



Cricket Albury Wodonga

LIMITED OVER MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS

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DEFINITIONS

CAW	Cricket Albury Wodonga
CAW Board	Cricket Albury Wodonga Board
CAW Secretary	Cricket Albury Wodonga Secretary or Operations Manager
CA	Cricket Australia
CV	Cricket Victoria
Independent Tribunal	Cricket Albury Wodonga Independent Tribunal
LC	CAW Limited Over Match Playing Conditions
MBCU	Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association
CAWC	Cricket Albury Wodonga Country/Murray
NER6	North East Region 6
NSWCA	New South Wales Cricket Association
NSWCCA	New South Wales Country Cricket Association
Ordinary Conditions	Refer to CAW Board By-Laws 1.41
RCZ	Riverina Cricket Zone
VCCL	Victorian Country Cricket League

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PLAYING CONDITIONS FOR ALL CAW LIMITED OVER MATCHES

1.1 LAWS OF CRICKET

1.1.1 Adoption of the Laws of Cricket

Except as varied hereunder, the Laws of Cricket (current edition – refer to Cricket Australia website) shall apply and read in conjunction of each other. All references under the Laws of Cricket to “Governing Body” shall be replaced with Cricket Albury Wodonga (CAW) for the purposes of these Playing Conditions. Within these Playing Conditions, the mention of or reference to **Law(s)** refer to the “Laws of Cricket”, while **Limited Over Conditions or LC(s)** refer to “CAW Limited Over Playing Conditions”.

1.1.2 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.

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 criticizing 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.

(a) 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.

(b) The Umpires are authorized to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

(c) 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

(d) 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 bring the game into disrepute
- To indulge in cheating or unsportsman like conduct, for instance
 - to appeal knowing that the batter is not out
 - to advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment.

(e) Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

(f) Players

Captains together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

(g) Cricket Albury Wodonga Board

All players must have read and must adhere to the Code of Conduct Behavior Policy.

All players must have read the Code of Conduct/Behavior and Independent Tribunal Rules.

All players must have read the Working With Children Policy.

1.1.3 Cricket Etiquette

The CAW Board will strongly enforce the "Spirit of Cricket" and encourages all Clubs and Teams, at both Senior and Junior level, to embrace the following aspects of Cricket Etiquette.

Reflecting the "Spirit of Cricket", below are certain practices that should be followed as means of respect for the game, your opponents, and your team.

(a) Toss of the Coin

- The home team Captain should always have a coin for the toss.
- The home team Captain tosses the coin and the opposition Captain calls.
- The toss of the coin should be out on the pitch to be played upon.
- Captains should always shake hands prior and after the toss.
- Team Captains should be properly attired at the toss.

(b) Entering the Playing Field for Commencement Play

- Umpires are always the first to enter the playing field.
- The Umpire either hand the ball to the Captain of the Bowling Side or the Captain of the bowling side shows the new ball to the Umpires.
- The fielding side then takes the field, led by their Captain. The ball is normally picked up by either the Captain or the wicket-keeper if it is dropped inside the boundary.
- The two batters enter after the fielding team.

(c) During Play

- The batting team should sit together on the sidelines (except where individuals may be warming up in preparation for batting).
- It is the responsibility of the batting team to keep any score board up to date.

(d) Leaving the Field

- The batters are always the first to leave the playing field.
- The fielding team to follow the batters.

(e) Substitute Fielder

- The Substitute Fielder must be dressed in playing apparel. If there are only 11 cricketers in a team (that is, no Substitute Fielder), the batting team should have someone in playing apparel who at all times can be utilized should the need for a substitution arise.
- Players who are performing Substitute Fielder duties must know their role and be prepared for such things as the times at which drinks are to be taken, being alert to requests from players for sunscreen, jumpers, towels, ice, first aid etc

(f) Bowlers and Fielders Ground Marking

When marking their run-up, bowlers should refrain from damaging the grass or surface. This is in the interests of the participants and also as a sign of respect for those responsible for preparing the surface. The same applies to fielders who mark the ground as an indication of their positions on the field.

(g) Acknowledgement of Milestones

- Fielding teams should always acknowledge 50's and 100's by opposition batters.
- Players should acknowledge bowling achievements such as 5 wickets and hat tricks.
- After the game, players should acknowledge the opposition by shaking hands.
- Captains should always shake hands after the match.

(h) Support Staff and Spectators

- Coaches, officials and spectators should respect the nature of the game and accept that it is the responsibility of Umpires and the team Captains to conduct a match in the appropriate manner.
- Any noise from the sidelines (other than appropriate recognition of good performance or effort) or any signals or communication to players aren't in the best interests of the game.
- Any communication is to be via the 12th man at drinks breaks or during breaks in play.
- Yelling from the sidelines is not condoned.
- Coaches should not enter the field of play.

1.2 THE UMPIRES

1.2.1 Appointment of Umpires

Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association (MBCUA) will be the primary source of umpires for CAW, However CAW reserve the right that if MBCUA cannot supply the quantity or quality of umpires as required, CAW have the right to engage whoever they deem fit to Umpire scheduled CAW matches.

The Central Umpire and the Square Leg Umpire may consult on and seek clarification on Laws, Rules and Playing Conditions before making a decision, but one cannot over-rule the decision

1.2.2 Official Match Time

The Umpires must notify the competing teams which clock/watch is to be followed for the purposes of Official Match Time. Preference shall be given if there is a ground clock, otherwise the watches of the Umpires shall determine the time.

1.3 THE CAPTAIN'S DEPUTY

If at any time the Captain is not available, a deputy shall act for him. The deputy must be one of the nominated players.

1.4 THE TOSS OF THE COIN

1.4.1 Nomination of Players at the Toss of the Coin

- (a) All Grades have the option to name 12 players on the Team Sheet, where only 11 can bat and only 11 can bowl. Only 11 players are allowed on the field at one time and 10 wickets is classed as an innings.
- (b) In matches where Clubs have named 12 players, the Club must have all 12 players named on the Team Sheet **prior to the toss of the coin**. The named players do not have to be at the ground at the time of the toss but must be at the ground by the end of the second hours play for Provincial Competitions and at Tea Time for District and Hume Competitions.
- (c) In matches where Clubs have named 12 players, where the match goes the scheduled overs all 12 players must field for a minimum of Twenty (20) overs. See also 1.6.4 regarding absence from the field and 1.6.5 emergency services absence.

- (d) If a Club does not comply with 1.4.1(b) or (c), the 12th player will be classed as a substitute and cannot take part in the match for anything else except substitute duties. Non-Compliance of 1.4.1(b) or (c) will incur a penalty. **That Penalty will be to forfeit the Match.**
- (e) If a player arrives in accordance with 1.4.1(b) for District and Hume based competitions and his or her side has already fielded. They will be exempt from 1.4.1(c) and (d)

1.4.2 Procedure for the Toss of the Coin

The home team Captain shall supply the coin for the toss. Both Captains should meet with the Umpire(s) out on the pitch to be played upon, no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the match start time, for the toss of the coin.

The Captains shall exchange Team Lists and then the home team Captain tosses the coin in the presence of the Umpire(s) and the opposition Captain calls. The Team Lists are then given to the Umpire(s).

Captains should always shake hands prior to and after the toss and should always be properly attired at the toss.

1.5 INJURY TO PLAYER OR UMPIRE

1.5.1 Injury and Replacement

- (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 5 minutes will be allowed in order for the batter to obtain treatment. If the injury occurs within 30 minutes of a scheduled interval, the interval shall be taken immediately if the batter is unable to resume after the 5 minutes. If the batter is unable to resume after the 5 minutes or after the early interval, he shall be recorded in the scorebooks as “Retired – not out”, as described above.
- (c) Where an injury or illness occurs to one of the appointed Umpires and he must leave the field for treatment and cannot resume, the other Umpire shall officiate at the bowler’s end and a competent person shall be appointed by the Umpire to stand at the striker’s end and carry out the Square Leg Umpire’s duties.
- (d) Where an injury occurs to the solely appointed Umpire and he must leave the field for treatment and cannot resume, a competent person shall be agreed to by both Captains to officiate at the bowler’s end and carry out the Central Umpire’s duties. A full replacement Umpire will be sought for any remaining full day’s play.

