

# NSW Districts Cricket Association



## Inter-Association Handbook 2013/14

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# BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws have been produced to contain the Playing Rules and Conditions for the Inter-Association competitions conducted by the NSW Districts Cricket Association Incorporated. These By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the MCC Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) as amended and contained in this document.

## By-Law 1 COMPETITIONS

The NSW Districts Cricket Association Incorporated otherwise referred to as the NSWDCA (formerly known as the NSW Junior Cricket Union Incorporated) shall conduct Inter-Association competitions amongst its affiliated associations.

The Competitions shall be as follows

- 1.1 The James Martin & Company Shield otherwise referred to as the Martin Shield for teams of open age.
- 1.2 The Daily Telegraph Shield otherwise referred to as the Telegraph Shield for players under the age of 23 years.
- 1.3 The John D Durham Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Durham Shield for players under the age of 19 years.
- 1.4 The James Searle Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Searle Shield for the best points or percentage obtained in the Martin and Durham Shield competitions.
- 1.5 The C.S.Watson Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Watson Shield for players under the age of 16 years.
- 1.6 The E.G.Weblin Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Weblin Shield for players under the age of 15 years.
- 1.7 The Harold Moore Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Moore Shield for players under the age of 14 years.
- 1.8 The Walter S Gee Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Gee Shield for players under the age of 13 years.
- 1.9 The Arch Cawsey Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Cawsey Shield for players under the age of 12 years.
- 1.10 The J.H.Creak Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Creak Shield for players under the age of 11 years.
- 1.11 The W.G.Foster Memorial Shield otherwise referred to as the Foster Shield for players under the age of 10 years.
- 1.12 The Margaret Peden Shield Competition for girls under the age of **15 years**.
- 1.13 The Mollie Dive Shield Competition for girls under the age of **13 years**.
- 1.14 The Jim Goulder Shield Competition for girls under the age of TBD

- 1.15 The Shell Shield for the best points or percentage obtained in the Junior Shield (Under 10 to Under 16 inclusive) competitions.
- 1.16 The Alan and Rae Ward Shield otherwise referred to as the Ward Shield for the best points or percentage obtained in the Girls Shield competitions (As conducted by the Association).
- 1.17 The G H (Gerry) Meyer Shield otherwise referred to as the Meyer Shield for the best points or percentage obtained by all of the associations' teams from the Junior, Girls and Senior competitions. For an association to qualify for this Shield it must have at least five teams, one of which must be from the senior competition.
- 1.18 The senior competitions shall consist of the Martin, Telegraph and Durham Shields. The junior competitions shall comprise the Watson, Weblin, Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak and Foster Shields, and the girls competitions shall comprise the Peden, Dive and Goulder Shields.
- 1.19 Any other competitions as are seen fit by the Committee of Management to achieve its aims of promoting the game of cricket.

## By-Law 2 TEAM REGISTRATIONS

An affiliated association may enter a team in any of these Inter-Association competitions. The Committee of Management may, at its discretion, approach an affiliated association to enter a **second** team in any of the competitions, to enable a more equitable draw to be achieved.

- 2.1 Any affiliated association that is participating in a joint competition with another affiliated association may enter a team in any of the Inter-Association competitions, comprised of players selected from either affiliated association, who are eligible otherwise in accordance with these By-Laws, and provided that such joint competitions shall have been in operation for at least one full season. Any such entry shall be in the name of either affiliated association as registered. Such affiliated associations that conduct a joint competition shall notify the NSWDCA of the age divisions by the first day of October each year.
- 2.2 Entries shall be lodged with the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA by a date as fixed by the Committee of Management.

## By-Law 3 PITCHES

All matches shall be played on grounds and pitches submitted by the affiliated associations at the time of entry to the competitions, or as directed by the Committee of Management. Affiliated associations should ensure that pitches chosen as venues are of a condition that reduces the risk of injury to players and/or Umpires to a minimum.

Venues may be altered if the listed ground is unfit for play and a suitable alternate venue can be arranged, subject to the approval of the NSWDCA Executive Officer or emergency match day contact, for matches that are unable to be played on the designated venue:

- from a turf pitch ground to **another turf pitch ground** or a ground with a synthetic pitch, or
- from one ground with synthetic pitch to another.

- 3.1 For matches in the Martin, Telegraph, Durham, Watson and Weblin Shields all matches must be played on turf pitches, subject to the above.
- 3.2 The competing affiliated associations shall pay ground fees.

- 3.3 The home team is always the first listed in the draw. It shall be responsible for setting up the ground before play. Stumps, bails and boundary markers shall be provided and set up by the home team. The NSWDCA recommends that boundary markers be set at distances that are not too close to the pitch. It is suggested that they should, where possible, be set no closer to the pitch than 40 metres for the Foster and Creak Shields, 50 metres for the Cawsey, Gee and all Girls Shields and 60 metres for the Moore Shield. For matches in the Weblin, Watson, Martin, Telegraph and Durham Shields the boundary shall be the normal boundary in place at the ground.
- 3.4 In all junior, girls and senior competitions involving one or more players under the age of 16 as of midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, a ten metre circle will be marked from the base of middle stump at each end of the pitch. This marking will be made up of a broken line or dots. If ground or weather conditions prevent this marking from taking place the umpires will be the sole judge of the 10 metre circles.

