c) Continual dissent and / or abuse of umpire(s), official, another player or spectator.
- d) Threatening of umpire(s), official, another player or spectator.
- e) Any other report where the umpire considers the offence to be equally significant as the above offences.

17.6 Guideline penalty: First offence 4-match suspension and/or \$50 fine, second offence 10-match suspension and/or \$100 fine; further offences 16-match suspension and/or \$250 fine.

### **Assault**

17.7 A player or official must not assault or attempt to assault, an official, another player, or a spectator.

17.8 Guideline penalty: first offence up to 12 matches suspension; second offence up to two (2) season suspension, third offence consider life suspension.

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF DOUBTFUL BOWLING ACTION**

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Law 24 states in part as follows-

#### **Law 24.2 Fair delivery – the arm**

For a delivery to be fair in respect of the arm the ball must not be thrown. See 3 below.

(a) If, in the opinion of either umpire, the ball has been thrown, he shall:

(i) The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible to the *Association Executive* of the *FSCCA*, the fielding side *Captain* and any Governing Body responsible for the match, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and bowler concerned.

(ii) *If in the event of no appointed Association umpires, it is the responsibility of the 2 Captains. If one Captain believes a player has a doubtful bowling action, they must inform the opposing Captain of their thoughts and report the issue to the Association Executive after the match. They must not make a big scene about it, just a quiet discussion with the opposing Captain.*

#### Law 24.3 Definition of fair delivery – the arm

A ball is fairly delivered in respect of the arm if, once the bowler's arm has reached the level of the shoulder in the delivery swing, the elbow joint is not straightened partially or completely from that point until the ball has left the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from flexing or rotating the wrist in the delivery swing.

The International Cricket Council and Cricket Australia have procedures relating to the above Law's application. It is appropriate that the Association also develops, promotes and applies a procedure for application in its own competitions. Such a procedure should be in the best interests of both the player, and the competition as a whole.

*No player will be allowed to 'blatantly' throw a ball during bowling, 'baseball' style without attempting to bowl the ball correctly. The responsibility lies solely with the Captain or Coach (in the case of a junior cricketer) to ensure that the player attempts to 'bowl' the ball.*

*An Illegal Bowling Action is where a player is throwing rather than bowling the ball. This is defined by the ICC as being where the players elbow extends by an amount of more than 15 degrees between their arm reaching the horizontal and the ball being released. Match Officials in international cricket use the naked eye and their cricketing experience to decide whether they believe a player may be using an Illegal Bowling Action and, if so, they will submit a report. (Taken from the ICC Rules and Regulations website)*