1.6 THE PLAYERS

1.6.1 Eligibility and Qualifications

- (a) No senior player shall play with more than one CAW club or with any club affiliated with the VCCL or the NSWCCA in any one season unless a clearance has been granted. Should this occur, the player will be suspended until the end of that current season.
- (b) All players new to a Club must lodge a Registration/Clearance on the CAW/Cricket Australia Play HQ website. This Registration/Clearance must be lodged with the CAW/Cricket Australia Play HQ website by 11.00am on the Saturday prior to the start of the player's first match with his new Club. The player cannot play with the new club until that Club has received electronic notification from the Play HQ system acknowledging the registration has been approved or has verbal approval from the Operations Manager.
- (c) Players transferring to the CAW from Affiliate Associations of NER6 and RCZ must produce a financial clearance.
- (d) All players registered with a Club affiliated with the CAW shall be bound by all rules, codes, laws and regulations of CAW.

1.6.2 Eligibility for Final Series

To be eligible to play in any final of the CAW competition:

- (a) The player must be registered with a CAW club.
- (b) The player must have played or be named in a combination of 6 matches where that match is been played for points – junior or senior.
- (c) (i) Provincial Competition - Once a player has played or been named in 11 days of cricket where a ball has been bowled in a higher grade, they are ineligible to play in a lower senior grade.
(ii) District Competition - Once a player has played or been named in 10 days of cricket where a ball has been bowled in a higher grade, they are ineligible to play in a lower senior grade.
(iii) Hume Competition - Once a player has played or been named in 8 days of cricket where a ball has been bowled in a higher grade, they are ineligible to play in a lower senior grade.

NOTE: The exception for the above C (i ii iii) is: if your club has more than one senior side playing finals on the same day, and they are consecutive graded sides, then they are permitted to play in the lower grade.

- (d) Any club who plays an ineligible player will automatically lose the match.
- (e) If any CAW Provincial, District or Hume League Club side plays less than 12 days of cricket in a season, then the CAW Pennant Committee has the option to reduce 1.6.2 (b) (c) or (d) to a level it deems compatible

1.6.3 Penalty for Playing Ineligible Players

- (a) Any player contravening **LC 1.6.1 and/or 1.6.2** shall be classed as “Unregistered”.
- (b) Any team guilty of playing an “Unregistered Player” shall lose all points awarded in any match in which the “Unregistered Player” participated. The opposing team shall be declared the winner of the match and, if applicable, be awarded points in any match in which the “Unregistered Player” participated as determined by the CAW Board. The CAW Board shall further penalise any Club and/or “Unregistered Player” under the CAW Code of Conduct provisions as it sees fit.

1.6.4 Substitute Fielder – Absent or Leaving the Field Shall Apply as Modified: LAW 24

- (a) If a fielder fails to take the field with his side 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 his absence and he shall not thereafter come onto the field during a session of play without the consent of the Umpires and/or Opposition Captain. The Umpires and/or Opposition Captain shall give such consent for a Substitute Fielder in the event of injury or pre-arranged agreement. If the player is absent from the field for longer than 15 minutes:
 - (i) The player shall not be permitted to bowl in that innings after his return until he has been on the field for at least that length of playing time for which he was absent.
- (b) The restriction in (i) 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) At the completion of the first innings of the match, a fielder who has unserved penalty time for an absence of more than 15 minutes, cannot bat until all penalty time has been served, or at the fall of the 5th wicket. Note the maximum penalty time is limited to 90 minutes
- (d) In the event of a fieldsman already being off the field at the commencement of an interruption in play through adverse conditions of ground, weather or light, he shall be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided that he personally informs the Umpires that he is fit enough to take the field had play been in progress and then takes the field on resumption of play.

1.6.5 Emergency Services Replacement Player

Should any players(s) during a match be required by emergency services, then that requirement shall take precedence. The following will apply:

- (a) The players club can then nominate a substitute player(s) to take the place of the player(s) during the period of emergency services duty. At all times the replacement player must be a member of the Club and also can come from a lower grade and then the same process will be repeated from 1st Grade to 2nd Grade and 2nd Grade to 3rd Grade and so on

- (b) In the case where 3 or more players are required for emergency services per side during the match, the Board of CAW has the right to either declare the game a draw, where both sides will receive average points for that round or reschedule the game to a later date if possible.

1.6.6 CAW Representative Teams

- (a) Only CAW senior and junior registered players, who have played at least one game during the current season with a CAW affiliated club, will be considered as available for selection for representative matches.
- (b) Players over the age of 30 may claim exemption.
- (c) A representative player who fails to notify unavailability by the stipulated time and date set by the Representative Manager, will receive a three-match suspension which will apply from the next senior CAW match in the draw
- (d) A selected player who withdraws from a representative match will not be eligible to play in any other cricket match on the day of the representative match.

1.7 CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND FOOTWEAR

1.7.1 Clothing, Headgear, Footwear and Equipment

- (a) In all Limited Over Matches with Red Balls, all clothing shall be predominantly white or cream. Panels of Club colours will be permitted under the arms and down the sides of the shirt but shall not encroach onto the front or above the shoulders or arms. **See Appendix 2 attached.**
- (b) In all Limited Over Matches and T/20 Matches with White or Pink Balls, Clubs will wear Colored Clothing including pants and shirts. **See Appendix 3 attached.**
- (c) In all Limited Over Matches and T/20 Matches All headgear with the exception of helmets, shall be either Club colours, white or cream.
- (d) All 1st, 2nd and C Grade bowlers, batsmen and wicket keepers when playing on a turf wicket, must wear spiked footwear. Unless they have written permission from the CAW Pennant Committee or have been given a Doctors or Physiotherapist recommendation letter. Any player not complying shall be ejected from the game until they return wearing spikes.

Note: This does not apply to fielders.

- (e) All players are expected to have shirts tucked in and be in a presentable manner that is in keeping with the traditions of the Game of Cricket.

1.7.2 Sponsor's Logos and Advertising

- (a) See **Appendix 1, 2, 3 and 4** attached for details of where sponsor's logos and advertising are permissible on cricket uniforms.
- (b) No commercial logos and advertisements shall appear on equipment except for the manufacturer's logo unless express approval has been given by the CAW Board.
- (c) The CAW Board shall adjudicate if necessary, should there be any disputes re logos

1.8 TEA INTERVAL

A tea interval of 30 minutes duration will be taken from or at the conclusion of the over in progress at the agreed time for the tea interval subject to the provisions of Law 11.

1.9 INTERVALS FOR DRINKS

All drinks breaks shall be a maximum of 5 minutes. The provisions of Law 11.8 shall be strictly observed except under conditions of extreme heat where the Umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks.

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. If individual drinks have been brought onto the field at the fall of a wicket, the fielding side must be ready to continue play as soon as the new batter reaches the wicket. No other drinks shall be taken onto the field without the permission of the Umpires. Any player or club member taking drinks onto the field shall be dressed in approved clothing. (See By-Laws 1.43.21) If not a fine will be imposed by the CAW Board (\$100 per Incident) This rule will be policed by Umpires and Captains

1.10 PRACTICE AND WARM-UP

Teams are required to observe ground authority regulations and to exercise the utmost care and caution when engaging in practice and pre-match warm-up and “hitting-up” activities so as to avoid the risk of injury to members of the public, damage to the centre wicket region and to perimeter fencing. Law 26 shall apply, with the exception to Law 26.2 where normal fielding and batting drills are permitted immediately prior to the start of a session, as long as the normal fielding and batting drills are conducted near the boundary. The Umpires will decide what is acceptable.

1.11 FITNESS OF GROUND/PITCH, WEATHER, LIGHT AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY

1.11.1 Fitness of Ground/Pitch, Weather and Light: Law 2.7, 2.8 and Law 6.2

- (a) Unless CAW has cancelled any or all matches (in any grade) for that day, the fitness of the ground, pitch, weather and light for the commencement or recommencement of play shall be judged solely by the Umpires having regard to Law 2.7, 2.8 and Law 6.2.
- (b) When adverse weather delays the start of a match, no game with the exception of any Final, shall commence after 4.00pm on any day.
- (c) In lower grades where no officially appointed Umpires are present, the decision is left to the Captains. If the Captains disagree, the “status quo” shall prevail.

