

APPLICATION

- a) These Playing Conditions shall apply to all scheduled Twenty20 matches in all competitions; and
- b) Except as varied hereunder, the Laws of Cricket **(2017 Code, 4th Edition – 2026)** shall apply. All references under the Laws of Cricket to 'Governing Body' shall mean the SCA.
- c) All references to the SCA shall mean the SCA's Women's Competition Sub- Committee and its Secretary.
- d) Every provision of the Laws of Cricket, and these Playing Conditions is to be read as applying to women and girls equally as to men and boys.

3.1 LAW 1 (THE PLAYERS) shall apply subject to as follows:

- (a) A team may consist of up to 12 players. Only 11 players are allowed to be on the field at any one time whilst the opposition team is batting.
- (b) Where a team nominates 12 players for a match, one player in that team shall not be permitted to bat. This player does not need to be nominated prior to the commencement of the match.

3.1.1 Qualifications of Players

- (a) General
 - (i) Each Club shall submit prior to the commencement of the season, a signed declaration that each player to be registered with the club will have agreed with the terms and conditions contained in the SCA registration form.
 - (ii) Each player shall register with the SCA by completing an SCA registration form prior to their first match in a season.
 - (ii) Each club shall enter electronically, prior to each player's participation in a match, each player's registration details in the Club's PlayHQ database.
- (b) Grade Competitions
 - (i) No player shall register or play with more than one Grade club in any one season, except with the permission of the SCA.
- (c) First Grade

Players taking part in First Grade competitions must be a minimum age of 16 years of age, except with the permission of the SCA. Players selected in the U16 CNSW Metro or Country Squads for the season in question are permitted to play without prior permission from the SCA
- (d) Second Grade

Players taking part in Second Grade competitions must be a minimum age of 15 years of age, except with the permission of the SCA. Players selected in the U16 CNSW Metro or Country Squads for the season in question are permitted to play without prior permission from the SCA.
- (e) Third Grade

Players taking part in a Third Grade competition must be a minimum age of 15 years of age, except with the permission of the SCA. Players selected in the U15 CNSW Metro Youth Academy or Country equivalents for the season in question are permitted to play without prior permission from the SCA.

(f) Brewer Shield Competition

- (i) Players taking part in the Brewer Shield competition must be under the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31st August prior to the cricket season in question.
- (ii) Players taking part in the Brewer Shield competition must be a minimum age of 14 years of age, except with the permission of the SCA. Players selected in the U15 CNSW Metro or Country Squads for the season in question are permitted to play Brewer Shield without prior permission from the SCA.
- (iii) There is no restriction on the number of scheduled playing days that a Brewer Shield player may play in any Grade in the same season.

(g) Ratings

- (i) No player may compete in a Grade below that for which they are given a rating, except with the permission of the SCA (see Playing Condition 1.1.1(l)).
- (ii) The SCA shall have the right to apply ratings to any player who, in the previous season, gained selection in a State squad for its respective National Titles and/or Australian representation (see also playing Condition 1.1.1 (n)(x)). Ratings shall apply as set out in the table below for representative ratings

Represented in Previous Year	Rating Applied
ICC Full Member International Representative, WNCL squad ^{*^} , WBBL squad ^{*^}	First Grade
ICC Associate International Representative, Australian U19 Squad*, CNSW Metro or ACT/Country U19 Squad ^{*^} , Australian Indigenous Squad	Second Grade

* Or interstate/territory equivalent.

[^] Also applies to any player in a 2026/27 team or squad named prior to the SCAWC season's commencement.

- (iii) In carrying out its fiduciary duty, the SCA may prevent or restrict a player's participation in Second Grade, Third Grade and/or Brewer Shield if it determines that a player's relative ability and experience is considered to be unfair to the competition generally

(h) Former International and State Representatives Eligibility

Former open age International and State representatives, and former open age Australian and State squad members, or overseas equivalents, must be granted prior approval by the SCA before they may compete in Third Grade. A written application, which must set out in detail the reasons for seeking such approval, must be received by the SCA no later than midnight on the Wednesday preceding the first match for which approval is sought.

(i) First Grade Players

Players who have participated in First Grade during the season shall not be eligible to play Third Grade with no exemptions possible.

- (j) Second Grade Players
Players who have participated in five or more matches in Second Grade during the season shall not be eligible to play Third Grade, unless the permission of the SCA has been granted
- (k) Playing Up a Grade
A player may compete in any Grade above and including the Grade in which they are is rated, without restriction.
- (l) Playing Down a Grade
A player may compete in any Grade below that in which they would normally compete subject to their rating. A rated player may only play in a Grade below their rating with the prior approval of the SCA. A written application, which must set out in detail the reasons for seeking such approval, must be received by the SCA no later than midnight on the Wednesday preceding the first match for which approval is sought.
- (m) Two or more matches on the Same Weekend
A player may compete in two or more different teams on the same weekend, provided that the matches must be in the same and/or higher Grades than that in which the player is rated, and that each such match on the same day is a scheduled Twenty20 match.
- (n) Overseas Players
 - (i) Any player who is not an Australian citizen, and who has been resident in Australia for less than six full months immediately prior to registration with a club, is deemed to be an overseas player. Subject to the provisions of Playing Condition 3.1.1(n)(ix), and 3.1.1(n)(x) the SCA will consider any prior written application from a club to not consider and register such a player as an overseas player.
 - (ii) An overseas player shall not register or play with a club unless that player is registered with the SCA.
 - (iii) The consent of the SCA must be obtained prior to an overseas player registering or playing with any club. A written application must be received by the SCA no later than midnight on the Wednesday preceding the first match for which approval is sought.
 - (iv) Where the SCA permits an overseas player to participate in matches and register and play with a club, it will register that player as an overseas player for that club.
 - (v) At the conclusion of any season, an overseas player shall cease to be bound to the club for which the player participated unless bound by a contractual agreement entered into by the club and player.
 - (vi) There is no restriction on the number of overseas players that a club may register in any one season.
 - (vii) In any one round, a club is not permitted to play more than three overseas players, except with the prior permission of the SCA.
 - (viii) At any one time a club is not permitted to play more than two overseas players in First Grade (or equivalent, e.g. Twenty20) except with the prior permission of the SCA.
 - (ix) An overseas players is able to be registered at any point during the season.

- (x) Subject to the provisions of Rule 3.1.1(n)(i) a non-Australian citizen may travel overseas at any time during the six months preceding their participation at SCA level if the player is deemed to be a resident in Australia for six full months prior to playing in a match in order to not be considered an overseas player.
- (xi) An overseas international player is defined as a player who has represented any country other than Australia in the 12 months preceding midnight on 31 August prior to the cricket season in question, where that country is ranked in the top six in the World by the ICC as at the last time ratings were published by the ICC. This definition takes precedence over the definition of an overseas player as outlined at 3.1.1(n)(i). Each competing club in the First Grade competition shall be permitted to have a maximum of one overseas international player with the following exception: each competing club in the First Grade competition that has less than two members of the current Breakers squad (as at 1 July prior to the cricket season in question) as registered members may register one additional overseas international. A written application must be received by the SCA no later than midnight on the Wednesday preceding the first match in which the player wishes to play. The SCA reserves the right not to grant permission if any request is deemed inappropriate.
- (o) Eligibility for Finals Series – Women's Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup
 - (i) General
 - (A) A player may not play in a T20 Cup Finals Series match in any Grade unless the player has played 3 or more matches in that Grade or a lower Grade during the season, in 50-over and/or Twenty20 format, or unless the permission of the SCA has been granted.
 - (B) For the purposes of this playing condition, for the player to have 'played' in a match, they must have been physically present at the venue during the hours of play.
 - (ii) Application for Approval
 - (A) Any application for permission to play under this Playing Condition must be made in writing to the SCA, in line with the SCAWC policy for determination of applications.
 - (B) Such application must be made no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday preceding the Finals Series match in question.
 - (C) If the SCA has granted approval for a player to play in a Finals Series match under 3.1.1(o)(ii)(A), that approval shall automatically extended to any subsequent Finals Series round in the same Grade, and no further application is required.
- (p) NSW Cricket Association By-Laws

A player may be an ineligible player under the provisions of NSWCA By-Law 4 (Code of Conduct) and NSWCA By-Law 11.6 (Defaulters).

