CRICKET NSW

NSW PREMIER CRICKET AWARDS CRITERIA 2025/26

NSW Premier Cricket Awards

Below is a list of NSW Premier Cricket individual, team and club's awards that are presented each season with a description of the criteria that determines each winner. The Sydney Cricket Association's Committee of Management has approved these criteria.

Player of the Year Awards

- Player of the Year Awards are determined by a 3-2-1 voting system with the two appointed umpires assessing the contribution and performance of each player a submitting their votes at the end of each match.
- This process takes place for each regular season match in the following competitions:
 - o Belvidere Cup: Men's First Grade O'Reilly Medal.
 - Ruth Preddey Cup: Women's First Grade.
 - Men's Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Moises Henriques Medal (finals matches also included).
 - Women's Second Grade
 - Women's Third Grade
 - o Poidevin-Gray Shield.
 - o AW Green Shield.
 - Brewer Shield
- Umpires allocate three votes to the player they believe is the best on field. Two votes are
 then assigned to the player they believe was second-best, and one vote to the player they
 consider the third best.
- The NSW Premier Cricket Manager collates the votes and maintains the leaderboard with the announcement of the winners at the NSW Premier Cricket Awards Dinner.
- The player who polls the highest number of votes in their respective competitions is crowned the winner. If players are level on votes they are crowned joint winners.
- **Eligibility:** A minimum number of overs must be completed in a match (unless a result is achieved) for votes to be awarded. The minimum overs for each format are:
 - o Two-Day Matches Belvidere Cup: Men's First Grade 38 overs
 - Limited Overs Matches 20 overs.
 - o T20 matches: A result must be achieved.
- <u>Ineligibility:</u> Any player guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct during the season, in any match, in any grade or competition, and is charged with a match suspension or suspended sentence is ineligible to receive a Player of the Year Award.

Player of the Final medals

- Player of the Final medals are awarded to the outstanding player on the field in each Final of the following competitions:
 - o Men's Premier Cricket 1st to 5th Grade
 - Women's 1st to 3rd Grade
 - o Men's and Women's Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup
 - o Men's Limited Overs Cup
 - Poidevin-Gray Shield
 - o AW Green Shield
 - o Brewer Shield
- The appointed umpires of each final are jointly responsible for choosing the winner of each medal.
- In the event of a final's match overs being reduced due to ground, weather and/or light and
 umpires as a result have concerns regarding whether enough play was possible or a
 performance is worthy of the award they must contact the NSW Premier Cricket Manager for
 confirmation. The NSW Premier Cricket Manager will then consult with the SCA to determine
 if enough play was possible in the match and whether a worthy performance had occurred
 for the medal to be awarded.

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First Grade Merit Teams - Men's and Women's

- Selection into the team is based on statistics in First Grade preliminary-round matches during the season.
- Twelve players are selected including the five highest run-scorers, the five leading wicket takers, the leading wicketkeeper, and finally the First Grade Player of the Year, named as captain.
- Any players tied on the same number of runs or wickets are separated by superior average, and in the case of wicketkeepers, by most runs.
- <u>Ineligibility:</u> Any player guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct during the season, in any match, in any grade or competition, and is charged with a match suspension or suspended sentence is ineligible to be selected in the First Grade Merit Team.

Captain of the Year

- Each captain is assessed jointly by the appointed umpires at the conclusion of each match and marked out of 10, comprising as follows- 4 pts for on-field captaincy skills, 2 pts for personal performance, 2 pts for team management & 2 pts for communication skills.
- This process takes place for each regular season match in the following competitions:
 - Men's Premier Cricket 1st to 5th Grade
 - o Women's 1st to 3rd Grade
 - o Brewer Shield
- The NSW Premier Cricket Manager collates the votes and maintains the leaderboard with the announcement of the winners at the NSW Premier Cricket Awards Dinner.
- The Captain with the highest average score at the end of the season in their respective competitions is awarded the Captain of the Year.
- <u>Eligibility:</u> The player must have played and have been named as captain in a minimum of 8 matches during the regular season.
- **Eligibility:** A minimum number of overs must be completed in a match (unless a result is achieved) for marks to be awarded. The minimum overs for each format are:
 - o Two-Day Matches Men's First & Second Grade 38 overs
 - o Two-Day Matches Men's Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade 32 overs
 - Limited Overs Matches: 20 overs.
 - T20 matches: A result must be achieved.
- <u>Ineligibility:</u> Any player guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct during the season, in any match, in any grade or competition, and is charged with a match suspension or suspended sentence is ineligible to receive a Player of the Year Award.

Spirit of Cricket

- Each team is assessed jointly by the appointed umpires at the conclusion of each match during the season (including finals) and marked out of 10 for the Spirit of Cricket.
- A team shall be marked with -1 for a particular match where any player is guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct and is charged with a match suspension or suspended sentence.
- The NSW Premier Cricket Manager collates the votes and maintains the leaderboard with the announcement of the winners at the NSW Premier Cricket Awards Dinner.
- Each club's individual grades end of season average is combined for an overall club average.
- The club with the highest average at the end of the season is awarded the Spirit of Cricket Award.
- <u>Eligibility:</u> In Women's Premier Cricket, clubs must have a minimum of three competing grades in the Club Championship to be eligible for the Spirit of Cricket award.
- **Eligibility:** A match must commence play for Spirit of Cricket marks to be awarded. Any match that receives no play shall be recorded as N/A.

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Ground of the Year

- Each ground is assessed jointly by the appointed umpires at the conclusion of each day's play and is marked out of 10 on the following: Pitch Performance, Pitch Condition, Outfield & Line Markings.
- This process takes place for each regular season match from Round 4 onwards in the following competitions:
 - o Men's Premier Cricket 1st to 5th Grade
- The following matches played in the below grades are eligible only for these respective awards:
 - o Ground of the Year: Men's 1st & 2nd Grade matches
 - o Lower Grade Ground of the Year: Men's 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade matches
- Ground of the Year is determined by total points received during the season. The ground with the highest points at the end of the season is crowned the winner.
- Lower Grade Ground of the Year is determined by highest average score at the end of the season.
- Only marks for Day One of Men's First Grade Two-Day Saturday/Sunday fixtures are counted towards Ground of the Year marks. Day Two marks are not recorded towards the Ground of the Year marks.
- Grounds that host multiple T20 matches on the same day will receive a single assessment for the entire day.
- The NSW Premier Cricket Manager collates the votes and maintains the leaderboard with the announcement of the winners at the NSW Premier Cricket Awards Dinner.
- **Eligibility:** A ground must be scheduled to host 65% or more of playing days in the season from Round 4 onwards to be eligible for either award.
- **Eligibility:** A minimum of 10 overs must be played in the match for an assessment to be recorded. If 10 overs are not played in the match no assessment or marks will be recorded.