1.11.2 Law 2.7.1 to 2.7.4 with regard to application of 1.11.1

“The fact that the grass and ball are wet and slippery does not warrant the ground conditions being regarded as unreasonable or dangerous. If the Umpires consider the ground is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowler of a reasonable foothold, the fielders the power of free movement, or the batters the ability to play their shots and run between the wickets, then the conditions shall be regarded as so bad that it would be unreasonable for play to take place.”

1.11.3 Law 2.7, Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light (Fitness of Play)

If conditions during a rain stoppage improve and the rain is reduced to drizzle, the Umpires must consider if they would have suspended play in the first place under similar conditions. If the Umpires agree that the current drizzle would not have caused a stoppage, then play shall resume immediately. However, should the Umpires be of the opinion that a resumption of play under these circumstances would contribute to worsening ground conditions, they will resume play only with the approval of both Captains.

1.11.4 Thunderstorms and Lightning. The 30/30 Rule.

All Captains, Umpires and anyone else with delegated responsibility are instructed to exercise extreme caution during thunderstorms.

If lightning and thunder are separated by a period of less than 30 seconds, then you are to immediately leave the field or training area and seek shelter in a building or motor vehicle – **not under trees.**

A period of 30 minutes should elapse before play is resumed. If during this time lightning is again observed contrary to the 30/30 rule, the 30 minutes starts again.

1.11.5 Ground/Pitch Tampering or Under-Preparation

If play, in the opinion of the Umpire(s) and/or the CAW Board, that on any day of a scheduled match has been affected by Ground/Pitch conditions resulting from suspicious actions, then by the direction of the Umpire(s) and/or the CAW Board, that particular match shall be decided under any of the options as prescribed in **LC 1.11.6**. The decision of the Umpire(s) and/or the CAW Board shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

1.11.6 Action Against Ground/Pitch Tampering or Under-Preparation

(a) If play, in the opinion of the Umpire(s) and/or the CAW Pennant Committee, on any day of a scheduled match has been affected by Ground/Pitch conditions resulting from suspicious actions, then by agreement of the Umpire(s) and the CAW Pennant Committee, any of the following options may be employed:

- The CAW Pennant Committee decide the result.
- The affected match pitch be realigned to any suitable part of the centre square.
- The match venue be relocated to another available turf or hard wicket venue.
- The average run rate per over shall determine a recalculation in the Adjusted Target, plus one run.

(b) The Umpire shall instruct the curator/ground staff to dry/repair the affected pitch and to take all steps to make the surface suitable for play as per **LC 1.13.2**.

(c) If any of the above options in **LC 1.11.6(a)** are employed, the CAW Board shall initiate an investigation as to the reason why such action had to be taken as per **LC 1.12.2**.

1.12 HOME CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

1.12.1 Home Club Responsible for Preparation

For the purposes of this playing condition, the ground/pitch preparation will be deemed to have been inadequate if the match is abandoned, relocated, delayed start or involves official intervention as a direct or indirect result of the home Club (or any of its volunteers, employees, contractors or agents) failing to take proper precautions in the circumstances to ensure that:

- (a)** The ground/pitch was properly prepared; or
- (b)** The ground/pitch was properly protected against the elements or other acts of God, vandalism or foul play, machinery or equipment failure or other reasonably foreseeable events.

The curator/ground staff who are responsible for the preparation of the ground/pitch and who are employed by another body, shall be deemed to be an agent of that home Club.

1.12.2 Investigation into Ground/Pitch Preparations

The CAW Pennant Committee shall arrange and ensure that a thorough investigation of the circumstances into a match as described in **LC 1.11.5 and 1.11.6** and that a report be presented for decision and penalty and/or allocation of points if appropriate to be announced.

1.12.3 Relocation Venues

Venues with non-turf pitches shall be an option for relocation of matches affected in **LC1.11.5 and 1.11.6**.

1.13 DRYING OF GROUND AND PITCH

1.13.1 Prior to the Toss

Prior to tossing for choice of innings, the artificial drying of the pitch and outfield shall be at the discretion of the curator/ground staff, unless instructed by the Umpire(s) under **LC 1.11.6(B)**. Thereafter and throughout the match, the drying of the affected area of the pitch shall be carried out only on the instructions and under the supervision of the Umpire(s). The Umpire(s) shall be empowered to have the pitch dried without reference to the Captains at any time they are of the opinion that it is unfit for play.

1.13.2 Umpires Drying Instructions

The Umpire(s) may instruct the curator/ground staff to use any available equipment or materials, including any roller for the purpose of drying the ground/pitch to make it fit for play. **Note:** An absorbent roller may be used to remove water from the covers including the cover on the match pitch.

1.14 CURATORS/GROUND STAFF

1.14.1 Role and Responsibility of Curators/Ground Staff

- (a)** Each Club shall provide its own curator. For guidelines, see **Appendix 5 attached.**
- (b)** Any Club entering into ground arrangements without the approval of the CAW Board will be responsible for any fee charged.
- (c)** During the Finals series when a neutral ground is used, both Clubs will be charged a curating fee set by the CAW Board. (\$300 per ground)
- (d)** Complaints regarding under-prepared pitches may be made to any member of the CAW Board **prior to play**. At that point, the curator should be instructed not to roll, water, mow or beat the wicket until such time as a member of the CAW Board has inspected the wicket.
- (e)** If a ground/pitch is deemed to be under-prepared or that insufficient work has been done to make the ground/pitch as fit for play as possible or for any infringement of **LC 1.11.5 and 1.11.6**, including unsatisfactory use of covers **LC 1.15** and/or watering systems, the Club(s) responsible shall be called before the CAW Board to explain. If the explanation is found to be unsatisfactory by the CAW Board, that Club will lose the match and the other side will receive the average winning points for that round, or if it is a Final they will be declared the winner.
- (f)** At the start of each season, each Club must ensure that their covers are of a high standard without any rips, holes, tears and large enough to cover the wicket square. If the covers are not of this standard, the Club should contact the CAW Board immediately who will assist in rectifying this problem.

1.15 COVERS

1.15.1 Use of Covers on Turf Wickets in Suspect Weather

- (a)** All turf wickets must be covered by sunset on the Thursday and Friday prior to the start of the match.
- (b) Finals:** All turf wickets must be covered by 6.00pm on the Thursday and Friday prior to the start of the Final. If rain is predicted on the Thursday or Friday then covers must be placed on the wicket prior and a photo taken and sent to the CAW Operations Manager
- (c) Finals:** All turf wickets must be covered by sunset after the first day's play, if there is to be a match there the following day
- (d)** The home Club or first named side is responsible to ensure that appropriate quality covers are used in order to maximize the possibility of play.
- (e)** Until the scheduled starting time, the home Club shall provide any labour required for the laying or removal of covers. After that time, both sides shall assist with the laying and removal. If covers have been used, the Umpire(s) shall assume sole control 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for play and make all decisions regarding the use of covers after this time.
- (f)** Bowling Run Ups must be covered for finals

1.15.2 Removal of Covers

- (a)** The covers shall be removed no earlier than 6.00am, and no later than 9.00am, on each day of the match provided it is not raining, and there is no likelihood of rain, at the time, but they will be replaced if rain falls prior to the commencement of play.
- (b)** Run-off water must not be allowed to drain onto the area immediately surrounding the pitch and bowler's run ups when removing the covers.
- (c)** The covers must totally protect the pitch and also the pitch surroundings to a minimum of three meters either side of the playing pitch.

1.16 BOWLERS FOOTHOLDS

The Umpire(s) shall see that wherever possible and whenever it is considered necessary, action is taken during all intervals in play to do whatever is practicable to improve the bowler's footholds. As soon as possible after the conclusion of each day's play, bowler's footholds will be repaired.

1.17 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS BY UMPIRES

1.17.1 Shadows

- (a)** The Umpire(s) shall disregard any shadow on the pitch from the stadium or from any permanent object around the ground.
- (b)** If a shadow from the fielder falls across the batsmen's half of the pitch, the fielder must remain stationary from the time the bowler commences his run up until the batsmen has received the ball.
- (c)** In the event of a fielder moving before the batsmen receives the ball, the Umpire shall call and signal "**dead ball**" if he considers the batsmen has been disadvantaged by the action. The provisions of Laws 20.6,20.6.1,20.6.1.1 and20.6.1.2 shall apply as to whether any additional delivery is to be allowed.