3.1.2 Law 1.2 (Nomination and replacement of players) shall be replaced by as follows:

- (a) Exchange of Team Sheets
 - (i) Each Captain, before tossing, must give to the other Captain a list of up to 12 players and no alteration may be made without the consent of the opposing Captain. If a Captain is unavailable at that time, a deputy shall

nominate the players and **a nominated player shall toss for choice of innings**, as set out in Law 1 (The Players) and Law 13 (Innings).

- (ii) The team list must identify all players under 19, 17, 15, or 13 years of age on 31 August prior to the cricket season in question, in the area provided.
- (b) An umpire shall take a photograph of both team sheets prior to the toss. The umpire shall keep the photograph of both team sheets until the end of the season.
- (c) In the event of a club entering two or more teams into the same grade or competition, squads must be nominated for each team prior to the season commencing. Players must only play for the team in which they are nominated throughout the season, except with the permission of the SCA.

3.1.3 Post-Match Meeting (First Grade matches only)

- (a) Within 20 minutes after the conclusion of each match, both team captains, both officiating umpires, and a facilitator appointed by the home club shall meet for the purpose of reviewing the match's conduct. That meeting shall be conducted in accordance with guidelines determined and distributed by the SCA (refer Post-Match Meeting Guidelines supplement).
- (b) Each club shall appoint a suitably-skilled person to set the tone for a balanced and constructive meeting in accordance with the guidelines as set out in the Post-Match Meeting Guidelines supplement

3.1.4 Protective Equipment – The Batter

Refer to SCA Helmet Policy.

Leg-guards must be either white in colour or a club colour. In any match in which a white ball is to be used, leg guards must be a colour other than white

3.1.5 Protective Equipment – the Wicketkeeper

Refer to SCA Helmet Policy.

3.1.6 Clothing

- (a) The design of clothing worn by players representing teams in scheduled SCA matches is subject to the provisions of the SCA's Apparel Policy.
- (b) The wearing of coloured clothing and advertising logos on players' clothing is permitted subject to the prior approval of the SCA.
- (c) In order to assist in the identification of players, the use of names and/or numbers of players on the shirts is encouraged, subject to the provisions of the SCA's Apparel Policy

3.1.7 Use of Ineligible Player

Refer to Playing Condition 3.16.15

3.2 LAW 2 (THE UMPIRES) shall apply subject to the deletion of Law 2.2 (Change of Umpire), and amendment of Law 2.1 (Appointment and attendance) as follows.

3.2.1 Two SCA-Appointed Umpires Present

- (a) Where two SCA-appointed Umpires are present, they shall officiate together for the duration of play.
- (b) Subject to Law 2 (The Umpires), those Umpires shall be the final judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.

3.2.2 Only One SCA-Appointed Umpire Present

- (a) Where only one SCA-appointed Umpire is present that Umpire shall officiate at the non-striker's end only.
- (b) Subject to Law 3 (The Umpires), that Umpire shall be the final judge of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.
- (c) Where only one SCA-appointed Umpire is present at the scheduled match commencement time and the Captains are unable to agree on the appointment of another, the SCA-appointed Umpire present shall appoint an Umpire to officiate until another SCA-appointed Umpire is able to commence duty.

3.2.3 No SCA-Appointed Umpire Present

- (a) Where no SCA-appointed Umpire is present, the Captains shall appoint Umpires. Any such Umpire shall have first registered with the SCA by completing an SCA registration form, which the Captain's club shall submit to the SCA no later than 14 days following their appointment as an Umpire.
- (b) Those Captains shall be the final judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.
- (c) Where the Captains are in disagreement over the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play, the status of the match at the time of the disagreement is to continue until such time as a mutual agreement is achieved, or the scheduled finishing time for the match is reached or the minimum quota of overs has been attained, whichever is the latest.

3.2.4 LAW 2.7 (FITNESS OF GROUND, WEATHER AND LIGHT) shall apply subject to as follows:

(a) Artificial Lighting

The use of artificial light to supplement natural daylight, in any match, is not permitted.

(b) Lightning

- (i) Play shall cease immediately, in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 40 seconds later. Play shall not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning flash.
- (ii) Immediately following the suspension of play, persons may enter the field of play in order to lay pitch covers. However, no person may remain on, or enter, the field of play in the event a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later and shall remain off the field of play for the duration of the period that play is suspended under this Playing Condition.

(c) Extreme Heat

Refer Extreme Heat Policy.

(d) The Pitch and Ground Preparation

- (i) The host club is solely responsible for the preparation of the pitch and ground to the best possible standard prior to the commencement of play.
- (ii) In the event that the pitch or ground is unsuitable or dangerous for play at the scheduled time for commencement of play, the host club shall take all reasonable steps to make the pitch and ground playable as soon as is reasonably practicable. In appropriate circumstances, this Playing Condition may oblige the host club to prepare and make ready a substitute pitch.

(e) Match Pitch

Where the umpires decide that a pitch is unreasonable or dangerous for play, the following procedure shall be followed:

- (i) Where both captains agree to play on another pitch, the captains shall note their agreement on their Match Reports, and advise the umpires, and the match shall continue on that pitch, and the match result shall stand.
- (ii) Where both captains do not agree to play on another pitch, the match shall be either abandoned, or played under protest (subject to 3.2.2 (e) (iii) below). If the match is played under protest:
 - (A) The protesting captain shall advise the umpires and opposing captain prior to the continuation of play; and
 - (B) Each umpire, and each captain's club, shall advise the SCA in writing of the reasons for either not playing, or playing under protest, within 1 working day.
- (iii) The right to protest shall cease if the protesting team has gained any competition points from the result of the match.

(f) Rain

After an interval or interruption, subject to the other provisions of Law 2.8, immediately if the umpires together agree that the conditions are no longer dangerous or unreasonable they shall call upon the player to resume play. It should be noted that the Laws of Cricket do not require rain to stop, prior to Umpires resuming play at such times.

(g) Responsibilities of Umpires

- (i) Subject to Law 2 (The Umpires) and Playing Condition 3.2, SCA-appointed Umpires are the final judges of the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather and light for play at any time, but must not abandon a match prior to the scheduled time for commencement of play.

3.3 LAW 3 (THE SCORERS) shall apply subject to as follows:

- (a) A printed or handwritten score record shall be available, at all times during play.
- (b) Any scorer wishing to score by electronic device shall, at regular intervals, verify that the scores have been correctly input and synchronised to PlayHQ.
- (c) A scorebook or scoresheets must be available in the event of a failure that prevents continued electronic scoring.
- (d) In the event that an electronic device is used, it is recommended that a scorebook or linear sheets is also used, by either scorer.

3.4 LAW 4 (THE BALL) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.4.1 Law 4.2 (Approval and control of balls)

- (a) In First Grade and Second Grade competition all balls used will be a white 142g (Size 2), four (4) piece Regulation Kookaburra balls. Each fielding team shall have one new ball to be used for the duration of each innings.
- (b) *In Brewer Shield, all balls used shall be white 142g (Size 2), four (4)-piece, first-quality Kookaburra stock, which includes White Regulation, Regulation Reject, Club Match and/or Senator Kookaburra balls. Each fielding team shall have one new ball to be used for the duration of each innings.*

- (c) In Third Grade all balls used shall be red, two-piece, 142g (**Size 2**) first quality Kookaburra stock. Each fielding team shall have one new ball for its innings.
- (d) The umpires shall retain possession of the match ball throughout the duration of the innings when play is not actually taking place. During play, the umpires shall periodically inspect the condition of the ball and shall retain possession of it at the fall of a wicket, a drinks interval or any other disruption in play.

3.4.2 Law 4.5 (Ball lost or becoming unfit for play)

- a) In the event of the ball becoming lost or, in the opinion of the umpires, unfit for play, the ball shall be replaced with a similar standard Kookaburra ball that has had a similar amount of wear (subject to 3.4.2 (c) and 3.4.2 (e) below).
- b) In the event that a suitable similar standard Kookaburra ball is unavailable, the umpires shall immediately suspend play until such time as a suitable replacement ball becomes available
- c) The two captains may agree to continue play with a lesser standard Kookaburra ball that has had a similar amount of wear, in the event that a suitable similar standard ball is not available.
- d) Subject to 3.4.2 (b) above, the number of overs and/or time lost whilst play has been suspended shall be added on to the last session. The period for which play is suspended shall not count as part of playing time.
- e) Both teams shall assist with the application of this Playing Condition, by providing a selection of replacement balls of suitable age, condition and colour, for use if required.