## By-Law 4 POINTS SYSTEM

The points to be awarded in all matches except Qualifying Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals shall be as follows

1. Outright Win	8 Points
2. Outright Win after a tie on the first innings	6 Points
3. Outright Win after being behind on the first innings	5 Points
4. Outright Tie after leading on the first innings	6 points
5. Outright Tie on both first and second innings	4 points
6. Outright after being behind on the first innings	2 Points
7. Win on the first innings	5 Points
8. Loss on the first innings	1 Point
9. Tie on the first innings if there is no further result	3 Points
10. Draw, including no play due to ground, weather or light	3 Points
11. Draw, uncompleted match	3 Points
12. Outright Loss after leading on the first innings	3 Points
13. Outright Loss after a tie on the first innings	2 Points
14. Outright Loss after trailing on the first innings	0 Points

### 4.1 BYES

Any team that receives a bye shall be awarded 5 points; subject to a result on the first innings or better being achieved in one or more matches in that division in that round. In the event that all matches in that division are washed out or drawn that team with the bye will be awarded 3 points.

### 4.2 FORFEITS

In the event of a forfeit, or match won or awarded by reason of infringement of these by-laws, the team receiving the forfeit, or being awarded the match, may receive the maximum number of points scored by any other team in the same division for that round and the opposing team may receive no points if so determined by the Committee of Management or appointed sub-committee.

## By-Law 5 EQUAL POINTS AT END OF PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

When the points scored by two or more teams in a division are equal at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, the winner shall be determined by using the following calculation:

- (a) The batting average for each team shall be calculated by dividing the total number of runs it has scored by the number of wickets it has lost;
- (b) The bowling average for each team shall be calculated by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the number of wickets captured; and
- (c) The result of (a) is divided by the result of (b) and the team having the higher resultant quotient shall be deemed to have the better performance.

For the purpose of this By-Law, a player who has retired hurt shall be deemed to be Not-Out and a team that declares its innings closed shall be deemed to have lost the total number of wickets that have fallen.

A team that forfeits its innings shall be deemed to have lost no wickets. A team that is dismissed shall be deemed to have lost ten wickets.

A team, which has a higher number of points or a higher quotient than its opponents, will be regarded as the home team for Qualifying Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals.

## By-Law 6 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The determination of the "Player of the Year" in each of the competitions is at the discretion of the Committee of Management.

## By-Law 7 AGE LIMITS

Except as indicated, there shall be age limits in all of the Inter-Association competitions, eligibility being applicable to all players, whose age must be under the age group as listed at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the cricket season, as follows;

<b>SENIOR COMPETITIONS</b>	
Martin Shield	No Restriction
Telegraph Shield	Under 23 years
Durham Shield	Under 19 years
<b>JUNIOR COMPETITIONS</b>	
Watson Shield	Under 16 years
<b>Margaret Peden Shield (girls)</b>	<b>Under 15 years</b>
Weblin Shield	Under 15 years
Moore Shield	Under 14 years
<b>Mollie Dive Shield (girls)</b>	<b>Under 13 years</b>
Gee Shield	Under 13 years
Cawsey Shield	Under 12 years
<b>Jim Goulder Shield (girls)</b>	<b>Under TBD</b>
Creak Shield	Under 11 years
Foster Shield	Under 10 years

## **By-Law 8 ATTIRE**

- 8.1 All players must wear proper cricket attire, white or cream shirts (which may have coloured collars and cuffs, with short or long sleeves), white or cream trousers, white or cream sweater (with long or short sleeves), predominantly white shoes or boots, white or cream socks and where wearing a hat or cap it should be of an appropriate design. (Note: bowlers are permitted to wear footwear that is specifically designed to support them in their bowling action. This footwear must be predominantly white in colour). Girls must wear trousers, skirts, shorts or shirts in the colours and basic designs as listed above. Shirts may carry the logo of an appropriate team sponsor. Logos should conform to the guidelines set down by the NSWDCA. Logos must be approved by the NSWDCA Committee of Management. Logo requirements can be seen below;

A maximum of 2 logos to be allowed, in any 2 positions of the collar, sleeve and chest. Each logo to have maximum area of 47 sq cm (7.5 sq in), as follows-

- A rectangle with no single dimension smaller than 3.75 cm (1.5 in); or
  - A square 7 cm x 7 cm (2.75 in x 2.75 in); or
  - A circle 7.5 cm (3 in) in diameter.
- 8.2 Umpires officiating shall not allow any player who is improperly attired to take part in any match, and shall report this fact to the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA in writing within five (5) days following the completion of the match, detailing full particulars of the offence. Players are reminded that sprigged or studded footwear is not permitted to be used on any synthetic surface under any circumstances. Such players are not allowed to bowl and shall be deemed to be improperly attired. However, where matches are played on turf pitches, it is highly recommended that players be encouraged to wear such sprigged footwear so as to ensure that the grass surface is not "burnt" by the use of rubber soled shoes or boots.

## **By-Law 9 DUTY OF CARE**

All affiliated associations; their Coaches and Managers are reminded that cricket is a game with potential risks for the players. All batsman should be made aware of the benefits of using protective equipment, such as but not limited to, helmets, leg guards, gloves, arm guards, abdominal protection and (for males) a protector.

- 9.1 All batsmen under 16 years of age at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August are to wear while batting, a specifically designed properly fitting cricket helmet with face guard in all Inter-Association competitions.
- 9.2 a) No player over 14 years of age and under 16 years of age at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August shall field within the 10 metre circle at the strikers end, unless wearing the minimum protective equipment of a specifically designed properly fitting cricket helmet with face guard and a protector, with the exception of the wicketkeeper, offside slip and gully fieldsman.
- b) No player under 14 years of age at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August shall field within the 10 metre circle at the strikers end, with the exception of the wicketkeeper, offside slip and gully fieldsman.
- c) If a fielder is in breach of 9.2 a) or b) above, prior to the ball striking the batter, passing the stumps or being hit by the batter either umpire shall call and signal "dead ball".