1.17.2 Extreme Heat (refer to CAW Extreme Heat Policy on Website)

The CAW Board stipulates that its Heat Policy is in play for the whole season and at any stage if triggered the following will apply:

- (a)** If the match has commenced, it will be declared a draw.
- (b)** If the match is a Final, the highest side will be declared the winner.
- (c)** All other Heat Policy guideline will be strictly adhered to for each temperature reached.

1.18 THE PITCH

1.18.1 In addition to Law 6.3, the following will apply:

Captains, Umpires and ground staff shall co-operate to ensure that, prior to the start of any day's play, no-one bounces a ball on the pitch or strikes it with a bat to assess its condition or for any other reason or causes damage to the pitch in any other way.

1.18.2 Inspection of the Pitch

Prior to the start of play on any day, only the Captain and Team Coach may walk on the pitch to assess its condition. Spiked footwear is not permitted.

1.19 THE BALL

1.19.1 Approved CAW balls shall only be used

(a) On match day, each Club shall supply its own CAW approved 4-Piece balls for "1st" and "2nd" Grades and CAW approved 2-Piece balls for all other senior and junior grades.

Note: The CAW Board will inform Clubs prior to the commencement of the season of the brand of ball being used and whether the Clubs will need to purchase the balls from CAW direct or through sports stores.

(b) The Umpire shall inspect the match ball before the commencement of each innings and shall make note on the Umpires' Match Report if an unapproved ball has been supplied by a team for use in any CAW match. Any team using, or attempting to use, an unapproved ball shall be fined \$100 for each offence reported by an umpire or club official. Multiple offences for using unapproved balls shall be referred to the CAW Board for further action.

1.19.2 Possession of the Match Ball

The Umpires shall retain possession of the match ball(s) throughout the duration of the match when play is not actually taking place. During play, Umpires shall periodically and intermittently 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.

1.20 CHANGING CONDITION OF THE BALL – LAW 41.3

Law 41.3 shall apply as modified below:

Delete Law 41.3.5.2 and replace with the following:

"Inform the Captain of the fielding side of the reason for the action taken".

In addition to Law 41.3: "In the event that a ball has been interfered with and requires replacement, the batsmen at the wicket shall choose the replacement ball from a selection of other balls of various degrees of usage (including a new ball) and of the same brand as the ball in use prior to the contravention".

1.21 NO BALL, UNDERARM DELIVERY

Law 21.1.2 shall be replaced by the following:

“The bowler may not deliver the ball underarm. If a bowler bowls a ball underarm, the Umpire shall call and signal **“No Ball”**.”

1.22 THE BATSMEN

1.22.1 Changing Equipment

The following will apply to the batsmen:

A batter may call for a helmet to be brought out to him at any time. He must then wear or carry it personally all the time while play is in progress or can have it taken off the field at the fall of a wicket, or at the end of an over, or at any drinks interval. In all cases, no actions involving helmets are to waste playing time. **Umpires are not to hold helmets. A batter may only change other items of protective equipment (eg: batting gloves, etc) provided that there is no waste of playing time.**

1.22.2 Tapping the Pitch

Batsmen shall be permitted during play to beat/tap/pat the pitch with his bat and either batsmen or bowlers may use sawdust, no further down the wicket than the popping crease, in order to obtain a proper foothold. Law 41.14 gives Umpires the power to act in cases of avoidable damage to the pitch by batsmen or bowlers.

1.23 THE FIELDER – CHANGING EQUIPMENT – LAW 28

1.23.1 Law 28

Law 28 shall apply with the following:

“The changing of protective equipment between members of the fielding side on the field shall be permitted provided that the Umpires do not consider that it constitutes a waste of playing time”.

1.23.2 Time Wasting by the Fielding Side

Law 41.9 shall apply, subject to Law 41.9.2 being replaced by the following:

(a) If there is any further waste of time in that innings by any member of the fielding side, the Umpire shall:

- Call and signal **“Dead Ball”** if necessary; and
- Award 5 penalty runs to the batting side (see Law 42.18).
- Inform the other Umpire and the batsmen at the wicket and, as soon as possible, the Captain of the batting side of what has occurred.
- If the fielding side repeatedly wastes time, the Umpire shall report the occurrence to the CAW Board, who will deal with it as they see fit.

1.22.3 Time Wasting by the Batsmen

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It is unfair for a batter to waste time. In normal circumstances, the striker should always be ready to take strike when the bowler is ready to start his/her run up

Should either batter waste time by failing to meet this requirement, or in any other way, the following procedure shall be followed. At the first instance, either before the bowler starts his/her run up or when the ball becomes dead, as appropriate, the umpire shall:

Warn both batters and indicate that this is a first and final warning.

This warning shall apply throughout the innings.

The umpire shall so inform the other umpire of what has occurred and the reason for this action.

The umpire shall so inform each incoming batter.

Inform the captain of the fielding side and, as soon as practicable, the captain of the batting side of what has occurred.

If there is any further time wasting by any batter in that innings, the umpire shall, at the appropriate time while the ball is dead.

Call and signal to the scorers that 10 Runs will be added to the bowling side when they begin their innings as byes or if this is the second innings of the match that 10 Runs will be added to the bowling sides first innings score as Byes

1.24 BOUNDARIES

1.24.1 Boundary Rope/Markers

All boundaries must be designated by a rope or similar object of a minimum standard (ie: rope, flags, markers, cones, painted line, shorter mown strip etc) as authorized by CAW from time to time. Where appropriate, the boundary should be a required minimum distance (3 metres) inside the perimeter fencing or advertising signs. For grounds with a large playing area, the maximum length of boundary should be used before applying the minimum 3 metres yards between boundary and the fence.

1.24.2 Boundary Rope/Markers to be Kept in Place

Attention is drawn to Law 19.3. Should a rope or similar object used to mark the boundary be disturbed during play, Umpires, players and ground staff should co-operate to ensure that it is restored to its original position as soon as the ball is dead.

1.24.3 Interference by Unauthorized Party with Ball in Play

If an unauthorized party enters the playing arena and handles the ball, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall be the sole judge of whether the boundary allowance should be scored, or the ball be treated as still in play or called "**Dead Ball**" if a batter is liable to be out as a result of the unauthorized party handling the ball. See Law 19.2.7.

1.24.4 Sightscreens

Sightscreens, if used, must be provided at both ends of the ground.

1.25 BOWLING LIMITATIONS

1.25.1 Definitions

(a) Players age: The player's age shall be determined as their age on 1 September preceding each cricket season (ie: Under 19 players will be 17 or 18 on 1 September; Under 17 players will be 15 or 16 on 1 September etc) and the appropriate bowling limitations shall apply for the entire season.

1.25.2 Notification

At the toss of the coin the team Captain must indicate to the Umpire(s) on the team sheet each player to whom this playing condition applies and indicate their age.

1.25.3 Bowling Limitations

Bowling limitations apply to under age players for all grades of senior cricket. These restrictions apply only to senior games and any overs bowled in a junior match do not count towards the daily allocations shown below.

(a) Under 19 as of the 1st of September that year

Maximum Overs in an Innings if applicable to Match duration is Ten (10)

Maximum Overs in a Spell is Eight (8)

(b) Under 17 as of the 1st of September that year

Maximum Overs in an Innings if applicable to Match duration is Ten (10)

Maximum Overs in a Spell is Six (6)

(c) Under 15 as of the 1st of September that year

Maximum Overs in an Innings if applicable to Match duration is Ten (10)

Maximum Overs in a Spell is Five (5)

1.25.4 Bowling Spells

Any underage player, who is deemed to be a slow or spin bowler may bowl their maximum daily allocation in one spell. The type of bowler shall be determined by the umpire. In the event that no umpire is allocated to a game the type of bowler shall be determined by the two captains.

1.25.5 Length of Break

The necessary break between spells in all Grades for Underage players as per **1.25.3** shall be a minimum of 30 Minutes which will include drinks if taken during the said break.

A bowler who has bowled a spell of less than the maximum spell permitted for his/her age as defined above may resume bowling prior to the completion of the necessary break, but this will be considered an extension of the same spell and the maximum spell limit for that age of player shall still apply. Following the completion of the extended spell, the normal break of 30 minutes between spells shall apply and the break within the spell is disregarded.