3.5 Law 5 (THE BAT) shall apply.

3.6 LAW 6 (THE PITCH) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.6.1 LAW 6.5 (Non Turf Pitches)

- (i) No First, Second or Brewer Shield Grade match shall be played on a synthetic pitch.
- (ii) Third Grade matches must be played on a synthetic pitches only

3.7 LAW 7 (THE CREASES) shall apply.

3.8 LAW 8 (THE WICKETS) shall apply.

3.9 LAW 9 (PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA) shall apply subject to the following.

3.9.1 General

For each day of each match, the playing area must always be prepared to best-possible standard

3.10 LAW 10 (COVERING THE PITCH) shall apply subject to the amendment of Law 10.2 (During the match) as follows:

3.10.1 General

All participants in every match are to strive to maximise opportunities to play.

3.10.2 Pitch Covers – First Grade, Second Grade & Brewer Shield only

The following requirements apply to matches played on turf pitches only.

- (a) Pitch covers are to be made available, and used, for all matches

- (b) The pitch and bowlers' approaches must be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play and for the duration of the match.
- (c) Pitch covers must be laid as late as possible overnight prior to the day's play and, if the weather is fine, raised as early as possible the next morning.
- (d) If it is raining or conditions are threatening, covers may remain in place on the pitch until the actual start of play.
- (e) It is the responsibility of the home club to immediately advise, by telephone, the SCA Women's Competition Secretary when, for any reason, it is not possible to lay pitch covers overnight prior to the day's play. If the home club is unable to advise the SCA Women's Competition Secretary as set out above, it must instead immediately advise a member of the SCA Women's Competition Sub-Committee. Email, text or voice mail messages are not considered acceptable methods of communication for this playing condition.

3.10.3 Form of Pitch Covering – First Grade, Second Grade & Brewer Shield only

All pitch covers are to be appropriate and, unless the prior written permission of the SCA has been granted to the contrary, they are to be:

- (a) a minimum of 30m x 10m in size, to cover pitch and bowlers' approaches;
- (b) made of a suitable material (not single layer landscaper's plastic);
- (c) used over a hessian underlay, which covers the pitch area; and
- (d) used in accordance with methods approved and distributed by the SCA.
- (e) For all matches played at a club's First Grade ground - pitch covers must provide full square-protection where possible.

3.10.4 Sponge Rollers – First Grade, Second Grade & Brewer Shield only

- (a) A separate sponge roller must be available for every match in every Grade.
- (b) A sponge roller may be used at any necessary time. Such use does not constitute rolling of the pitch under Law 9.
- (c) Sponge rollers may be used, whether the covers are in place on the pitch or not, to remove surface water so as to enable play to commence, or recommence, as soon as possible.

3.11 LAW 11 (INTERVALS) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.11.1 Law 11.2 (Duration of Intervals)

The interval between innings is 15 minutes, computed from the end of the innings of the team batting first.

3.11.2 Law 11.4 (Changing agreed times for intervals- Interval between Innings)

If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

3.11.3 Law 11.8 (Intervals for drinks) shall apply subject to as follows:

- (a) No drinks intervals are permitted.
- (b) An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or at the fall of a wicket, on the field, provided that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken onto the field without the permission of the Umpires. Any player taking drinks

onto the field shall be dressed in approved clothing and equipment. *Playing Condition 3.42 (d) also applies.*

3.12 LAW 12 (START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY) shall apply subject to as follows

3.12.1 Amendment to Match Date(s) or Venue

- (a) *Amendment to Match Date(s) – subject to 3.12.1(c) below, match dates may not be amended.*
- (b) Amendment to Match Venue - Match venues may only be amended with the consent of the opposing club and with the prior permission of the SCA. Any club wishing to amend the venue of a match must first apply in by writing to the SCA, setting out the reasons for that application. Applications must be received by no later than 5:00pm on the day prior to the scheduled start of the match.
- (c) *In the event of wholly unforeseen circumstances and unrelated to inclement weather, a club may amend the date(s) and/or venue of a match, with the prior approval of the SCA. For purposes of this playing condition, rain is not considered an unforeseen circumstance.*
- (d) For the purpose of this Playing Condition, individual grounds within one complex of grounds shall be considered to be separate venues.

3.12.2 Playing Hours

- (a) Scheduled playing time is 75 minutes per innings, with an interval of 15 minutes between innings.
- (b) Where more than one match is scheduled on a ground on the same day, the umpires, after consultation with the captains, may bring forward the commencement and cessation time of a subsequent match in the event that a result is achieved in the preceding match.

3.12.3 Delay or Interruption to the Innings of the Team Batting First

- (a) When playing time has been lost the revised number of overs to be bowled in the match shall be based on a rate of 16 overs per hour in the total remaining time available for play.
- (b) The revision of the number of overs should ensure, whenever possible, that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs. To constitute a match, a minimum of 5 overs (10 overs in Third Grade matches) have to be bowled to the side batting second, subject to the innings not being completed earlier.
- (c) A fixed time will be specified for the commencement of the interval, and also the close of play for the match, by applying a rate of 16 overs per hour. When calculating the length of playing time available for the match, or the length of either innings, the timing and duration of all relative delays, extensions in playing hours, interruptions in play, and the interval will be taken into consideration. This calculation must not cause the match to finish earlier than the original time for cessation of play on the final scheduled day for play. If required, the original time shall be extended to allow for one extra over for each team.
- (d) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the revised number of overs by the specified time, play shall continue until the required number of overs have been bowled or the innings is completed.
- (e) Should calculations regarding numbers of overs result in a fraction of an over, the fraction shall be ignored.

- (f) Penalties shall apply for slow over rates (refer Playing Condition 3.17.1(c)).

3.12.4 Delay or Interruption to the innings of the Team Batting Second

- (a) When playing time has been lost and, as a result, it is not possible for the team batting second to have the opportunity of receiving its allocated, or revised allocation of overs in the playing time available, the number of overs shall be reduced at a rate of 16 overs per hour in respect of the lost playing time. Should the calculations result in a fraction of an over the fraction shall be ignored.
- (b) In addition, should the innings of the team batting first have been completed prior to the scheduled, or re-scheduled time for the commencement of the interval, then any calculation relating to the revision of overs shall not be effective until an amount of time equivalent to that by which the second innings started early has elapsed.
- (c) (i) First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield: to constitute a match, a minimum of 5 overs have to be bowled to the team batting second subject to the innings not being completed earlier.
(ii) Third Grade: to constitute a match, a minimum of 10 overs have to be bowled to the team batting second subject to the innings not being completed earlier.
- (d) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs.
- (e) A fixed time will be specified for the close of play by applying a rate of 16 overs per hour. The timing and duration of all relative delays, extensions in playing hours and interruptions in play, will be taken into consideration in specifying this time.
- (f) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the revised overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled close of play, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
- (g) Penalties shall apply for slow over rates (refer to Playing Condition 3.17.1(c)).

3.12.5 Late Starts

Umpires are to note in their Match Reports any late start to play and the reason for the delay.

3.12.6 Loss of Entire Day's Play or Ground Closed

Where there is no play on the scheduled day of a match, the home club must complete and submit to the SCA a report setting out the reasons why play was not possible.

3.13 LAW 13 (INNINGS) shall apply subject to as follows:

- (a) each team shall be limited to one innings; and
- (b) the captains shall toss for the choice of innings on the field of play and in the presence of one or both umpires no earlier than 30 and no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled or any rescheduled time for the match to start. The captain winning the toss must immediately notify the opposing captain and the umpires of their decision to bat or bowl. Note the provision of Law 1.3 (Captain).

3.14 LAW 14 (THE FOLLOW-ON) shall not apply

3.15 LAW 15 (DECLARATION AND FORFEITURE) shall not apply

3.16 LAW 16 (THE RESULT) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.16.1 Competition Points

- (a) Points shall be awarded for results gained, as follows:

Code	Result	Points
1	Win	3
1.1	Win with run-rate 1.25 times that of opposing team, subject to (b)(i) and (ii) below	3.5
1.2	Win with run-rate 2.00 times that of opposing team, subject to (c)(iii) and (iv) below	4
2	Tie	1.5
3	Draw or no result	1.5
4	Loss	0
5	Bye	2
6	Forfeiting Team- Loss	-4
7	Forfeit Win	Max*

Max*: Refers to the maximum number of points awarded in any match in the competition in that round.