Refer to By-Law 3.4 for guidance on regarding marking the ten metre circle.

- 9.3 Play shall cease immediately, in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later. Play shall not resume until 30 minutes after the last such lightning flash.

## **By-Law 10 MEMBERSHIP OF AN ASSOCIATION CLUB**

All players must be registered players who have played **at least one match** in the current season for an affiliated club in **any** Competition conducted by the Association they wish to represent prior to participating in an Inter Association Shield match. However if circumstances prevent a player complying with this By-Law his/her Association may seek dispensation by submitting a request, in writing, to vary the requirement and detailing the reasons for the request. The decision on the request, which must be submitted prior to the player participating in a match, will be made by the Inter Association Sub Committee. Failure to comply with this rule may render the team liable to loss of points gained in the match for which the player was unqualified.

- 10.1 A player who is registered by one affiliated association and playing in a joint competition in a single age group in another Association may be registered as a player of either affiliated association in Inter-Association Competitions **but may only play with one Association.**
- 10.2 A player registered and playing in junior and or senior competitions with more than one association may represent either association in the Inter-Association Competitions.

## **By-Law 11 PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN SCA COMPETITIONS**

Players who have participated in three competition matches that are controlled by either the Sydney Cricket Association Inc. (including the Grade and Municipal and Shires competitions) during the current season other than representing the NSWDCA in such competition shall be ineligible to take part in the Senior Inter-Association competitions.

## **By-Law 12 REPRESENTING MORE THAN ONE ASSOCIATION**

No player shall represent more than one affiliated association in any of the Inter-Association competitions

## **By-Law 13 DEFAULTING OR SUSPENDED PARTICIPANTS**

No defaulting or suspended player, manager or coach of any affiliated association shall be allowed to take part in any of the Inter-Association competitions in any capacity.

## **By-Law 14 PENALTIES**

The penalty for violation of By-Laws 11, 12 or 13 shall be the deduction of all points gained in matches in which such player, manager or coach have participated, and the player, manager or coach may be disqualified, provided that the Committee of Management may review any such disqualification if deemed warranted.



## By-Law 15 PLAYING TIMES

15.1 Except as hereafter provided the playing times for the Inter-Association competition matches shall be as follows:

Martin Shield Telegraph Shield Durham Shield	10:00 am to <b>5.30</b> pm  Lunch to be taken at the completion of the innings of the team batting first.	(refer to 16.2)  Luncheon duration 40 Minutes  <b>Stumps 5.30pm</b>
Watson Shield  Weblin Shield	<sup>1st</sup> Session  Morning Tea <sup>2nd</sup> Session Luncheon <sup>3rd</sup> Session Afternoon Tea <sup>4th</sup> Session	10:00 am to 11:45 am  11:45 pm to 12:00 noon 12:00 pm to 1:40 pm 1:40 pm to 2:15 pm 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm 4:00 pm to 4:20 pm 4:20 pm to 6:00 pm
Moore Shield Gee Shield Cawsey Shield Creak Shield	<sup>1st</sup> Session  Morning Tea <sup>2nd</sup> Session Luncheon <sup>3rd</sup> Session  Afternoon Tea <sup>4th</sup> Session	10:00 am to 11:30 am  11:30 am to 11:45 am 11:45 am to 1:10 pm 1:10 pm to 1:45 pm 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm  3:15 pm to 3:35 pm 3.35 pm to 5.00 pm
Foster Shield  On field drinks to be taken after 10, 20 & 30 overs of each innings.	<sup>1st</sup> Session Luncheon <sup>2nd</sup> Session	10.00am to 12.30pm 12.30pm to 1.15pm 1.15pm to 3.45pm

15.2 The innings of the team batting first must finish at or before the agreed time for completion, which is:

- 1.25pm for senior shields
- the completion of the second session for junior and girls shields except Foster which is the completion of the first session.
- Where the condition of the pitch, ground, weather or light causes the loss of playing time prior to or during the innings of the team batting first in a) or b) above, the adjusted finishing time will be later than the normal finishing time by an amount equaled to half the time lost. See By Law 16.3 for calculation of overs to be bowled.

- 15.3 By Law 16.2 applies to all matches in all shields.
- 15.4 If, due to the condition of the pitch, ground, weather or light, no play occurs before 12 noon (11.30am in the case of Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak, Foster and girls shields) then all intervals shall be disregarded except for the afternoon tea interval which shall be taken at the end of the innings of the team batting first. See By Law 16.3 for calculation of overs to be bowled.
- 15.5 If, due to the condition of the pitch, ground, weather or light, no play occurs before 2.00pm (1.30pm in the case of Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak, Foster and girls shields) then the afternoon tea interval, shall also be disregarded. See By Law 16.3 for calculation of overs to be bowled.
- 15.6 In Junior and Girls Shield competitions, if the innings of the team batting first ends within 30 minutes of the luncheon interval it shall be taken immediately. Play will resume 35 minutes later (45 minutes in the case of Foster Shield). Afternoon tea will not be varied by this By Law.

## By-Law 16 OVER RESTRICTIONS AND RESULTS

- 16.1 The number of overs to be bowled in the first innings in the various competition matches shall be as follows:

Martin, Telegraph & Durham Shields	55 Overs
Watson, Weblin	60 Overs
Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak Shields	50 Overs
Foster Shield	40 Overs

- 16.2 If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the agreed time in By Law 15.2, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled, providing that the team batting first has not been dismissed or declared its innings closed. At that time the normal interval shall be taken (10 minutes for seniors or the luncheon break for Junior and Girls Shields or such interval prescribed by By Law 15.4 or 15.5 above). Unless it is determined by the Umpires that unforeseen circumstances have contributed to the inability of the team fielding first to bowl the required number of overs (by the agreed time in By Law 15.2), the innings of the team batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs as it has bowled by the agreed time in By Law 15.2. The innings of the team batting second must be allowed to continue past the nominated time for stumps to be drawn, (6:00 pm Watson and Weblin Shields **5.30pm Senior Shields** or 5:00 pm in the case of the Moore Gee, Cawsey, Creak, and 3.45 pm the case of the Foster or Girls Shields) to allow the number of allocated overs to be bowled.