1.25.6 Over Rate

The CAW Pennant Committee expects Clubs to play an average of at least **16 overs per hour**, with the exception of:

- When an authorised medical personnel is required on the ground and/or for a player leaving the field due to serious injury.
- Umpires' discretion for injured players, replacement ball and extreme heat only

1.25.7 Management (Refers to 1.25.1, 1.25.2, 1.25.3, 1.25.4 and 1.25.5) (1.25.6 is dealt with in LC2)

- (a) It is the responsibility of the fielding Captain to ensure that this Playing Condition is upheld.
- (b) If the Umpire(s) become aware of breaches of this playing condition, when the ball is dead, they shall direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler who shall have neither bowled the previous over nor be allowed to bowl the next over.
- (c) Should a dispute or uncertainty regarding the application of this playing condition occur during play, the Umpire(s) shall make the final decision on its application, based on information available from the scorers or other sources. At the end of the game the Umpire(s) shall contact the CAW Secretary to report the incident and then forward all relevant information to the CAW Secretary within 24 hours.
- (d) For the first offence, the player and Captain will receive a warning. For a repeat offence, the player and Captain will be suspended for one match which will apply to the next senior match.

1.26 BOWLING – CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

Cumulative cautions and warnings will not apply, and each different form of dangerous and unfair bowling will be treated separately in the caution and warning process as defined in clauses **LC 1.27, 1.28, 1.29 or 1.30**.

1.27 BOWLING OF FAST SHORT PITCHED BALLS

1.27.1 Bowling of Fast Short Pitched Balls

- (a) A bowler shall be limited to two fast short pitched deliveries per over.
- (b) A fast-short pitched ball is defined as a ball, which after pitching, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batter standing upright in his normal guard position at the crease (also see **LC 1.27.1(d)**).
- (c) The Umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batter on strike when each fast-short pitched delivery has been bowled.
- (d) In addition, for the purposes of this regulation, a ball that passes clearly above head height of the batter, other than a fast-short pitched ball as defined in **LC 1.27.1(b)** above, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a **"No Ball"** and will count as one of the allowable balls above shoulder height for that over.

1.27.2 Bowling of Excessive Fast Short Pitched Balls

- (a)** In the event of bowler bowling more than two fast short pitched deliveries in an over as defined in **LC 1.27.1(b)** above, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal **"No Ball"** on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify a **"No Ball"** for a fast-short pitched delivery. The Umpire shall call and signal **"No Ball"** and then tap the head with the other hand.
- (b)** If a bowler delivers a third fast short pitched ball in any over a second time the umpire, after the call of **"No Ball"** and when the ball is dead, shall give a final warning to the bowler, inform the other Umpire, the Captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket what has occurred. This final warning shall apply throughout the innings. See **LC 1.27.2(d)**.
- (c)** 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 nor be allowed to bowl the next over.
- (d)** The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.
- (e)** The Umpire will report the occurrence to the other Umpire, the batsmen at the wicket and as soon as possible to the Captain of the batting side.
- (f)** The Umpire(s) will then report the matter to the CAW Board which shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the Captain and the bowler concerned. (Refer also to Law 41.1 Fair and Unfair Play – Responsibility of Captains).

1.28 DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR BOWLING: Action by the Umpire

Law 41.6.1 to 41.6.5 shall be replaced by the following:

Regardless of any action taken by the Umpire as a result of a breach of **LC 1.27, 1.28, 1.29 OR 1.30**, the following shall apply at any time during the match:

The bowling of fast short pitched balls is dangerous and unfair if the Umpire at the bowler's end considers that by their repetition and taking into account their length, height and direction, they are likely to inflict physical injury on the batsmen, irrespective of the protective clothing and equipment he may be wearing. The relative skill of the batsmen shall also be taken into consideration. In the event of such unfair bowling, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall adopt the following procedure:

- (a)** In the first instance, the Umpire shall call and signal **"No Ball"** and when the ball is dead, caution the bowler and inform the other Umpire, the Captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred.
- (b)** If there is a second instance by the same bowler in that innings, he shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final warning.
- (c)** Both the above caution and final warning shall continue to apply throughout the innings even though the bowler may later change ends.

Should there be a further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire at the bowler's end 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 nor be allowed to bowl the next over.
- Not allow the bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
- Report the occurrence to the Captain of the batting side as soon as the players leave the field for an interval.
- Report the occurrence to the Captain of the fielding side to the CAW Board, which shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the Captain and the bowler concerned (Refer also to Law 41.1 Fair and Unfair play – Responsibility of Captains).

1.29 BOWLING OF HIGH FULL PITCHED BALLS

1.29.1 Bowling of Any High-Pitched Balls (Dangerous and Unfair non-pitching deliveries)

Any delivery, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the batsmen standing upright at the crease that is deemed unfair shall be called a No Ball.

Any delivery, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the batsmen standing upright at the crease that is deemed dangerous shall be called a No Ball and the procedure following shall take place:

- (a) In the first instance, the Umpire shall call and signal **"No Ball"** and when the ball is dead, caution the bowler and inform the other Umpire, the Captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred.
- (b) If there is a second instance by the same bowler in that innings, he shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is his/her final warning
- (c) Both the above caution and final warning shall continue to apply throughout the innings even though the bowler may later change ends.

Should there be a further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire at the bowler's end shall:

Call and signal **"No Ball"** and when the ball is dead, direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another bowler, provided that the bowler has not bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.

- Not allow the bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
- Report the occurrence to the other Umpire and Captain of the batting side as soon as the players leave the field for an interval.

- Report the occurrence to the Captain of the fielding side and to the CAW Board, which shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the Captain and the bowler concerned (Refer also to Law 41.1 Fair and Unfair play – Responsibility of Captains).

1.30 DELIBERATE BOWLING OF HIGH FULL PITCHED BALLS

Law 41.7.4 shall be replaced with the following:

If the Umpire considers that a high full pitch, which is deemed dangerous and or unfair as defined in **LC 1.29.1** was deliberately bowled, then the above warning process shall be dispensed with. Then the Umpire at the bowler's end shall:

- Call and signal **"No Ball"**.
- When the ball is dead, direct the Captain to take the bowler off forthwith.
- Not allow the bowler to bowl again in that innings.
- Complete the Over with another bowler provided that the bowler does not bowl two Overs or part thereof consecutively.
- At the first opportunity, the Umpire(s) will report the occurrence to the Captain of the batting side and the CAW Board, which shall take any further action which is considered appropriate against the Captain and bowler concerned (Refer also to Law 41.1 Fair and Unfair Play – Responsibility of Captains).

1.31 FORFEITS AND BYES

- In any match that has been declared a forfeit, the maximum win points awarded in that same round of matches in that grade shall be awarded to the team that was drawn to play the team that declared a forfeit of the match.
- In any round that has a fixture bye, the team that has drawn the bye for that round shall be awarded first innings win points. Note – In any grade where all teams have an equal number of byes, no points shall be allocated for the bye.
- In the event that both teams declare a forfeit, then no points shall be allocated for that match.
- In any grade that has a fixture bye, if all games are called off, the side with the bye receives first innings win points only (6 points). Note – In any grade where all teams have an equal number of byes, no points shall be allocated for the bye.
- When the forfeit of a match is necessary, Clubs must play their higher-grade match and forfeit their lower grade match.
- Any Club that fails to notify the Secretary of the opposing Club and a member of the CAW Board of their intention to forfeit by 10am on the day of play shall be fined \$250.00.**

1.32 CONTRIVED RESULTS

(a) The CAW Board shall have the power to investigate a game or the actions of the Captains of the teams or any player involved in a match or the selection of a team, if it suspects reasonably that the competing Clubs, with or without the assistance of any other person or Club, have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the CAW Board decides to carry out an investigation, it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit.

(b) If the CAW Board finds that the teams, officials, Captains or players have colluded unfairly to contrive the outcome of a match, to the detriment of any other team in the competition, it may in its absolute discretion do one or more of the following:

- Fine a Club, team, Captain or player;
- Suspend a Captain from playing in any match or matches;
- Disallow any points earned by a team in respect of the match;
- Amend any points earned by a team in the match; or
- Take such other action as is deemed appropriate.