- (b) i) In order for the team batting first to gain 0.5 bonus points, it must achieve victory with a run-rate one and one-quarter (1¼) times that of the opposition.
- (ii) In order for the team batting second to gain 0.5 bonus points, the victory must be achieved by the end of the 16th over (or in a reduced overs match, it must bat for no more than 80% of its maximum number of overs).
- (iii) In order for the team batting first to gain one bonus points, it must achieve victory with a run-rate two (2) times that of the opposition.
- (iv) In order for the team batting second to gain one bonus point, the victory must be achieved by the end of the 10th over (or in a reduced overs match, it must bat for no more than 50% of its maximum number of overs).
- (v) Where matches are shortened, and targets revised, bonus run-rates and bonus defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised par score and maximum overs.
- (vi) Where a match is abandoned, but a result is achieved under Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (**DLS version 6.0**) Method, for net run-rate purposes Team 1 will be accredited with Team 2's Par Score on abandonment off the same number of over faced by Team 2.

- (vii) Where a match is concluded but with Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method having been applied at an earlier point in the match, Team 1 will be accredited with 1 run less than the final Target Score for Team 2 off the total number of overs allocated to Team 2 to reach the target.

3.16.2 Match Result

- (a) A result can only be achieved in a match if each team has had the opportunity to bat for a minimum of:
 - (i) First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield: 5 overs notwithstanding one or both teams had been dismissed in fewer than 5 overs.
 - (ii) Third Grade: 10 overs, notwithstanding one or both teams had been dismissed in fewer than 10 overs.
- (b) In each First Grade match, the team scoring the higher number of runs is the winner except where the maximum number of overs to be faced by either team is reduced after the match has commenced. In such a match the “Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method of Re-calculating the Target Score in an Interrupted Match” shall be applied.
 - (i) Each club must have the means to separately calculate the target score by the above Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method with each club providing a computer.
 - (ii) In the event that the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method par or target score is not available to both teams at the beginning of the second innings or at the resumption of play following an interruption for ground, weather or light, the umpires shall immediately suspend play and investigate the matter.

 As soon as the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method par or target score has been agreed and advised to both team captains, the umpires shall then resume play. If conditions permit, play will then continue until the prescribed number of overs has been completed or a result achieved.

 The number of overs and/or time remaining shall be taken as they were at the originally scheduled or rescheduled time for play and any time lost whilst investigating the par or target score shall be added on to the close of play.
- (c) In each Second Grade and Brewer Shield match, the team scoring the higher number of runs is the winner except where the maximum number of overs to be faced by either team is reduced after the match has commenced. In such a match the “Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method of Re-calculating the Target Score in an Interrupted Match” shall be applied. If this method is unavailable, the “Duckworth-Lewis-Stern” Calculator in the Play-Cricket Scorer App or PlayHQ E-Scoring, may be applied.
 - (i) Each club must have the means to separately calculate the target score by the above Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Method with each club providing a computer. If this method is unavailable, the “Duckworth-Lewis-Stern” Calculator in the Play-Cricket Scorer App or PlayHQ E-Scoring, may be applied.
 - (ii) In the event that the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern **(DLS version 6.0)** Duckworth-Lewis-Stern” Calculator in the Play-Cricket Scorer App or PlayHQ E-Scoring Method par or target score is not available to both teams at the beginning of the second innings or at the resumption of play following an interruption for ground, weather or light, the umpires shall immediately suspend play and investigate the matter.

As soon as the appropriate Method par or target score has been agreed and advised to both team captains, the umpires shall then resume play. If conditions permit, play will then continue until the prescribed number of overs has been completed or a result achieved.

The number of overs and/or time remaining shall be taken as they were at the originally scheduled or rescheduled time for play and any time lost whilst investigating the par or target score shall be added on to the close of play.

- (d) In any match in which both teams have had the opportunity to bat for a minimum number of overs as stated in 1.16.2(a) but have not had the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs, the result shall be determined as follows:
 - i. in each First Grade, match - by the “Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (*DLS version 6.0*) Method of Re-calculating the Target Score in an Interrupted Match”.
 - ii. in each Second Grade and Brewer Shield match - by the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (*DLS version 6.0*) by using the Play-Cricket Scorer App or PlayHQ E-Scoring calculator of re-calculating the Target Score in an Interrupted Match
- (e) Where a team is dismissed before it has received its maximum number of overs, it is deemed to have received its maximum number of overs.
- (f) Third Grade only

In any Third Grade match in which both teams have had the opportunity to bat for a minimum of 10 overs but have not had the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs, the results shall be determined by the run-rate of each team
- (g)
 - (i) A team's run-rate is calculated by dividing its total number of runs scored by its total number of overs received.
 - (ii) For the purposes of run-rate calculations, each fair delivery bowled counts as one sixth of an over.
 - (iii) Where a team is dismissed before it has received its maximum number of overs, it is deemed to have received that number of overs.
 - (iv) The team with the higher run-rate wins the match, regardless of the number of wickets that it has lost.
- (h) Subject to 3.16.1 (c), a match shall cease when the team batting second passes the total number of runs of the team batting first, or is dismissed, or it receives its maximum number of overs, or has reached its recalculated target score, whichever occurs first.
- (i) In the event of a tied match the teams shall compete in a Super Over to determine the winner. Refer to 3.16.3.

3.16.3 Super Over (One Over Per Side Tiebreaker)

The following procedure will apply should the provision for a Super Over be adopted in a match.

- (a) If a match is a tie, including by the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (*DLS version 6.0*) Method, then the teams shall contest a 1 over per side Super Over.
- (b) Subject to the fitness of ground, weather and light, the Super Over shall commence 5 minutes after the conclusion of the match, at the same ground and using the same pitch.
- (c) The umpires shall stand at the same end as they stood during the match.
- (d) In both innings of the Super Over, the fielding side shall choose which end to bowl from. Whilst neither team is required to nominate either the batter or bowler prior to

each innings, once the opening batting pair enters the field of play they are not permitted to be changed. Similarly, once a determination is made by the bowling team as to which end they will bowl from and the opening batters take their respective positions at each end of the pitch, they are not permitted to change ends. For clarity, this playing condition is designed to ensure that the fielding side may determine its bowling strategies based on which batters are opening, and then the batter can choose ends based on the bowling strategies.

- (e) Only nominated players in the main match may participate in the Super Over.
- (f) Any penalty time, warnings or suspensions being served in the main match shall be carried forward to the Super Over.
- (g) Each team's over is played with the same fielding restrictions as apply for the last over in the match, that is, **except for third grade**, a maximum of 4 players outside the fielding circle, even if the power surge (floating power play) play has been taken or is in effect for the last over of a match.
- (h) The team batting second in the match will bat first in the Super Over.
- (i) The same ball used at the end of each team's innings in the match, or a similar ball if that ball is unsuitable for any reason, shall be used for its innings in the Super Over.
- (j) Each team shall bat for one over unless all out earlier. The number of batters is not restricted.
- (k) In the event of both teams having the same score in the Super Over, the result shall be a tie, regardless of the number of wickets lost.
- (l) In the event that the Super Over is unable to be completed due to the fitness of ground, weather and light, the result shall be a tie.
- (m) Third Grade and Brewer Shield - The super over shall continue until six fair and legal deliveries have been bowled – subject to 3.16.3 (j)

3.16.4 Premiership Positions

- (a)
 - (i) In all competitions, points gained and lost in all preliminary rounds shall count towards positions in the premiership table
 - (ii) Points gained in First Grade T20 matches shall also count towards a separate First Grade T20 competition table.
- (b)
 - (i) Where two or more teams have an equal number of competition points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, a team with a higher Net Run Rate shall occupy a higher relative position.
 - (ii) A team's Net Run Rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs scored against that team throughout the competition (runs scored / overs faced – runs conceded / overs bowled).
 - (iii) A team that is dismissed shall be deemed to have faced the maximum number of overs allowed in that match.
- (c) Finals Series Format – First Grade T20 competition only
 - (i) Semi-Finals
 - (A) Semi-Finals are played after the preliminary rounds, as follows – 1st v 4th, and 2nd v 3rd.
 - (B) The teams that contest the Semi-Finals but do not qualify for the Grand Final shall be awarded 3rd and 4th positions, according to their relative positions after the preliminary rounds.

- (ii) Grand Final
 - (A) The higher ranked team in each Semi-Final shall contest the Grand Final, unless it is defeated by the lower ranked team, which shall then contest the Grand Final.
 - (B) The team that wins the Grand Final shall be declared Premier.
 - (C) If no result, or a tie, is achieved in the Grand Final, the higher ranked team shall be declared Premier.
 - (D) The SCA will determine the venue for each Finals Series match.
 - (E) The SCA may, in its absolute discretion, determine to reschedule a Grand Final match in which a result could not be achieved.