*NOTE Councils have the ability to make resolutions which affect the playing of sports and the like, as well as other usage restrictions and it is suggested that where a notice has been displayed by the Local Council on Public Reserves that specifically refers to the playing of sports activities and finishing times, that the affiliated association advise the NSWDCA and approach the Local Council with the view to having the Council alter the decision to allow the games of cricket to extend beyond 6:00 pm. If there is no written notice displayed at a reserve, then it would appear there is no time limit applicable.*

- 16.3 If the condition of the pitch, ground, weather or light causes the loss of playing time prior to or during the innings of the team batting first, under By Law 15.2 (c), 15.4 or 15.5, the number of overs to be received by each team will be reduced by one over for each whole 7 minutes lost.

## Chart to assist with calculation of overs when delays occur.

For time lost PRIOR to play or during the innings of the team

### BATTING FIRST.

Overs reduced by one over for each team for each whole 7 minutes lost.

Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost
7	1	77	11	147	21
14	2	84	12	154	22
21	3	91	13	161	23
28	4	98	14	168	24
35	5	105	15	175	25
42	6	112	16	182	26
49	7	119	17	189	27
56	8	126	18	196	28
63	9	133	19	203	29
70	10	140	20	210	30

For time lost following the first innings of the team batting first and PRIOR TO OR DURING THE INNINGS OF THE TEAM BATTING SECOND and after taking into consideration any early completion of the first innings of the match, Overs reduced by one over for each whole 3.5 minutes lost.

Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost
3.5	1	38.5	11	73.5	21
7	2	42	12	77	22
10.5	3	45.5	13	80.5	23
14	4	49	14	84	24
17.5	5	52.5	15	87.5	25
21	6	56	16	91	26
24.5	7	59.5	17	94.5	27
28	8	63	18	98	28
31.5	9	66.5	19	101.5	29
35	10	70	20	105	30

- 16.4 If the condition of the pitch, ground, weather or light causes the loss of playing time following the first innings of the team batting first and prior to or during the innings of the team batting second and after taking into consideration any early completion of the first innings of the match, the number of overs to be received by the second team will be reduced by one over for each whole three and a half minutes lost. The match shall be decided by a comparison of the run rate of both teams. These run rates are calculated by dividing the total number of runs scored by the number of overs bowled. For the purpose of the run rate calculation, only each legitimate ball shall count as one sixth of an over. Where a team has been dismissed or declared its innings closed before completing its innings, its run rate shall be calculated by dividing the total number of runs scored by the quota number of overs it should have received. All this provided a minimum of 30 overs has been completed by each team (25 overs in the case of the Moore, Gee, Cawsey & Creak, 20 overs in the case of Foster and Girl Shields). Stumps will be drawn if the players are off the field at the nominated time. The team with the higher run rate shall be declared the winner.

**Example to assist with By – Law 16.4 Based on 50 overs per side match.**

- (a) Team `A` Scores 200 runs from 50 overs. Run Rate = 4.0.
- (b) Team `B` Innings is reduced to a maximum of 25 overs.
- (c) Team `B` must score a minimum of 101 runs from 25 overs (Comparison Run Rate = 4.04 to win the match).
- (d) If the required total of 101 runs is reached in less than 25 overs the match shall continue until 25 overs are completed as team `A` may dismiss team `B` for a total of less than their total of 200 runs.
- (e) If a further reduction of overs is necessary in the innings of team `B` the match shall continue at the request of either captain if they believe a result may still be achieved.
- (f) For a result to be achieved in this instance team `A` would have to dismiss team `B` for a total of less than 200 runs in the revised allotted number of overs or team `B` would have to score a total of more than 200 runs otherwise the match shall result in a draw.

16.5 If each team has completed fewer than 30 overs (25 overs in the case of the Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak Shields, 20 in the case of the Foster or Girl Shields ), the match shall be regarded as a draw, unless a result has been achieved beforehand.

16.6 If the first innings of each team has been completed and/or a first innings result has been obtained, then stumps may be drawn, if in the opinion of the two Captains an outright win cannot be obtained. However, if either Captain is of the opinion that an outright result can be obtained, then the match shall continue. In this instance, the number of overs to be bowled in the last hour, commencing at the end of the over in progress at 5.00pm (4:00 pm in the case of the Moore, Gee, Cawsey, Creak Shields 2.45pm in the case of the Foster or Girl Shields) will be applied under MCC Law of Cricket 16.6.

16.7 It is not mandatory for either team to bat for its full quota of overs if a declaration is desired. The team batting second shall still be entitled to bat for its full quota of overs, regardless of the number of overs received by the team batting first, who must bat for at least one hour before any declaration of its innings.

16.8 In the Junior and Girl Shield competitions no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the overs available to be bowled in the **first** innings of the match, subject to rounding up.

16.9 Cricket Australia measures to assist in the prevention of injury to young fast bowlers will be applied as set out hereunder.

