

Far South Coast
Cricket Association Inc



By-Laws

2025-26 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

- 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 may, subject to management committee decision, 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 Five (5) players who will designated to play in the club's No 1 team (subject to Executive for Approval) these players will not be permitted to play in a lower ranked team unless written permission has been received to do so from Association Executive
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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 12th 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 or tablets at all matches.
- 5.2 Scorebooks or tablets 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:
- a) Total scores (team & player) are filled in and agree.
 - b) Number of over's (team & player) filled in.
 - c) All team members' names listed who participated in the match whether players have batted or bowled or not.
 - d) not-out batter must be shown
 - e) the names of the players involved in run outs, taking catches, wicketkeeper catches and stumping must be recorded
 - f) the order of dismissal of batters 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

COMPETITION POINTS RESULT TYPE	ONE DAY
Won or Forfeit	10
Tie	5
Lost	0
Abandoned/Washout	5
Bye	0
Loss on Forfeit (unless within same club)	-6
Loss on forfeit within same club both teams	-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 and the specific grade the player is to represent (refer by-law 5.8) and ;
- B. Be eligible to play in that grade under by-law 3.4
- C. 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

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

9.CODE OF CONDUCT

- 9.1 The Association shall apply a Code of Conduct based on sportsmanship, fair play, and consideration for the efforts and responsibilities of others.
- 9.2 The Code applies to all players, team officials and others participating in the activities of the Association.
- 9.3 FSSCA shall adopt the relevant code of conduct defined by Cricket New South Wales for the operating season.
- 9.4 All processes, policies, details and structures relating to code of conduct shall be a mirror of the CNSW Code of Conduct.
- 9.5 If a situation arises in FSSCA where the CNSW has a perceived gap, this will be relayed to CNSW for guidance and a subsequent decision. CNSW judiciary will be final in all code of conduct matters.

REPORTING BREACHES OF THE CODE

Umpire Reports

- 10.1 In the case of an offence under these rules, which an umpire considers to be serious, they may place the player immediately on report.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The captain of the offending player can and may be reported due to the conduct of their player(s).

Other Complaints

- 10.4 Any Club member, official or player may make a complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct.
- 10.5 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 CNSW Code of Conduct and implemented by the Association Executive Committee. 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 CNSW Judiciary Committee if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.
- 11.4 Any fine must be paid to the Association within thirty (30) days of the person being notified that the fine has been imposed.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 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

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 they hold office as Committee person or with which otherwise they hold a close association.

APPEALS

14.1 Appeals against decisions of the Match Review or Judiciary committee shall be according to the CNSW Code of Conduct.

APPENDIX 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

Offence	Fine
Team Nominations notification – late or withdrawal	\$100
Ineligible player (each instance)	\$100
Failure to upload results by 6pm on day following match by winning team (or home team in case of washout, draw) 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.	i. 1st offence - warning from President ii. 2nd offence - loss of 1 competition point in grade where result not uploaded iii. 3rd offence - loss of 2 competition points in grade where result not uploaded iv. 4th offence - loss of 3 competition point in grade where result not uploaded v. 5th + offence - loss of 5 competition point in grade where result not uploaded
Team Player Names – not entering / late into Play HQ (per match) 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.	vi. 1st offence - warning from President vii. 2nd offence - loss of 1 competition point in grade where result not uploaded viii. 3rd offence - loss of 2 competition points in grade where result not uploaded ix. 4th offence - loss of 3 competition point in grade where result not uploaded x. 5th + offence - loss of 5 competition point in grade where result not uploaded

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, they 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)