3.16.5 Club Championship

- (a) (i) The Grade Club Championship shall comprise of teams competing in First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, and Brewer Shield competitions, subject to 3.16.5(a)(iii).
- (ii) In the Grade Club Championship, competition points gained by teams in the Limited Over and Twenty20 Competitions shall be multiplied by five in First Grade, four in Second Grade, three in Brewer Shield, and two in Third Grade.
- (iii) In the event of two or more teams from any one club competing in the same grade or competition their Club Championship points will be an average of both team's points earned.
- (b) The Grade club with the highest total number of preliminary round points shall be declared the winners of the Club Championship.
- (c) If two or more clubs have equal number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, they shall become joint winners of the Club Championship, or jointly occupy a position on the final table.

3.16.6 SCA Rule 22 (Investigations of Matches, Protests and Disputes)

- (a) Any club wishing the SCA to adjudicate on any dispute in connection with any match shall, within 1 working day after the dispute has arisen, forward to the SCA a clear statement in writing of the matter in dispute, signed by the Secretary or other Office Bearer of the club.
- (b) Whether or not a complaint or protest has been made or lodged, and in its absolute discretion, the SCA has the power to investigate the circumstances of any match in such manner as in its absolute discretion the SCA thinks fit, under the provisions of SCA Rule 22 and these Playing Conditions.
- (c) After carrying out such an investigation, the SCA may determine that, regardless of whether or not a team or teams gained or attempted to gain points in a match, an action of a team:
 - (i) was unfair and could have influenced the outcome of the match; or
 - (ii) was unfair to any teams in the same competition; or
 - (iii) was unfair, in the context of the Club Championship, to any of the clubs in the same competition.
- (d) The SCA's powers include, but are not limited to, the power to:
 - (i) award a match to one team, or both teams jointly;

- (ii) deduct such competition points from, or award competition points to, either team in a match, as the SCA in its absolute discretion thinks fit;
- (iii) amend or extend the scheduled hours of play in a match;
- (iv) commence or continue a match on an adjoining pitch, or at another venue;
- (v) give such directions to the host club, regarding the manner in which work should be carried out on a pitch and ground, as the SCA in its absolute discretion thinks fit; and
- (vi) fine, suspend or disqualify a player or club.

3.16.7 Nomination of Players (Playing Condition 3.1.2)

The refusal by a Captain or their deputy to exchange team lists prior to the toss renders the offending team liable to being considered by the SCA to have conceded the match.

3.16.8 Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light (Playing Condition 3.2.4)

- (a) The SCA may investigate whether the pitch and ground for any match has been prepared both to the best possible standard, and as soon as is reasonably practical.
- (b) In its investigation, the SCA may without limitation consider all surrounding circumstances, including:
 - (i) the condition of the pitch and ground, both at the time and during previous matches;
 - (ii) weather conditions, both at the time and prior to the match;
 - (iii) the method and use of pitch protection and ground preparation equipment; and
 - (iv) the likelihood of the pitch and ground being made ready for play in time to achieve a result in the match.

3.16.9 Covering the Pitch (Playing Condition 3.10)

- (a) A team that has breached Playing Condition 3.10 may be penalised 6 points and may be deemed to have lost the match.
- (b) The opposing team may receive up to a maximum of 8 points and may be deemed to have won the match.

3.16.10 Law 16.3 (Umpires awarding a match)

- (a) The team that is awarded a match may receive up to a maximum of 4 points, and the opposing team may be penalised up to a maximum of 3 points.
- (b) In any Finals Series match, a team that is awarded a match may be deemed to have won the match, and the opposing team may be deemed to have lost the match.

3.16.11 Law 16.8 (Correctness of result)

In any match, the captains shall be responsible for ensuring that the scorebooks are accurate. Where the scores of the match are in dispute, the captains and umpires shall, at the conclusion of the day's play, investigate and verify the correctness of the scorebooks and determine the correct result before leaving the ground.

3.16.12 Use of an Ineligible Player

Where a player participates in any match while ineligible, including under the provisions of Playing Condition 3.1 and 3.24:

- (a) The team concerned may be regarded as having lost the match or matches in which such player participated and may forfeit any points gained.

- (b) The opposing team may receive up to a maximum of 4 points.
- (c) Where the team concerned gained no points from the match, 3 points may be deducted.
- (d) The SCA or the NSW Cricket Board may take further action against the club concerned, if it deems fit.

3.16.13 Right of Appeal

A club may appeal to the NSW Cricket Board against any determination by the SCA arising from a match in which it competed, in accordance with the SCA Rules.

3.16.14 Forfeits

- (a) In the event that a team notifies the SCA that they are unable to field a team for that match, a forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team. The opposing team shall receive the maximum number of points awarded in any match in the same Grade in that round. A penalty of four (4) points shall be deducted from the forfeiting team's competition points and may be required to pay the ground hire costs of the host club to a maximum of \$200.00. An invoice for such costs shall be sent to the SCA, made out in the name of the club that forfeited the match
- (b) Any team which does not appear for a match, and that has not given the notice outlined in 3.16.17(a), shall be recorded as having forfeited the match. A penalty of four (4) points shall be deducted from that team's competition points, and the club may be required to pay ground hire costs as outlined in 3.16.17(a).
- (c) When any team forfeits a match, no points are awarded to any other teams of that club which, in that round, plays a match in a Grade lower than that of the team which forfeits the match. This does not apply where play has commenced in a match that is subsequently forfeited. Please note this clause only applies to teams in First to Third Grades and does not include the Brewer Shield.
- (d) Any team scheduled to play against a team which at any stage during the game is unable or refuses to continue with the match may, on written appeal to the SCA, be awarded the match and receive the maximum number of points awarded in any match in the same Grade in that round. The forfeiting team shall receive no points for the match.
- (e) Where no other game is completed due to forfeits, teams forfeited to will be awarded points for a win (3).
- (f) A team shall comprise a minimum of seven players present for an entire match.

3.16.15 Withdrawal from the Competition

- (a) In the event that any team withdraws from any Grade of the competition, any points scored against that team shall be disregarded. Individual performances against that team will be counted with respect to SCA awards and player career statistics.
- (b) In the event that any team withdraws from any Grade of the competition, any member of that team who wishes to continue playing shall be registered with another team of the same club.
- (c) A player whose team withdraws from any Grade of the competition shall be permitted to register with another club under the following circumstances:
 - (i) the entire club is withdrawn from the competition.
 - (ii) the player's rating does not permit them to play with another team within the club (see Playing Condition 3.1.1(d)).

- (iii) the player's club does not have a team which suits their ability level (e.g. the player is Third Grade standard and the only other team the club offers are First Grade).
- (d) Any such re-registration with another club must be made with the approval of the SCA. A written application, which must set out in detail the reasons for seeking such approval, must be received by the SCA no later than midnight on the Wednesday preceding the first match for which approval for re-registration is sought. Individual performances by such a re-registered player shall be counted with respect to SCA awards only within the Grade in which they were made. (That is, if a player scores 200 runs with a Third Grade team which is subsequently withdrawn, and then joins a second team and scores a further 300 runs in Third Grade, they shall be regarded as having scored 500 runs for the season in Third Grade).
- (e) Any team adjudged by the SCA to have forfeited three games in any season will be asked to show cause to the SCA as to why they should not be disqualified for the season. Penalties for infringement of this playing condition are at the discretion of the SCA.