- a) all team declaration slips must indicate and identify any player who is Under 19, Under 16, Under 15, Under 14, Under 13, Under 12, Under 11 or Under 10. In circumstances where the player is playing in an age group older than that to which he qualifies, the restrictions applying to his own chronological age apply.
- b) no medium-pace or faster bowler (broadly defined by one or both umpires as one to whom a wicketkeeper would normally stand back) shall be permitted to bowl more than the number of overs in a spell, and number of overs in a day's play, set out below:

Player's Age at 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Maximum Overs in a Spell	Maximum Overs in a Day's Play
Under 19	8	20
Under 17	8	16
Under 16	6	12
Under 15	5	10
Under 14	5	10
Under 13	5	10
Under 12	4	8
Under 11	4	8
Under 10	4	8

- c) if a wicketkeeper chooses to stand at the stumps to a medium or pace bowler, this action does not, of itself, exclude the bowler from this restriction.
- d) such a bowler shall have a minimum rest period between spells of at least the same actual number of overs bowled from the same end as the bowler's immediately concluded spell.
- e) a bowler who has bowled a spell of fewer than the maximum number of overs set out in 16.9(b) has the choice to resume bowling prior to the completion of the minimum rest period as defined in 16.9(d), but this will be considered as an extension of the same spell, and the limit of overs in the total spell will still apply. The insufficient break within the spell is disregarded.
- f) For the purpose of calculating a bowler's minimum rest period as defined in 16.9(d) above, any interruption to play due to weather or an interval shall contribute in the amount of one over for each 3 1/2 minutes or part thereof. A scheduled break of 15 minutes shall count as five (5) overs. A scheduled break of 20 minutes shall count as six (6) overs. A scheduled break of 35 minutes shall count as ten (10) overs. A scheduled break of 40 minutes shall count as twelve (12) overs., a scheduled break of 45 minutes shall count as 14 overs.
- g) Either umpire can designate a pace bowler as such, and they shall be designated pace bowlers even if they change to slow bowling, and those overs bowled shall count in the daily allocation. If a bowler bowls slow, and then wishes to bowl fast, he/she will have all previous overs counted as fast for the purposes of spell and daily allocation.

## **By-Law 17 REFUSAL TO PLAY**

- 17.1 Any team unable or refusing to commence within 15 minutes of the appointed time or to resume following an interval shall, on appeal being made by the opposing team to the Umpires, be liable to lose the match. If the offending team is prepared to play after the expiration of the 15 minutes mentioned above, the match may be played with the consent of both Captains, irrespective of any such appeal. Refer to MCC Law 21.3 (a) (i).
- 17.2 The Umpires shall report the facts and any such appeal shall be forwarded in writing to the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA within five (5) days of the end of the match. The Committee of Management or such Sub-Committee as appointed shall investigate the facts and determine the appeal.
- 17.3 In the event of the non-appearance of a team and both the Umpires, then upon the expiration of the 15 minutes allowed after the appointed commencement time, the team in attendance may claim the match.
- 17.4 If the absent team appears after the expiration of the 15 minutes, the match may be played with the consent of both Captains, irrespective of any such intended claim.
- 17.5 Any such claim shall be made in writing to the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA within five (5) days of the end of the match. The Committee of Management or any such Sub-Committee as appointed shall investigate the facts and determine the appeal.

## **By-Law 18 UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS AND PAYMENTS**

- 18.1 Except for Qualifying Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals, each affiliated association shall provide one umpire for each match in which it participates providing that no umpire shall be appointed to officiate for the same team more than three times in the competition rounds of Senior, Junior and Girls Inter-Association competitions. **The appointed Umpire must be a member of NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association or an Umpires association affiliated therewith.**
- 18.2 Fees payable to Umpires shall be the same as those set annually by the Sydney Cricket Association Inc., in conjunction with the NSW Cricket Umpires' Association Inc. for Lower Grades (ie 2<sup>nd</sup> down to fifth). Each affiliated association will be responsible for payment of fees to one of the Umpires. If only one Umpire is in attendance, he will be paid his fee plus 50% of the fee that would have been paid to the other Umpire.
- 18.3 In Qualifying Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals, umpires will be appointed by the Committee of Management. The umpires' fees will be paid by the NSWDCA.
- 18.4 An Umpire who is in attendance at the ground on which his appointed match is to be played, and is ready to officiate at the time of commencement of play, shall be paid the full fee notwithstanding that owing to inclement weather or for any other reason, play does not take place.
- 18.5 If only one Umpire is present at the time listed for commencement of play, and the Captains fail to agree on the appointment of a temporary Umpire, the appointed Umpire present shall have the power to appoint a temporary Umpire, who shall officiate until the other appointed Umpire appears and is ready to commence his duties.
- 18.6 Provided however that the other official Umpire has not put in an appearance within 30 minutes after the time appointed for play to commence, the temporary Umpire, if a member of the Umpires Association which is affiliated with an affiliated association or officiates for an affiliated association, or is a member of the NSWDCA, then he may, with the consent of both Captains, continue to officiate, and shall be thereupon regarded as the official Umpire for that match and be entitled to receive the prescribed fee.
- 18.7 Provided further, that if it is not possible to obtain a temporary Umpire in accordance with the preceding paragraphs, or a temporary Umpire becomes the official Umpire in accordance with 18.8 hereunder, the sole official Umpire shall officiate continuously at the bowler's end.
- 18.8 Should both appointed Umpires fail to attend, the Captains (or in the junior competition the Managers) shall appoint temporary Umpires to act until the appointed Umpires are in attendance and ready to commence duties.

## **By-Law 19 MATCH RESULTS**

Failure to comply with By-Law 19 will be referred to the Committee of Management for determination of the fine to be levied against the defaulting affiliated association.