1.33 CAPTAIN'S REPORT Provincial 1st Grade

In the interest of the Umpires, the Captain's report must be completed and electronically sent to the CAW operations Manager by midnight Monday after the completion of each match.

Failure to lodge a Captain's report by the appropriate time will result in a \$50 fine being applied per incident and multiplied per incident.

Note If there is an issue with the Captains Report the CAW Board will inform all relevant parties

1.34 SCORE Cards and TEAM Lists

The CAW Board will inform all Clubs at the start of the season on what time their Score Cards and Team Lists have to be electronically entered into the CAW Play HQ website.

Please see By-Laws of LC1, LC2, LC3 or LC4 re times

Note if Clubs fail to comply with team lists a fine will be issued (\$20 per Incident)

Note if Clubs fail to comply with full team score sheets a fine will be issued (\$50 per Incident)

1.35 FINES AND PENALTIES

Refer to the CAW Code of Conduct/Behaviour Policy and the Code of Conduct/Behaviour and Independent Tribunal Rules for fines and penalties.

As stated at all 3 meetings Provincial District and Hume due to the implementation of the new Play HQ Platform no Fines will be given for Points 1.33 and 1.34 until further notice

1.36 CAW CODE OF CONDUCT/BEHAVIOUR

1.36.1 CAW Code of Conduct/Behaviour

All Clubs, officials and players shall be bound by the terms of the CAW Code of Conduct/Behaviour which includes and covers the Racial, Religious and Homophobic Vilification Policies, the Anti-Harassment Policy, the Cricket Australia Anti-Doping Policy, Cricket Australia Child Protection and Working With Children Polices and the Cricket Australia Social Media Policy.

Note: The CAW Code of Conduct also replaces Law 42 of the MCC Laws of Cricket.

Note: Please refer to the CAW website for these policies.

1.36.2 Breaches

Any breaches of the Laws of Cricket and/or these Playing Conditions shall be dealt with by the provisions outlined in the CAW Code of Conduct/Code of Behaviour.

1.37 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1.37.1 Club Championship

CAW Provincial Clubs shall compete in a Club Championship called the “Ian Cameron Trophy”.

CAW District Clubs shall compete in a Club Championship called the “Hazel Clarkson Trophy”.

CAW Hume Clubs shall compete in a Club Championship called the “Hague Maher Shield”.

These Championships shall terminate on completion of the scheduled home and away fixtures and will not include results from the Final Series matches in the Championship calculations.

1.37.2 Qualification for the Championship

The Club with the highest total of aggregate points shall determine the winning Club of the Ian Cameron Trophy, the Hazel Clarkson Trophy and the Hague Maher Shield.

Points will be awarded as follows for both awards:

1 st Grade	Win 10 points
2 nd Grade	Win 8 points
3 rd Grade	Win 6 points
Under 16 Div 1	Win 4 points
Under 14 Div 1	Win 2 points

If any Club has more than one team in the same Grade, then the position of the highest placed team’s points will be counted towards the Club Championship.

1.38 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

1.38.1 Cricketer of the Year

CAW shall, at the end of each season give awards for “Cricketer of the Year” in Provincial 1st Grade, District 1st Grade and Hume 1st Grade

Points for these awards are determined as follows:

Runs	1.00	Catches	10.00
Unassisted Wickets (B LBW)	20.00	Assisted Wickets	15.00
Unassisted Runouts	10.00	Assisted Runouts	5.00
100s	25.00	50s	5.00
Stumpings	15.00	5 Wickets in Innings	25.00
Not Outs	0.00		

1.38.2 Suspended Players

A player suspended or placed on a suspended sentence during the season is ineligible for the Cricketer of the Year award in that season.

1.39 CLEARANCES and CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

As per Play HQ Clearances are now Transfers

As per Play HQ Transfers are now Permits

(a) Clearance/Transfer applications must be electronically lodged on the CAW Play HQ website.

(b) Clearances/Transfers open on 1 September of each season.

(c) Clearances/Transfers close on 31 December of each season for any player wishing to clear to any CAW club from:

i) Any other CAW Club

ii) Any North East Region 6 affiliated club

iii) Any Riverina Cricket Zone affiliated club.

(d) The Clearing Club must reply to the Clearance/Transfer application on the CAW Play HQ website within 5 days, stating that the Clearance/Transfer is either granted or refused.

(e) A Clearance/Transfer can only be refused on the grounds of the player being “Un Financial”, “Under Contract” or currently on a “Club Suspension”.

(f) If the Clearing Club does not reply to the clearance/Transfer application within 5 days, then an Automatic Clearance for the player will be granted to the Gaining Club by the CAW Board.

(g) No Clearance/Transfer will be lodged after 11.00am on the Saturday immediately before the commencement of each Match.

- (h) If a player has not played for two consecutive seasons in any of the following associations: CAW, NER6 or any of the CAWC associations he/she will be eligible for a clearance/Transfer, from the 1st of Sept up till the end of the current season, provided that he/she is financial.
- (i) If there is an anomaly between the CAW Provincial, District and Hume draws, no player will be granted a clearance/transfer that allows them to play one game in the alternate competition. ie if the District competition has no game on a weekend a player cannot be cleared from a District club to play that weekend for a Provincial or Hume Club and vice versa.
- (j) Any CAW player who is granted an internal clearance/transfer between CAW clubs cannot apply for another clearance/transfer within 4 weeks of the original clearance being granted.
- (k) Any CAW player who is cleared/transferred after the 31st of December to a club outside of CAW will not be eligible to be cleared back to CAW until the start of the next season unless this is for Premier Grade Cricket (1st and 2nd Grade Only) In Melbourne Sydney or Canberra. If the said player is a CAW Junior (U/18) they are able to be cleared/transferred back at all times up until CAW Finals Start.

1.39.1 Club Mergers and Clearances

In the case of the merger of two CAW Clubs, registered players of the two previous Clubs will automatically become registered players with the newly merged Club.

1.40 VENUES FOR THE FINALS AND PLAYER OF THE FINAL

- (a) For the Semi and Preliminary Finals, the highest ranked side in that final shall automatically receive a home final if possible. However, if it is not possible and they have to play elsewhere, they will choose from the remaining available grounds in CAW.

Note: If the Highest-ranking sides home ground is unavailable the match will then go to the oppositions home ground and if that is unavailable due to usage the CAW Pennant Committee will then supply a list of available grounds to choose from.

- (b) The CAW Pennant Committee shall decide the venues for all Grand Finals:

- (c) There will be a "Player of the Final" medal in Provincial 1st Grade and District 1st Grade. These will be:

Provincial 1 st Grade	the Gary Williamson Medal
District 1 st Grade	the Geoff Lowcock Medal
Hume 1 st Grade	the Des Kennedy Medal

1.41 THE CAW FINALS SERIES

1.41.1 Finals Series Match Conditions

The CAW Finals shall be played under the same playing conditions as a Limited Over Matches in the normal season.

1.41.2 Venues for the Finals Series

Refer to LC 1.40.

1.41.3 Umpires for the Final Series

Please refer to 1.2.1

1.41.4 Results in the Final Series

- (a) In all Final Series Matches, the lower ranked side must defeat the higher ranked side to be declared the winner.
- (b) Any other result, other than those mentioned in LC 1.41.4(a), would mean that the higher ranked side would be declared the winner.
- (c) In the first round of the Finals, the two lowest ranking losing sides are eliminated.
- (d) In the second round of the Finals, the two lowest ranking losing sides are eliminated.
- (e) The winner of the Grand Final of any Grade will be declared the Premier of that Grade.
- (f) In finals, the winning team is responsible for entering the match result and summary for both sides. Each team is responsible for uploading their own scores onto the CAW Play HQ website by 8pm on the Sunday. Any club failing to do this will be fined \$100 per team per final.

1.42 THE CAW QUALIFYING FINALS, SEMI FINALS AND GRAND FINAL PROCESS

1.42.1 Final Systems

At the completion of a season's scheduled matches, the CAW Board will play the Finals series as either a Final 4, Final 6 or Final 8.

For a Final 4: 1 will play 4
 2 will play 3

For a Final 6: 1 will play 6
 2 will play 5
 3 will play 4

For a Final 8: 1 will play 8
 2 will play 7
 3 will play 6
 4 will play 5

1.42.2 Final 4

The Grand Final will be played off between the two winnings sides from the Semi-Final.