3.17 LAW 17 (THE OVER) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.17.1 Quota of Overs

- (a) Each team shall bat for a maximum of 20 overs, unless dismissed earlier, and provided there is no loss of playing time.
- (b) A team that is dismissed shall be deemed to have received its maximum quota of overs. Where the team batting first is dismissed the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for its maximum quota of overs.
- (c) First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield:
 - (i) The bowling team must commence its final over for the innings within 75 minutes of playing time of that innings' commencement or within any rescheduled duration.
 - (ii) Failure to bowl the minimum number of overs within 75 minutes of playing time or within any rescheduled duration will render the bowling team liable to a penalty of 0.1 points for each such over not bowled, which shall be deducted from a team's season competition points, immediately when a team has accumulated 10 such overs for the season, and which shall continue to be deducted for all overs not bowled in any future innings.
 - (iii) Notwithstanding (ii) above, if the SCA-appointed umpires determine that any shortfall in the minimum number of overs to be bowled, was reasonable on the part of the bowling side, then no penalty, or reduction in the 9 credit overs as set out in (ii) above, shall apply.
 - (iv) Notwithstanding (ii) above, a penalty or reduction in the 9 credit overs shall apply only when the SCA-appointed umpires indicate in their Match Report that a penalty shall apply, and advise the captain or Official of the bowling team, on that day, of that penalty or reduction. In the absence of the captain or Official the umpire must instead advise the SCA in writing within 1 working day of the match's completion.
 - (v) The captain, or their nominated deputy, may question and discuss with the umpires any over-rate penalty to be applied, but must do so before leaving the ground at the end of the relevant day's play. The SCA does not have the authority to review any penalty applied by the umpires under this playing condition.
 - (iii) For the purpose of determining penalties for First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield, - the following allowances shall be taken into account:

- (A) Actual time taken for treatment of an injured player on the field.
 - (B) Actual time taken for a player leaving the field in the event of a serious injury.
 - (C) Actual time taken to dry a wet ball.
 - (D) Actual time taken to find or replace a lost ball.
 - (E) Actual time lost due to all other circumstances that are beyond the control of the fielding side, including batter wasting time.
- (iv) There shall be no allowances given for:
- (A) Wickets fallen
 - (B) The number of Wides and No balls bowled
- (d) **First Grade competition only**
- If the fielding team fails to bowl the minimum number of overs set out in 3.17.1 (c)(i) above, 3.28.2 shall be varied and from the start of the next over no more than 3 fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction markings as outlined in 3.28.2(a) unless the power surge is in effect as outlined in 3.28.2(d). Note Playing Condition 3.17.1(c)(ii) will also still apply.*
- (e) Brewer Shield and Third Grade competitions only
- An over shall comprise a maximum of 8 deliveries regardless of the number of wides, no balls etc. provided that:
- (i) *If the 8th delivery is a no ball, Playing Condition 3.21.2(d) also applies, and;*
 - (ii) In the last over of an innings, the over shall continue until six fair deliveries have been bowled.

3.17.2 Maximum Overs per Bowler

- (a) No bowler shall bowl more than 4 of the total overs allowed in an innings (and no more than 8 overs in one day). In a delayed or interrupted match, where the overs are reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed.
- (b) If the total overs allowed are not divisible by five, one additional over is allowed to be added to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.
- (c) In the event of a bowler being unable to complete an over, another bowler shall bowl the remaining balls. Such part of an over will count as a full over insofar as each bowler's limit is concerned.
- (d) In the event of a Super Over (refer 3.16.3) the maximum over limits are not applicable.

3.17.3 Loss of Playing Time

- (a) Each individual match's scheduled commencement time, and therefore possible rescheduled commencement time, is subject to whether that match is a stand-alone match or part of a double-header or triple-header, and whether such latter matches are to take place within the same Grade, or across two or three Grades.
- (b) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs, so that both teams have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs.
- (c) If a reduction in the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the rescheduled finishing time. That

time may be extended to allow for one extra over for both teams to be added if required.

- (d) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first, unless the team batting first has been dismissed in fewer than the agreed number of overs.
- (e) Incomplete or fractions of overs are ignored.

3.18 LAW 18 (SCORING RUNS) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.18.1 Third Grade only- Batter scoring 30 runs

A batter who scores 30 runs or more must retire not out and may only resume their innings after all members of their team have had an opportunity to bat, and there still being overs remaining to be bowled. If multiple batters retire as a result of scoring 30 runs or more, these batters must resume their innings in the sequential order that they retired. Any such retirement shall not be counted as a dismissal for the purposes of calculating batting averages.

3.19 LAW 19 (BOUNDARIES) shall apply subject to as follows

3.19.1 The boundary of the field of play

- (a) First & Second Grade: The aim shall be to provide the largest playing area, subject to no boundary exceeding 62 metres from the centre of the pitch being used. The boundary must be brought in a minimum distance of 2.74 metres (3 yards) inside the perimeter fencing per the **CNSW Minimum Boundary Clearance Directive**.
- (b) Third Grade & Brewer Shield: The aim shall be to provide the largest playing area, subject to no boundary exceeding 50 metres from the centre of the pitch being used. The boundary must be brought in a minimum distance of 2.74 metres (3 yards) inside the perimeter fencing **CNSW Minimum Boundary Clearance Directive**.

3.20 LAW 20 (DEAD BALL) shall apply.

3.21 LAW 21 (NO BALL) subject to related SCA policy regarding doubtful bowling actions. (Refer to SCA Doubtful Bowling Action Policy), and as follows:

On a non-turf pitch, the width of the synthetic surface shall be regarded as the width of the pitch and return crease. Any ball landing off this surface, or deviating from its edge, shall be called and signalled “no ball” immediately by the Umpire at the bowler’s end.

3.21.1 Law 21.1(b) (Mode of delivery) shall be replaced by as follows:

The bowler may not deliver the ball underarm. If a bowler bowls a ball underarm the Umpire shall call and signal no ball, and the ball is to be re-bowled overarm.

3.21.2 Free Hit after a no ball

- (a) The delivery following a No Ball shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No ball or Wide ball), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.
- (b) For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No ball, even if the delivery for a free hit is called a Wide ball.
- (c) Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless:
 - (i) There is a change of striker, or
 - (ii) The No ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach, in which case the field may be changed only to the extent of correcting the breach.

- (d) *In Brewer Shield and Third Grade where the 8th delivery of an over is a no ball; the first ball of the next over is not a free hit.*

3.22 LAW 22 (WIDE BALL) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.22.1 Wide Bowling – Judging a Wide

- (a) If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide if, according to the definition in 3.22.1 (d)-(g) below.
- (b) The ball passes wide of where the striker is standing or has stood at any point after the ball came into play for that delivery, and which would have passed wide of the striker standing in a normal batting position.
- (c) The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within reach for the striker to be able to hit it with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.
- (d) A delivery passing the striker on the off side outside the Off Side Wide Guideline shall be a Wide provided the striker maintains a normal batting position and has not brought the ball within reach. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the striker has brought the ball within reach, the Off Side Wide Guideline shall be disregarded and the umpire shall apply a general interpretation consistent with the normal operation of Playing condition 3.22.
- (e) Any delivery that passes the striker outside the return crease shall be a Wide regardless of whether the striker has brought the ball within reach.
- (f) A delivery passing the striker's stumps on the leg side without any contact with the striker's bat or person shall be a Wide unless
 - i) the ball passes between the striker and the stumps.
 - ii) the striker moves toward the off side and, in the umpire's opinion, the ball would have made contact with the striker in a normal batting position.
 - iii) the striker is attempting to play, or has aborted an attempt to play, a reverse sweep or switch hit. In this scenario only a delivery passing the striker outside the Off Side Wide Guideline on the leg side shall be a Wide.
- (g) *In First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield the ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker if any delivery after landing passes over the head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease. Playing Condition 41.1.1 also applies.*
- (h) *In Third Grade only, Law 22 shall apply except Playing Condition 3.41.1 applies regarding fast short deliveries.*

3.23 LAW 23 (BYE AND LEG BYE) shall apply.

3.24 LAW 24 (FIELDERS' ABSENCE, SUBSTITUTES) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.24.1 Interchange of fielders

Interchange of fielders named in the team as defined by Playing Condition 3.1(a) without restriction is permitted, providing no playing time is wasted.

A substitute from outside the nominated team can only be used once all nominated players have been utilised.

In the event of a team nominating 11 or less than 11 players, the use of a substitute fielder from outside the nominated team is permitted subject to the prior approval of the umpires. Any such substitute must be a registered player with a club in the SCA Women's Competition.

3.24.2 Use of Ineligible Player

Refer Playing Condition 3.16.15.

3.24.3 Law 24.2 (Fielder absent or leaving the field) shall apply subject to the following.

This Playing Condition 3.24.3 shall only apply to a player whose position in the field is taken by a player from outside the nominated team as defined in Playing Condition 3.1(a).

- (a) If a fielder fails to take the field with their team at the start of the match or at any later time, or leaves the field during a session of play, the Umpire shall be informed of the reason for their absence, and they shall not thereafter come onto the field during a session of play without the consent of the Umpire. The Umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable. If a player leaves the field;
 - (i) The player shall not be permitted to bowl in that innings after their return until they have been on the field for at least that length of playing time for which they were absent.
 - (ii) The player shall not be permitted to bat unless or until, in the aggregate, they have returned to the field and/or their team's innings has been in progress for at least that length of playing time for which they have been absent or, if earlier, when their team has lost five wickets.
- (b) The restriction in (i) and (ii) above shall not apply if the player has suffered an external blow (as opposed to an internal injury such as a pulled muscle) whilst participating earlier in the match and consequently been forced to leave the field. Nor shall it apply if the player has been absent for very exceptional and wholly acceptable reasons (other than injury or illness).
- (c) In the event of a fielder already being off the field at the commencement of an interruption in play through adverse conditions of ground, weather or light, they shall be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided that they personally inform the Umpires that they are fit enough to take the field had play been in progress and then takes the field on resumption of play.