- 19.1 The results of each match shall be posted on the NSWDCA website by the **home team no later than 7:00 pm on the day following completion of the match. The full scorecard shall also be posted on the website.** In the event of a drawn match or where no play has occurred, due to weather or ground conditions, or a forfeit, it is also the responsibility of the home team to advise the Publicity Officer of the situation.

- 19.2 Players to be eligible for the NSWDCCA individual trophies must have batted for a minimum of half the innings undertaken by their team, or scored more than 200 runs; or bowled a minimum of 30 overs in the series, or captured more than 10 wickets.

## **By-Law 20 QUALIFYING FINALS and SEMI-FINALS**

- 20.1 In the Inter-Association competitions, Qualifying Finals shall be played in all Junior Shields in the following manner:

- a) Where there is only **one** division qualifying finals will not be played. The top four teams on points/percentage/quotient shall play off in the sequence of 1 versus 4, and 2 versus 3, with the winners proceeding to the final. However where there is less than 6 teams making up the one division, then the Semi-Finals shall not be played and the first and second teams shall proceed directly to the final.
- b) Where there are **two** divisions: The Qualifying-Finals shall be played between the two leading teams on points / percentage / quotient in each division plus the next highest placed teams from the two divisions. The winning teams will be placed 1 and 2 in accordance with their points /percentage/quotient and the second placed teams placed 3 and four on the same basis. The next two highest placed teams on points/percentage/quotient in either division shall placed 5 and 6.

The draw shall be on the basis of Team 1 v Team 6, Team 2 v Team 5, Team3 v Team 4. The three winning teams and the highest place losing team (prior to the qualifying finals) shall qualify for the semi finals.

The semi finals shall be played on the following basis. Team 1 v Team 4 Team 2 v team 3. Teams 1, 2, & 3 will be the winners of the qualifying finals, based on their positions prior to the qualifying finals and team 4 will be the highest placed losing team based on their position prior to the qualifying finals. The winning teams will qualify for the finals.

- c) Where there are **three** divisions: the Qualifying Finals will be contested by the leading teams in each division, together with the next three highest placed team from the three divisions making up the six participants. The draw shall be on the basis of the team 1 v team 6, team 2 versus team 5, Team 3 v Team 4. The number one team is the divisional winner with the highest points / percentage / quotient, the number two and 3 teams are the divisional winners next on points / percentage / quotient. The next three highest placed teams on points/percentage/quotient in all divisions shall be placed Team 4, team 5 and Team 6.

The draw shall be on the basis of Team 1 v Team 6, Team 2 v Team 5, Team 3 v Team 4. The three winning teams and the highest place losing team (prior to the qualifying finals) shall qualify for the semi finals.

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- d) Where there are **four** divisions: the Qualifying Finals will be contested by the leading teams in each division, together with the next two highest placed team from the four divisions making up the six participants. The draw shall be on the basis of the team 1 v team 6, team 2 versus team 5, Team 3 v Team 4. The number one team is the

divisional winner with the highest points / percentage / quotient, the number 2, 3 and 4 teams are the divisional winners next on points / percentage / quotient. The next two highest placed teams on points/percentage/quotient in all divisions shall be placed team 5 and team 6.

The draw shall be on the basis of Team 1 v Team 6, Team 2 v Team 5, Team 3 v Team 4. The three winning teams and the highest place losing team (prior to the qualifying finals) shall qualify for the semi finals.

The **semi finals** shall be played on the following basis. Team 1 v Team 4 Team 2 v team 3. Teams 1, 2, & 3 will be the winners of the qualifying finals, based on their positions prior to the qualifying finals and team 4 will be the highest placed losing team based on their position prior to the qualifying finals. The winning teams will qualify for the finals.

- e) In the event of a tie or draw in the qualifying final the team that has the higher points / percentage / quotient during the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the semi final. In the event of a tie or draw in the semi final(s) the team that has the higher points / percentage / quotient during the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the final.

## **By-Law 21 FINALS**

- 21.1 Finals will be played at grounds as determined by the Committee of Management of the NSWDCA.
- 21.2 If the match is to be played on a neutral ground, the first mentioned team in the final is the home team.
- 21.3 Finals will be played in accordance with all By-Laws in this booklet that govern the normal playing conditions and the MCC Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 4th Edition - 2010) as amended.
- 21.4 In the event of a draw or tie in the final, the Shield for that competition shall be jointly awarded to both teams.
- 21.5 In Finals, if due to ground, weather or light conditions less than three (3) hours play is possible and no decision has been reached, the Committee of Management may consider that such match or matches be replayed.

## **By-Law 22 WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM**

An affiliated association, which is unable to carry out any match engagement, shall notify the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA in writing no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the days on which the match is scheduled to be played.

- 22.1 An affiliated association that fails to give such notice shall be responsible for all ground and Umpire's fees for such match, and may in addition be fined an amount as determined by the Committee of Management of the NSWDCA, unless it furnishes a satisfactory reason for such failure.



## **By-Law 23 ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE PLAYING RULES**

- 23.1 The Committee of Management of the NSWDCA, or such Sub-Committee as appointed, shall have the power to inquire into, and determine any alleged breach of the Inter-Association competition by-laws, even though no appeal or protest has been lodged, and the time for lodging such appeal or protest has expired, and shall have the same powers in dealing with such alleged breach as if the protest or appeal had been lodged in accordance with such rules.
- 23.2 The Committee of Management of the NSWDCA shall have the power to impose a penalty for the breach of these by-laws where no penalty has been provided therein.

## **By-Law 24 NOTICES**

Where a notice is required by these by-laws to be given in writing, it may be delivered by hand to the person to whom it is addressed, or it may be sent through the post by properly addressing, pre-paying and mailing an envelope containing the notice, and unless to the contrary being proven, the notice shall be taken to have reached its destination at the time which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the Australia Post services. Delivery by Fax will be considered to have been completed as shown on the fax machine's transmission log, or other record. Delivery by e-mail shall be considered to have been completed unless the sender receives a failure message.