1.42.3 Final 6

The Semi-Finals will be played off between the 3 winning sides and the highest ranking losing side.

The Grand Final will be played off between the 2 winning sides from the Semi-Finals.

1.42.4 Final 8

The Semi-Finals will be played off between the 4 winning sides.

The Grand Final will be played off between the 2 winning sides from the Semi-Finals.

1.42.5 Determining Ladder Positions for the Finals in each Grade of each Competition.

(a) If there are sides with an equal number of points, the qualifying finalists shall be determined by quotient calculated below:

(i) Divide the total runs scored for the season by the total wickets lost for the season.

(ii) Divide the total runs scored against for the season divided by the total wickets taken for the season.

(iii) Divide (i) by (ii).

(b) The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to be the higher ranked side.

(c) If the teams still remain with the same quotient, a coin will be tossed to decide the higher ranked side.

1.42.6 Determining the Premier

The Premier team for the season shall be the team who wins on first innings. In the event of a draw, a tie or an incomplete match occurring without a First Innings Result being achieved, the highest ranked team in the Grand Final will be deemed the Premier.

1.43 CAW BOARD BY-LAWS

1.43.1 Amendment to CAW Limited Over Rules

All Clubs shall lodge with the CAW Secretary on or before 30th April each season, any suggested amendments or alterations to the Limited Over Rules for CAW matches.

1.43.2 Repeal to CAW of Limited Over Rules

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any playing rule may be repealed or altered by a majority of eligible voters as stipulated in the CAW Constitution at a CAW Special General Meeting to be called for that purpose only.

1.43.3 Playing Conditions

If a Playing Condition is not referred to in this document refer to: The Laws of Cricket;

1.43.4 Sight Screens

If a ground has sight screens, the batting side has the option to use them, but they must move the sight screens themselves.

1.43.5 Junior Co-Ordinator

The appointed Junior Co-ordinator for any season will administer the junior competition and attend board meetings but will not have any voting rights as the Junior Co-Ordinator but may have voting rights as a current CAW Board Member.

1.43.6 Private Schools

Any CAW Club's team playing a match on a private school ground (The Scots School, Victory Lutheran College) is not permitted to:

- drive cars onto the school grounds
- drink alcohol on the school grounds
- smoke on the school grounds

Any team violating this rule shall be fined \$500 per incident.

1.43.7 Cigarettes and Alcohol

No CAW registered player is permitted to smoke or drink alcohol on the field of play for the duration of any CAW approved match. Any CAW Club's team in breach of this rule will be fined \$500 per incident.

1.43.8 CAW Female Competition

CAW has formed female only base competition which is bound by the CAW Constitution and Incorporation Act and is fully covered by CAW insurance.

1.43.9 Membership Details for Sponsorship Purposes

The Board has the right to supply sponsors with the email details of all CAW members for the purpose of the sponsor being able to supply information about themselves, including newsletters and other relevant data, but at no point is the sponsor allowed to solicit the CAW member.

1.43.10 Representative Cricket

The CAW Board will decide at the start of each season which junior/senior representative matches that CAW will participate in.

1.43.11 Grade Size

The CAW Board will decide the size of each of the grades in each competition.

1.43.12 Non Australian Imports

Note: A Non Australian Import is defined as anyone who comes into Australian specifically to play cricket for any club.

Note: A player will **not be considered** a Non Australian Import if they are out here on an Australian Working Visa or an Australian Student Visa or are an Australian resident or have made a valid application to the department of home affairs to become a permanent resident of Australia.

Importantly the CAW Club that the player represents must make an application to the CAW Board to confirm the status of any player applying for permanent residency. Any player who does not fit the above criteria will be deemed an Overseas Import in line with rule 1.43.12

Note: Any CAW Club that has a player playing cricket at their club on an Australian Specialised/Skilled Work Working Visa must supply a copy of said Visa to the CAW Board on Request

Failure to comply with the above will have the following consequences

1. Loss of all premiership points for that side for the season
2. Loss of 4 points from your player points for 2 years

Note: Any CAW Club that has a player playing cricket at their club on an Australian Student Visa must verify the following to the CAW Board

1. Proof of enrolment in an Australian Educational Institution within 120 km of Albury
2. Proof of compliance of the new Australian Governments financial requirements
3. Proof that the course will be running through the CAW season

Failure to comply with the above will have the following consequences

1. Loss of all premiership points for that side for the season
2. Loss of 4 points from your player points for 2 years

Note: If you play an illegal alien as defined by the Australian Government you will forfeit all points for that grade for the year

1.43.13 Juniors from a minor Association

Any junior (under the age of 18 on 1st Sept of that Season) playing for a minor cricket association Tumbarumba and District Cricket Association (TDCA)

Will be eligible to play with any CAW Club on permits anytime throughout the season.

(Only 1 Club per season)

He or She will be able to play either junior or senior cricket

He or She will be able to play up to 4 matches per season but not finals.

1.43.14 Player Verification

At the end of each day umpires or respected Captains must sign the score book. To verify players and scores.

1.43.15 INTERNAL CLUB CLEARANCES (Work Commitments)

If a player has transferred from

- i) Any North East Region 6 affiliated club. (Outside of any CAW Club)
- ii) Any Riverina Cricket Zone affiliated club. (Outside of any CAW Club)

After the 31st of December of that current season for work commitments, they have the right to appeal to the CAW Pennant Committee for a clearance. The CAW Pennant Committee decision is final and cannot be appealed.

1.43.16 Club Grade Levels

If your Club fields sides in the Provincial Competition this is the alignment

Provincial 1st Grade

Provincial 2nd Grade

C Grade Division 1 (You must field your 1st C Grade side in Div 1)

C Grade Division 2 (You must field your 2nd C Grade side in Div 2)

However, if you have 3 or more C Grade sides you have the option of putting them in either Div 1 or Div 2 (However you cant have more than 2 sides in any Division)

If your Club fields sides in the District Competition this is the alignment

District 1st Grade

District 2nd Grade

C Grade Division 3 (If you have more than 1 C Grade side you can play in any of the other grades)

If your Club fields sides in the Hume Competition this is the alignment

Hume 1st Grade

Hume 2nd Grade

1.43.17 C Grade Dual Qualifications

If you club has more than one C Grade side in either C Grade Div 1 Div 2 or Div 3 once a player has played or been named in 9 days of cricket where a ball has been bowled in one side they are ineligible to play in any other C Grade side unless they are both playing on the same day or same round.

1.43.18 Play HQ Team Allocations

On any CAW entered team on Play HQ you will only be able to enter or have 13 names on the team list.

1.43.19 Play HQ User Timelines

Provincial 1st and 2nd Grade, District 1st and 2nd Grade, Hume 1st and 2nd Grade and all C Grade Team Lists by 8.00pm Friday prior to the Match.

Team Scores (Full Score Card) into Play HQ by 3.00pm the Sunday after the Match by the Home side or the side named first in the draw.

1.43.20 Outstanding Accounts

If your club has not paid a CAW, CAW Operations, CAW Events or CAW High Performance invoice within 30 days from the date of the invoice and your club has a 7 point, 6 point, 5 point or 4 point player at your club as defined by the CAW Player Points System you will forfeit all senior matches until said invoice is paid. All other clubs have 60 days to pay said invoice or same penalties will apply

1.43.21 Player or Club Member entering the field of Play (Dress Regulations)

Runners or Cricket Footwear Not Thongs or Bare Feet

Club Shorts or Sports Shorts

Club Shirts

NO Singlets

1.43.22 Protective Equipment Batsman under 18

Any Player aged under 18 years on 1st September prior to the cricket season in question must always wear protective equipment while batting. Such protective equipment is defined as helmet with grill fitted, protector, leg guards and batting gloves.

Failure to do so will result in automatic 4-week suspension for both player and Captain.

1.43.23 Protective Equipment Fielder under 18

Any Player aged under 18 years on 1st September prior to the cricket season in question must always wear protective equipment while fielding within 10 meters of the striker except when fielding behind the wicket on the offside or wicket keeping back from the stumps. Such protective equipment is defined as helmet with grill fitted.

Failure to do so will result in automatic 4-week suspension for both player and Captain.