3.24.4 Brewer Shield Competition

Any substitute fielder must be eligible by age.

3.25 LAW 25 (BATTER'S INNINGS; RUNNERS) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.25.1 Batter Retiring

- (a) An injured batter who has temporarily retired and is unable to return after the fall of the ninth wicket shall be recorded in the scorebooks as "Retired – not out" and the innings shall be deemed closed.
- (b) Where an injury occurs to a batter involved in a tenth wicket partnership, a maximum of five minutes will be allowed in order for the batter to obtain treatment. If the batter is unable to resume after the five minutes they shall be recorded in the scorebooks as "Retired – not out" as described above.
- (c) A team is considered dismissed and deemed to have lost 10 wickets, even if batters are absent, ill or injured.

3.26 LAW 26 (PRACTICE ON THE FIELD) shall apply.

3.27 LAW 27 (THE WICKET-KEEPER) shall apply subject to as follows:

Refer to Playing Condition 3.28.2

3.28 LAW 28 (THE FIELDER) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.28.1 Fielding Restrictions- every Grade

- (a) At the instant of delivery, there may be no more than five fielders on the leg side.

3.28.2 Additional Fielding Restrictions- First Grade only

- (a) Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 23 m. The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line (refer diagram supplement).
- (b) At the instant of delivery, there may be no more than five fielders on the leg side.
- (c) During the first 4 overs of each innings, a maximum of 2 fielders are permitted outside the fielding restriction area; and
- (d) Power Surge overs: a block of 2 consecutive floating Fielding Restriction overs (for an uninterrupted match) shall be taken at the discretion of the batters at the wicket between the end of the 10th over and the beginning of the 19th over: a maximum of 2 fielders are permitted outside the fielding restriction area.
- (e) In the circumstances where the overs of the batting team are reduced, the floating Fielding Restriction Overs will be taken from the mid-way point of the innings (rounded down for odd numbered overs); a maximum of 2 fielders are permitted outside the fielding restriction area.
- (f) During the non-Fielding Restriction Overs, a maximum of 4 fielders permitted outside the fielding restriction area.
- (g) In the event of an infringement of (b), (c), (d) or (e) above, either umpire shall call and signal No Ball.
- (h) *If the fielding team fails to bowl the minimum number of overs set out in 3.17.1 (c)(i), 3.28.2 shall be varied and from the start of the next over no more than three fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction markings as outlined in 3.28.2(a) unless the Power Surge has been taken.*

3.28.3 Power Surge (Floating Restriction Overs) – First Grade only

- (a) A batter must nominate the floating overs no later than the moment at which the umpire reaches the stumps at the bowler's end for the start of the next over.
- (b) Once a batter has nominated the floating overs the decision cannot be reversed.
- (c) Should the batting side not exercise their discretion, the floating Fielding Restriction Overs will automatically commence at the beginning of the 19th Over (in an uninterrupted match) or at the latest over available in an interrupted match. Refer Fielding Restriction Overs table 3A on page 33.
- (d) In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Fielding Restriction Overs shall be reduced in accordance with Table 3A on page 33.
- (e) Where, in an interrupted innings, on resumption the recalculated number of Fielding Restriction Overs (as set out in table 3A) is no longer achievable, the actual number of Fielding Restriction Overs for that innings will be the closest achievable whole number.

- (f) If an innings is interrupted during an over and if on the resumption of play, due to the reduced number of overs of the batting team, the required number of Fielding Restriction Overs have already been bowled, the remaining deliveries in the over to be completed shall not be subject to the fielding restrictions.
- (g) If play is interrupted not during the Fielding Restriction Overs, then on resumption, it is necessary to determine how many Fielding Restriction Overs is derived from table 3A. Any Fielding Restriction Overs already taken prior to the interruption will be deemed to have been from the initial allocation followed by the floating Fielding Restriction Overs. The decision of the batting side of when to take the remaining Fielding Restriction Overs is made as per 3.28.3 (a) above.
- (h) In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, either umpire shall call and signal No Ball.

3.28.4 Additional Fielding Restrictions - Second Grade & Brewer Shield

- (a) At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side.
- (b) In addition to the restriction contained in playing condition 3.28.4(a) above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply are set out in the following paragraphs.
 - (i) Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 23 metres. The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at 5 metre intervals.
 - (ii) For the first 6 overs of each innings, only two fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction circle at the instant of delivery.
 - (iii) For the remaining overs of each innings, four fielders only are permitted to be outside the field restriction circle at the instant of delivery.
- (c) In circumstances where the number of overs for the team batting first is reduced, the number of Fielding Restriction Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the first and second innings of the match.

Total Overs in Innings	No. of overs for which fielding restrictions in 3.28.4(b)(ii) will apply
5-6	1
7-9	2
10-13	3
14-16	4

17-19	5
20	6

- (d) Where, in an interrupted innings, on resumption the recalculated number of Fielding Restriction Overs (as set out above) is no longer achievable, the actual number Fielding Restriction Overs for that innings will be the closest achievable whole number.
- (e) If an innings is interrupted during an over and if on the resumption of play, due to the reduced number of overs of the batting team, the required number of Fielding Restriction Overs have already been bowled, the remaining deliveries in the over to be completed shall not be subject to the fielding restrictions.
- (f) In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions either umpire shall call and signal No ball.

3.28.5 Movement by the Fielder other than Wicket-Keeper

Any movement by any fielder, excluding the wicket-keeper, after the ball comes into play and before the ball reaches the striker, is unfair except for the following.

A fielder is moving to a position to avoid a fielding restriction breach after the ball has come into play but before the ball has been delivered and if, in the umpires' opinion, such movement has arisen through seeking to correct an oversight rather than a deliberate attempt to obtain an advantage.

3.28.6 Protective Equipment – The Fielder

Any player must wear protective equipment at all times while fielding within 10 metres of the striker, except when fielding behind the wicket on the off-side, or as a wicket-keeper standing back. Such protective equipment is defined as a helmet with a grille (Refer to SCA Helmet Policy).

- 3.29 **LAW 29 (THE WICKET IS DOWN)** shall apply.
- 3.30 **LAW 30 (BATTER OUT OF THEIR GROUND)** shall apply.
- 3.31 **LAW 31 (APPEALS)** shall apply.
- 3.32 **LAW 32 (BOWLED)** shall apply.
- 3.33 **LAW 33 (CAUGHT)** shall apply.
- 3.34 **LAW 34 (HIT THE BALL TWICE)** shall apply.
- 3.35 **LAW 35 (HIT WICKET)** shall apply.
- 3.36 **LAW 36 (LEG BEFORE WICKET)** shall apply.
- 3.37 **LAW 37 (OBSTRUCTING THE FIELD)** shall apply.
- 3.38 **LAW 38 (RUN OUT)** shall apply.
- 3.39 **LAW 39 (STUMPED)** shall apply.
- 3.40 **LAW 40 (TIMED OUT)** shall apply subject to as follows:

After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless Time has been called, be ready to receive the ball, or for the other batter to be ready to receive the

next ball within 1 minute and 30 seconds of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batter will be out, Timed out.

3.41 LAW 41 (UNFAIR PLAY) shall apply subject to as follows:

3.41.1 Law 41.6(a) (Bowling of fast *short deliveries*)- First, Second Grade & Brewer Shield

- (a) A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one fast short delivery per over, as set out below.
- (b) A fast short delivery is defined as a ball which after landing, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batter standing upright at the crease.
- (c) The Umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batter on strike when each fast short delivery has been bowled.
- (d) In addition, for the purpose of this regulation, a ball that passes clearly above head height of the batter, other than a fast short ball as defined in 3.41.1(b), that prevents them from being able to hit it with their bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a Wide.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt any fast short delivery that is called a Wide under this playing condition shall also count as one of the allowable short deliveries in that over.
- (e) In the event of the bowler bowling more than one fast short delivery in an over as defined in 3.41.1(b), the Umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball, on each occasion. In addition, when the ball is dead, the Umpire shall caution the bowler, inform the Captain of the fielding side, the batter at the wicket, and the other Umpire of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.
- (f) If there is a second instance of the bowler being no balled for bowling more than one fast short delivery in an over, the Umpire shall repeat the procedure in 3.41.1(e) and advise the bowler that this is their final warning.
- (g) Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire shall call and signal No Ball and, when the ball is dead, direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over or part thereof nor be allowed to bowl the next over or part thereof.
- (h) The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.
- (i) The umpire shall report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batters at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.
- (j) The umpires shall then report the matter to the SCA who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and the bowler concerned.