## **By-Law 25 PROTESTS & JUDICIARY SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 25.1 A Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Committee of Management of the NSWDCA consisting of not less than three (3) persons.
- 25.2 It shall be the responsibility of that Sub-Committee to meet and hear any protest, and deal with any judiciary matter relating to the Inter-Association competitions.
- 25.3 Protests so lodged must include only evidence, which could assist the decisions of the Sub-Committee elected to conduct the hearing, and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$50.00. Any such protest must be lodged within five (5) days of the end of the match in dispute.
- 25.4 In the case of judiciary hearings, the appellant or affiliated association, club, team, official or player, will be permitted to produce witnesses to support the case, however, legal representation will not be permitted at such hearings.
- 25.5 Any appeal resulting from a decision handed down by this Sub-Committee shall be referred to and considered by the full Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
- 25.6 A fee of \$50.00 must also accompany any such appeal; this fee may be forfeited if such appeal is dismissed. These criteria shall also apply to By-Law 25.3.

## **By-Law 26 CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **26.1 APPLICATION**

The following text should be implemented within all affiliated associations' rules forthwith.

#### ***The Code of Conduct (the Code):***

- 26.1.1 The Code applies to all players, officials, office bearers, and members of clubs that participate in any affiliated association competition or fixture of the NSWDCA. It applies to all officials, office bearers and members of all affiliated Umpires Associations, and it applies to any person listed above whether they are on or off the field or taking part in a match or not.

### **26.2 RULES OF THE CODE**

- 26.2.1 If the Code applies to a person, they must not assault or attempt to assault an Umpire, another player or spectator; or abuse, either orally or physically, another player, Umpire or spectator; or dispute, as distinct from question, an Umpire's decision or react in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire, their decision, or generally following an Umpire's decision; or use crude and abusive language, hand signals or other gestures, or refuse to supply their full name and registered address, when required by a person eligible to lodge a report: or permit time wasting, conduct on field coaching take any action likely to bring about a contrived result or undertake any conduct that is against what is understood to be the commonly accepted 'Spirit of the Game' (26.2.2). The NSWDCA expects umpires to act strongly and promptly to prevent the use of foul language, either in general or directed specifically at individual players, and to report players who express dissent from their rulings.

#### **26.2.2 THE PREAMBLE — THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET**

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

##### **Responsibility of captains**

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

##### **Player's conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

#### **2. Fair and unfair play**

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:
  - Time wasting
  - Damaging the pitch
  - Dangerous or unfair bowling
  - Tampering with the ball
  - Any other action that they consider to be unfair
4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:
  - Your opponents
  - Your own captain and team
  - The role of the umpires
  - The game's traditional values
5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:
  - To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
  - To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
  - To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
    - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
    - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
    - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side
6. Violence  
There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.
7. Players  
Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

### **26.3 WHO CAN LODGE A REPORT**

An alleged breach of the Code may be reported by;

- any person in By-law 26.1.1 and any person who sees or hears the conduct that is allegedly breaching the Code.

### **26.4 ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE CODE**

- 26.4.1 An alleged breach of the code must be reported, and any such report must be in writing setting out the full details of the alleged breach. Alleged breaches of the code arising from matches conducted by the NSWDCA must be reported to the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA and will be adjudicated by the NSWDCA.
- 26.4.2 If the alleged breach is reported by a person in 26.1.1, the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA or the affiliated association must be informed as soon as possible after the alleged breach: but not later than Five (5) days after the end of play for the day on which the said alleged breach occurred. A written report setting out the full details of the alleged breach must be given to the Secretary of the affiliated association. The person who is reported must be informed that he/she is alleged to have breached the Code, that they are being reported. The officials, office bearers of the offender's club must be informed that the person has being reported.

**NOTE:** *In the case of alleged breaches in the Inter-Association competitions, the offender's affiliated association is to be advised accordingly.*

- a) if a report of an alleged breach of the Code has been received by the affiliated association, it must give the person who is subject of the report, a copy of that report give that person's club or affiliated association a copy of that report; and give the person who is the subject of the report, a written notice to appear before the judiciary.
- b) the time and place of such judiciary hearings must be set out in any notice and must be at least five (5) days after the person receives such notice. Any notice is deemed to have been sent and received as per By-Law 24 above.
- c) If the affiliated association or the NSWDCA deems it appropriate, it may ask the person who reported the alleged breach to appear at the judiciary hearing, by giving notice in accordance with 26.4.2 (b) above.
- d) If a person who was given notice under 26.4.2 (b) above, does not appear at the hearing, the judiciary may, if it is satisfied that the person did not receive that notice, set aside any order made in the absence of that person.

## **26.5 THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

- a) A Judiciary Committee should be appointed by the affiliated association, and will comprise such persons, as the affiliated association deems fit. No person on that committee shall sit in a hearing, which involves a person connected with the club of which that person is a member. The NSWDCA shall appoint a Judiciary Sub-Committee from its Committee of Management and the same conditions shall apply when a member of that Sub-Committee shall stand aside in the event of an appeal being submitted by an affiliated association, which he represents.
- b) If the Constitution/Rules and By-Laws of the affiliated association or the NSWDCA allow, and the Judiciary is satisfied that a person has breached the Code, then without limiting the range of penalties it may impose, the judiciary may reprimand that person; or fine that person; or suspend that person; or fine and suspend that person; or suspend the operation of any penalty on any terms that it sees fit.
- c) The Judiciary must report any action taken under 26.5 to the Committee of Management of the affiliated association, or the Committee of Management of the NSWDCA, as the case may be.