1.43.24 Lost Time

Any CAW scheduled match that has any time lost and does not have access to Duckworth Lewis (Provincial 2nd Grade, District 1st and 2nd Grade, Hume 1st and 2nd Grade and all C Grades) will reduce the overs in the match by 4 Overs every 15 Minutes or 16 Overs in an Hour for time lost.

1.43.25 Helmets

After discussion at the Special General Meeting and then the individual meetings of Provincial Clubs, District Clubs and Hume Clubs, it was decided that the CAW Board strongly recommend that all players wear a helmet when batting and fielding within 5 meters in front of the bat and that the said helmet meets the BS7928.2013 British Standard Requirements.

1.43.26 Senior Cricket (Age Requirements)

Any player wishing to take the field in any CAW Provincial District or Hume 1st 2nd or 3rd grade matches must be thirteen (13) years old. If a player is younger than 13, he or she must have written permission from either a parent or guardian and have supplied this to their Captain who then will supply it to the CAW Operations Manager.

1.43.27 Cricket Bats Regulations

Law 5: [The bat](#). The bat is no more than 38 inches (96.52 cm) in length, no more than 4.25 inches (10.8 cm) wide, no more than 2.64 inches (6.7 cm) deep at its middle and no deeper than 1.56 inches (4.0 cm) at the edge.

1.43.28 Eligibility for Final Series (1.6.2) (b)

In relation to 1.6.2 b The Player must have played or be named in a combination of 6 matches where that match is been played for points – Junior or Senior.

The above simply means that if a player is named in a CAW Match and that match does not go ahead for any legitimate reason (Wet Weather, Heat, Smoke, Emergency Services etc etc) then that match WILL COUNT towards the 6 Matches.

If there is a Forfeit in any grade, then the side that is forfeiting WILL NOT be able to count that match toward the 6 Matches however the side that is been forfeited against will.

1.43.29 CAW Player Point System Provincial 1st Grade

The CAW Board has brought a Point system into play for Provincial 1st Grade

Please refer to website for documentation or go to LC2

1.43.30 Bonus Points Provincial 1st Grade

The CAW Board has brought in a Bonus Point System for Provincial 1st Grade

Side batting first is entitled to 50 Overs no matter whether they do or do not bat out the 50 Overs. The side batting second makes the runs by the completion of the 40th Over or less 1 Bonus point. The side batting second makes the runs by the completion of the 30th Over or less 2 Bonus Points.

Side batting first is entitled to 50 Overs no matter whether they do or do not bat out the 50 Overs. The side bowling second bowls the batting side out by the completion of the 40th Over or less 1 Bonus Point.

The side bowling second bowls the batting side out by the completion of the 30th Over or less 2 Bonus Point.

Note: If at any point the match has had the overs reduced due to bad or inclement weather, then it is quite simply changed to 80% of the overs for 1 Bonus Point or 60% of the overs for 2 Bonus Points.

1.43.31 Stump Microphone Provincial and District 1st Grade

The 1st Grade Club Captains will be in control of the Stump Microphones

The process will be the same at all grounds

When the umpire arrives at the home side or the side named first in the draw, the 1st Grade Captain will hand the umpire the match ball team sheet as well as the two sets of stumps

These stumps will include two (2) microphone stumps

The 1st Grade Club Captain will have turned on the microphones and fitted them inside each of the two individual stumps.

The umpire/s will then proceed to place the stumps in the wicket as normal making sure that the microphone is on and facing towards the wicketkeeper.

If at any time during the match the stumps are hit, knocked over or broken either of the captains or the umpire/s are to replace the microphone back into the stump or replacement stump making sure that it is on and facing towards the wicketkeeper.

At the end of the match the stumps are removed and handed back to the home side or the side named first in the draw and their Captain is to remove the microphones and replace them in the box.

At this point that is all the Captain has to do.

There will be an update sent out to all Cricket Albury Wodonga Provincial and District 1st Grade Captains each week from the CAW Chairman in relation to charging the microphones. If there are no issues, then you will just repeat the process each week.

There will be an update sent out to all Cricket Albury Wodonga Provincial and District 1st Grade Captains every 4 weeks from the CAW Chairman in relation to clearing the microphones. If there are no issues, then you will just repeat the process every 4 weeks.

However, if there is an issue or a report from said match the following will take place.

The 1st Grade Captain of the home side or the side named first in the draw will be contacted by the CAW Chairman and asked for the microphones.

These will then be given to the CAW Secretary who will then play the recording with at least one other investigation panel member or CAW board member.

If there is a level 1, level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 incident recorded on the microphone they will then contact the CAW Chairman with their decision and the CAW Chairman will then contact the said Club President and explain the process.

Note: If at any point the CAW Provincial or District 1st Grade Captain fails to comply with the above process they will automatically be suspended for 2 Matches

Note: If at any point during the season the microphones appear to have been tampered with, the CAW Club whose microphones they are will be fined \$1000 and each club side will loose 12 points from Seniors all the way thru to Under 12's

1.43.32 CAW Board Member Rules and Requirements

If you are on the Board of Cricket Albury Wodonga (CAW)

You must attend at least 2 Board meetings a year.

You must have a WWCC (NSW or Vic) and have supplied it to our Operations Manager and it will be posted on our website along with your contact details

You are permitted to play cricket for any CAW Club or Representative Side
You are permitted to Coach at any CAW Club or Representative Side

You are not permitted to Captain any CAW Club or Representative Side
You are not permitted to be a Board/Committee Member of any CAW Club

1.43.33 CAW Junior Coordinator Rules and Requirements

Provide support, guidance and education to CAW junior coaches

Provide assistance to CAW clubs in the strategic planning of their junior programs

Support CAW clubs in providing engaging opportunities for players, to help with retention of juniors

Assist junior coaches in their development and growth as coaches

If the CAW Junior Coordinator is aligned to or playing at a CAW Club, then at NO POINT is the CAW Junior Coordinator to speak to any CAW juniors and or their parents about leaving a CAW Club to go to CAW Club that he or she is aligned with. If this happens at any point the CAW Junior Coordinator will be removed from the position. However, the CAW Junior Coordinator can give advice re any other CAW Clubs.

The CAW Junior Coordinator is accessible to all CAW Clubs but will not encroach on the operations of junior sides. If you require assistance, guidance and or support REACH OUT

1.43.34 CAW Junior Coaches Rules and Requirements

All CAW Junior Coaches must have a Working With Children Check either (NSW or Vic)

All CAW Junior Coaches must a Cricket Australia level 1 coaching certificate

All CAW Junior Coaches under the age of 18 must have a letter of approval from their Club President

All CAW junior coaches must have completed at least 1 of the CAW Junior Coordinator coaching sessions held at either the regional cricket hub or a facility to be named

Failure to comply with the above by the 30th of November each season will result in the coach and the side been removed from their respective CAW Junior Competitions for the rest of the season.

APPENDIX 1

PLAYING SHIRT GUIDELINES

CAW Limited Over Matches and T/20 Matches Colored Balls

- (a) All Provincial 1st and 2nd Grade team shirts and Pants must be colored
- (b) All District 1st and 2nd Grade team shirts must be colored
- (c) All Hume 1st and 2nd Grade team shirts must be colored
- (d) All senior C Grade team shirts must be colored, and the pants can be either colored or white.
- (e) Clubs are permitted to have the following badges or logos on their playing shirts as per **Appendix 2/3** and pants **as per Appendix 4**
 - **Compulsory** - On the right breast is to be the Association Sponsor Logo.
 - On the left breast is to be the Club Logo or major Club sponsor.
 - The Club is permitted to have up to two sponsor's logos on each sleeve, no larger than 6 x 10cm.
 - The Club may also have their name on the collar.
 - The Club is permitted to have a sublimated image or logo on the front of the shirt as per **Appendix 3**.
 - Sponsors, nicknames and numbers on back of shirt:
 - Up to two sponsor's logos are permitted on the back of the playing shirt as per **Appendix 3**.
 - OR you can have a nickname and a number as per **Appendix 3**
 - OR you can have a combination of both, but you cannot have more than one sponsor's logo on the back of the shirt if you have a nickname and number.

CAW recommends you use Finer Embroidery, Wodonga (02) 60241290 as they have our designs, regulations and logos on file.