3.41.2 Law 41.6(a) (*Bowling of fast short deliveries*)- Third Grade only

- (a) A bowler shall not be allowed to bowl any fast short delivery.
- (b) A fast short delivery is defined as a ball which after landing, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batter standing upright in their normal guard position at the crease.
- (c) In the event of the bowler bowling a fast short delivery as defined in 3.41.2(b), the Umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball, and then tap the head with the other hand. In addition, when the ball is dead, the Umpire shall caution the bowler, inform the Captain of the fielding side, the batter at the wicket, and the other Umpire of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings. For the avoidance of doubt, in third grade matches, the bowler's end umpire shall call and signal No Ball on every instance of a fast short delivery bouncing above the shoulder

(including above the head) of the striker standing upright in their normal guard position at the popping crease.

- (d) If there is a second instance of the bowler being no balled for bowling a fast short delivery in the same innings, the Umpire shall repeat the procedure in 3.42.2(c) and advise the bowler that this is their final warning.
- (e) Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire shall call and signal No Ball and, when the ball is dead, direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over or part thereof nor be allowed to bowl the next over or part thereof.
- (f) The Umpires will then report the matter to the SCA which shall take whatever action is considered appropriate against the Captain and bowler concerned.
- (g) This regulation is not a substitute for law 41.6 (Dangerous and Unfair Bowling) that Umpires may apply at any time

3.41.3 Law 41.7 (*Bowling of High Non-Landing Deliveries*) shall apply subject to as follows:

- (a) Any delivery which passes or would have passed *without landing* above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease shall be a No ball.
- (b) Any delivery which passes or would have passed *without landing* above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is deemed dangerous and unfair if, in the opinion of the bowler's end umpire, it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.
- (c) In the event of a bowler bowling a high *non-landing* delivery as defined in playing condition 3.41.3(b) (i.e. a beamer), the umpire at the bowler's end shall, in the first instance, call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead, caution the bowler and issue a first and final warning. The umpire shall inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batters at the wicket of what has occurred
- (d) Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, or part thereof, nor be allowed to bowl the next over, or part thereof.
- (e) The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.
- (f) The umpire shall report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batters at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.
- (g) The umpires shall then report the matter to the SCA who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and the bowler concerned.

3.41.4 Deliberate bowling of *non-landing* deliveries.

If the umpire considers that a high *non-landing* delivery which is deemed dangerous and unfair as defined in clause 3.41.3 (b) was deliberately bowled, then the first and final warning process shall be dispensed with. The umpire at the bowler's end shall:

- (a) Call and signal No ball.
- (b) When the ball is dead, direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith.
- (c) Not allow the bowler to bowl again in the match.
- (d) Ensure that the over is completed by another bowler, provided that the bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively.

- (e) Report the occurrence to the other umpire, to the captain of the batting side and the SCA who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and the bowler concerned.

3.41.5 Bowling of dangerous and unfair short deliveries

The bowling of short deliveries is dangerous if the bowler's end umpire considers that, taking into consideration the skill of the striker, by their speed, length, height and direction they are likely to inflict physical injury on him/her. The fact that the striker is wearing protective equipment shall be disregarded.

As soon as the umpire decides that the bowling of short deliveries has become dangerous under the paragraph above, they shall call and signal No ball. When the ball is dead, the umpire shall caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning, and inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batters of what has occurred:

Should there be any further such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall

- (a) call and signal No ball
- (b) when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
- (c) inform the other umpire for the reason for this action.

The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.

The umpire shall report the occurrence to the batters and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.

The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side and to the SCA, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate, the team.

3.41.6 Law 41.11 (Damaging the pitch - area to be protected)

- (a) In order to assist in the protection of turf pitch surfaces, all batters, bowlers and wicketkeepers must wear spiked footwear.
- (b) Non-spiked footwear may only be worn during any match played on a turf pitch where a player provides a certificate from a registered medical practitioner or physiotherapist stating that wearing of spiked footwear would be detrimental to the player's physical well-being.
- (c) The umpires shall report any breach of this Playing Condition to the relevant captain at the end of the day's play.

3.42 LAW 42 (PLAYERS' CONDUCT)

- (a) Any Club member, Umpire or Club Official engaging in disorderly or improper behaviour, either on or off the field, and whether taking part in a match or not, breaches the Code of Conduct and may be dealt with by the SCA.
- (b) Where a Club member, Umpire or Club Official is reported for an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct, the procedures set out in the SCA's Rules must be followed (refer to the Rules of Sydney Cricket Association).

- (c) Each club shall appoint or elect each of its officials and volunteers to Membership of the club, in order to ensure that each such person is bound by the SCA's Code of Conduct. Such persons shall include all those serving as honorary or paid umpires, scorers, coaches, selectors, team managers, team support staff, ground managers and canteen staff. Such Membership may be Honorary, Non-Playing, or of any other form that is available to the club.
- (d) Between commencement and conclusion of any innings, team coaching staff and supporters:
 - (i) May generally encourage from the side line; and may enter (max 2) the field of play only at scheduled drinks intervals;
 - (ii) Must not delay play by word or action (without permission from the match umpires) or enter the field of play expect during drinks intervals, or with the permission of match umpires.

**RESCHEDULING OF HOURS OF PLAY
IN EVENT OF LOSS OF SCHEDULED PLAYING TIME**

(In triple header matches there shall be no available time of 45 minutes)

Loss of playing time	Effect on innings length
Before match's commencement, or during innings of team batting first	Unaffected for first 45 minutes, then reduce each innings' length by 1 over for each further part or whole 7.5 minutes lost
During innings of team batting second	Unaffected for first 45 minutes, then reduce innings' length by 1 over for each further part or whole 3.75 minutes lost

Rescheduling of match's commencement	Overs per innings	Rescheduling of match's conclusion
No delay	20	No change
1-45 minutes	20	1-45 minutes, as appropriate
46-53 minutes	19	45 minutes
54-60 minutes	18	45 minutes
61-68 minutes	17	45 minutes
69-75 minutes	16	45 minutes
76-83 minutes	15	45 minutes
84-90 minutes	14	45 minutes
91-98 minutes	13	45 minutes
99-105 minutes	12	45 minutes
106-113 minutes	11	45 minutes
114-120 minutes	10	45 minutes
121-128 minutes	9	45 minutes
129-135 minutes	8	45 minutes
136-143 minutes	7	45 minutes
144-150 minutes	6	45 minutes
151-158 minutes	5	45 minutes
More than 158 minutes	Abandon match	Abandon match

All calculations in the above tables are based on as follows-

- (iii) a minimum of 5 overs per innings;
- (iv) a rate of 3.75 minutes per over;
- (v) an interval between innings of 15 minutes;
- (vi) the addition of a maximum of 45 minutes when rescheduling a match's conclusion time, after which time the number of overs for one or both innings is reduced;
- (vii) a match's abandonment, if it cannot commence within 158 minutes (120 in Third Grade) of the scheduled commencement time;
- (viii) a match's abandonment, if remaining playing time is insufficient to allow the rescheduling at that time of 5 overs (10 overs in Third Grade) in each innings, based on a rate of 3.75 minutes per over;
- (ix) the maximum length of innings of the team batting second, to not exceed the maximum length of innings of the team batting first, as a result of any rescheduling;

TABLE 3A- FIELDING RESTRICTIONS OVERS

REFER PLAYING CONDITION 3.28.4

Overs	Power surge available after over	Power surge available between overs	# of Fixed Powerplay Overs	# of Floating Powerplay Overs
20	10	11-19	4	2
19	9	10-18	4	1
18	9	10-17	4	1
17	8	9-16	4	1
16	8	9-15	4	1
15	7	8-14	3	1
14	7	8-13	3	1
13	6	7-12	2	1
12	6	7-11	2	1
11	5	6-10	2	1
10	5	6-9	2	1
9			2	0
8			2	0
7			2	0
6			1	0
5			1	0