## **26.6 HEARINGS**

Provided that by-law 26.4.2 has been complied with, the Judiciary may conduct the proceedings in the absence of the person who has been reported for an alleged breach of the Code, and the person who reported the alleged breach. As soon as practicable after the hearing, the Judiciary must tell the person who is the subject of the report; its decision, as well as giving written notice of its decision to the person who is the subject of the report; that person's club; and the person who lodged the report.

## **26.7 APPEALS**

All appeals against decisions of the NSWDCA Judiciary will be heard by the full Committee of Management of the NSWDCA. Any person found guilty of a breach of the Code by the Judiciary or any person who lodged the report under by-law 26.4 may appeal against the decision of the Judiciary.

Any appeal must be made in writing and be lodged with the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA within seven (7) days of being notified by the Judiciary of its decision, and must set out fully the grounds on which the appeal is being made. The Committee of Management of the NSWDCA must consider the appeal as soon as possible, and may, if it deems fit to confirm; or amend the Judiciary's decision

The Committee of Management of the NSWDCA must inform in writing the delegates at the next Council meeting of its decision. The decision of the NSWDCA is final in all matter concerning this Code, however, unless it is on a point of law, no further appeal may be made to the NSWDCA or to any other body or court. If an appeal has been lodged, a person suspended by the Judiciary must not take part in any match until the appeal has been determined.

## **26.8 FINES APPLICABLE**

Any fine must be paid to the affiliated association or the NSWDCA, as the case may be, within seven (7) days of the person being notified that a fine has been imposed. A person is ineligible for selection in or appointment to any fixture set down by the affiliated association or the NSWDCA until any fine imposed on them has been paid. If a person who lodged the report is not a member of the affiliated association's Umpires' Association or the NSW Cricket Umpires' Association Incorporated who officiated in the match, the Judiciary must give written notice to the Local Association or the Executive Officer of the NSWDCA, as the case may apply. A written notice under this by-law must set out the details of the report and the Judiciary hearing including its decision.

## **26.9 JUDICIARY RECORDINGS OF HEARINGS**

All affiliated associations **must** keep a register in which are to be recorded summaries of all proceedings, including decisions, which have been dealt with by the Judiciary, and copies of such proceedings **must** be submitted to the Secretary of the NSWDCA without fail.

## **By-Law 27 MEMBERSHIP**

27.1 Membership of the NSWDCA is defined in Rule 2.1 as:

- (a) the delegate members; and
- (b) the Life Members

27.2 The delegate members are two representatives from each affiliated association

27.3 The delegate members of each affiliated association represent:

- (a) their local association;
- (b) the local clubs affiliated to the local association; and
- (c) the individual members of the local clubs.

# **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

## **To be applied to matches played under the control of the NSWDCA**

The following playing conditions have been adopted by the NSW Districts Cricket Association.

### **Law 1.2 Nomination of Players**

At the end of the sentence add the words

In the **all** Shield Competitions twelve players may be named in each team, however only eleven of these players shall be permitted to participate as batsmen, and only eleven shall be permitted to bowl or field at any time, in either innings.

### **Law 2.1 Substitute Fieldsman**

A fieldsman may be substituted at any time (injury or illness is not a pre-requisite provided such players are named on the declared team sheet), but this law must be complied with in all other respect

A 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> etc. player may only be used as a substitute in case of genuine injury or illness suffered by a member of the fielding team. Such player may not act as a runner.

All of this provided the substitute is qualified to play in the shield concerned.

### **Law 5 The Ball**

Add the following words to Law 5.1 – Weight and Size

For matches played in the Martin, Durham, Telegraph, Watson and Weblin Shields the ball shall be a four-piece ball and weigh 156 grams. For matches played in the Moore and Gee Shields the ball shall a two-piece ball and weigh 156 grams. For matches played in the Cawsey, Creak, Foster and Girls Shields the ball shall be a two piece ball and weigh 142 grams.

Add the following words to Law 5.3 – New ball

Law 5.3 is varied by the suspension of the right of the batting captain to demand the use of a new ball at the commencement of its second innings.

The balls shall be red in colour and that manufactured by A.G Thompson (Kookaburra).

### **Law 7 Pitches**

Add to Law 7.5 – Synthetic Pitches

#### **5. Synthetic Pitches**

Where some artificial or synthetic material is used on a pitch made of concrete or any other hard base, the width of such covering shall be regarded as the width of the pitch, and any ball bowled and pitching off such covering, or on either side of it shall be held to be a No-Ball and the umpire shall call and signal “No Ball” immediately it so pitches.

### **Law 8 The Wickets**

Pitch and wicket measurements referred to in **Law 8.4 – Junior Cricket**, do not apply.

#### **Law 8.1**

At the end of the last sentence and before the words ‘See Appendix A’ add the words;  
For matches played on synthetic pitches, wooden stumps with metal ferrules and tips are permitted.

## Law 11 Covering the Pitch

Substitute the following words to **Law 11.2 – During a match.**

### 1. During a Match

“The pitch may be completely covered during a match in the event of rain.”

## Law 12 The Innings

Add the following words to Law 12.4 – The Toss

“The home Captain tosses, the visiting Captain calls. In Qualifying Finals Semi-Finals and Finals the team with the higher position is deemed to be the home team.”

## Law 40 The Wicketkeeper

Section 2. Gloves, the laws of cricket apply.

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## MATCH REPORTS AND RESULTS

- Match Results must be posted on the NSWDCA Website by the **home team** by 7pm on the day following completion of the match. **Full scorecards are also to be posted by the home team.**