



QUEENSLAND
CRICKET

REGULATIONS

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A. Regulations

All matches shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of Cricket (see Annexure A – Laws of Cricket), including Experimental Laws as recognised for the time being by Cricket Australia and as amended by the Board of Queensland Cricket on advice of the Premier Cricket Committee as set out in these Playing Conditions and Regulations.

The Laws of Cricket apply to all Queensland Premier Cricket competitions, except to the extent varied within these Playing Conditions and Regulations.

In addition to these General Playing Conditions & Regulations, specific Playing Conditions & Regulations are in place for the One Day and T20 competitions operated by Queensland Premier Cricket.

1. Membership

[A] The Clubs competing shall be:

- (i) Western Suburbs District
- (ii) Valley District
- (iii) Toombul District
- (iv) Northern Suburbs District
- (v) University of Queensland
- (vi) Redlands District
- (vii) South Brisbane District
- (viii) Sandgate-Redcliffe District
- (ix) Wynnum-Manly District
- (x) Gold Coast District
- (xi) Sunshine Coast
- (xii) Ipswich

[B] Each Club shall possess the following qualifications:

- (a) A membership roll of a minimum of eleven [11] players per nominated team.
- (b) Unless the Premier Cricket Committee otherwise approves, the possession or lease of grounds and wickets approved by the Premier Cricket Committee as being suitable and proportional to the requirements of the number of teams participating.

Male Competitions

- [C] Unless the Premier Cricket Committee otherwise decides
 - (i) All Clubs shall be represented by one team in each of Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Mens Under 19 and Boys Under 17 Competitions.
 - (ii) Each metropolitan based Club shall be represented by one team in Mens Third Grade, Mens Fourth Grade, Mens Fifth Grade and Mens Sixth Grade.
- [D] The Premier Cricket Committee may give permission for non-metropolitan based Clubs (specifically Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Ipswich) to nominate teams for any or all of Mens Third Grade, Mens Fourth Grade, Mens Fifth Grade and Mens Sixth Grade competitions.

Female Competitions

- [E] The Premier Cricket Committee may, in its ultimate discretion, give permission for Clubs to nominate teams in female competitions.
- [F] In order for a Club to be considered by the Premier Cricket Committee to enter a team into Womens First Grade, it must have:
 - (i) had a Womens Second Grade team and Girls Under 16 in the previous season; and
 - (ii) a Womens First Grade, Womens Second Grade and Girls Under 16 team for the current season.
- [G] In order for a Club to be considered by the Premier Cricket Committee to enter a team into the Womens Second Grade, it must have:
 - (i) had a Girls Under 16 team in the previous season; and
 - (ii) both a Womens Second Grade team and Girls Under 16 team for the current season.

The competitions and participants that constitute Queensland Premier Cricket for the relevant season can be found at Annexure B.

2. Age Qualifications**Male Competitions**

- (a) All participants in Queensland Premier Cricket Male Competitions must be at least 14 years of age as at 31 August preceding the particular season in which the competition is played.

Female Competitions

- (b) All participants in Queensland Premier Cricket First Grade & Second Grade Womens Competitions must be at least 14 years of age by 31 March for the current season in which the competition is played.
- (c) All participants in Queensland Premier Cricket Girls Under 16 competition must be at least 12 years of age as at 31 August preceding the particular season in which the competition is played.

3. Player Eligibility

[A] Regular season

- (a) No player may be demoted more than one Grade from their last fixture played within the same match format except with the approval of the Premier Cricket Committee.
- (b) No player may be allowed to play in two senior Grades on the same weekend except with the approval of the Premier Cricket Committee, with the exception of:
 - (i) Mens T20 Max and Mens Second Grade T20 Competitions.
- (c) Applications for a permit to play in any Premier Cricket match may be made to the Premier Cricket Committee for approval. Applications must be made no later than 12:00noon on the Thursday prior to the commencement of the round.
- (d) Umpires do not have the authority to determine player eligibility.

[B] Finals

- (a) Finals eligibility shall be determined by the number of days of cricket played.
 - (i) T20 matches shall be counted as 0.5 days.
- (b) Only days played in Minor Rounds of the applicable format shall be relevant.
 - (i) Matches played in Youth Competitions (Mens Under 19, Boys Under 17, Girls Under 16) are not relevant to Finals eligibility for Senior Competitions.
- (c) A player may not play in a Finals match in any grade unless the player has played at least 30% of days possible in that grade or a lower grade during the season.
 - (i) For the avoidance of doubt, the minimum number of days required to be eligible to play Finals will be determined by the **Queensland Cricket Finals Eligibility Table** for the relevant season (see Annexure C – Queensland Premier Cricket Final Eligibility Table).
 - (ii) If no play is possible in any fixture, players selected prior to play in the relevant fixture will be able to count match days towards Finals eligibility.
 - (iii) Byes shall not count as match days played towards Finals eligibility, nor be considered in the calculation of the total number of days played in a competition. This may mean that teams competing in the same competition may have different Finals eligibility requirements if teams play a varying number of days in Minor Rounds.
 - (iv) Days missed through injury are not relevant and shall not be considered as a reason to forgo the minimum days played Finals eligibility requirement.
 - (v) Days played in other Queensland Cricket Affiliated Bodies Competitions are not relevant to Premier Cricket Finals eligibility.

NOTE: In circumstances in which there is no directly underpinning Premier Cricket competition and teams have either: insufficient finals eligible, available players or have no finals eligible player meeting required skillset need, players from indirectly underpinning Premier Cricket and non-Premier Cricket competitions may receive dispensation from PCC to play finals. To be considered for finals dispensation, players must have played the required number of days in their competition in the relevant period.

- (d) A player may not play in a Finals match in any grade if the player has played 3 or more matches during the last 5 rounds in a higher grade or grades.
 - (i) Notwithstanding 3[B](d), a player who has played 60% or more of the available matches in a particular grade shall remain eligible to play Finals within that grade.
 - (ii) In competitions with fewer than 5 rounds, a player may not play in a Finals match if they have played more matches in a higher grade or grades.
 - (iii) For clarity in this clause, each form of cricket (i.e. T20, One Day and Two Day) is considered separately.
- (e) If a player misses Premier Cricket matches because they have been selected to play for a National or State representative team (including National Youth teams, 2nd XI teams and W/BBL), they shall be deemed to have played such matches in the Premier Competition in the Grade which they last played a match.
- (f) Queensland Cricket contracted players shall always be eligible for Premier Cricket First Grade Finals regardless of days played.
- (g) Where a Club has two [2] or more teams in one Grade, a player must have met eligibility requirements with the team they propose to play with (or in a lower Grade) in Finals.
 - (i) Where a Club has two [2] or more teams in the one Grade, days played for a team in that Grade that a player does not propose to play for in Finals shall not be counted for the purposes of this regulation.
- (h) Any Club with any consecutive teams in Finals may select any player eligible for the higher Grade in the next lower Grade.
- (i) Applications for permits to play in Premier Cricket Finals may be made to the Premier Cricket Committee for approval by no later than 12:00noon on the Thursday prior to the commencement of the match.
- (j) Umpires do not have the authority to determine player eligibility.

4. Club Represented by More than One Team

If following team nominations there is a bye in Mens Fifth Grade or Sixth Grade, the Premier Cricket Committee may call for further Club nominations to field a second team in these competitions. Nominations will be considered having regard to the Club Championship result from the previous season.

If any Club plays more than one team in any grade, the players therein shall not be interchangeable except in the following circumstances:

- (a) A player on promotion or demotion to a grade in which the Club has more than one team may play in any team in such grade.
- (b) A Club may apply in writing to the Premier Cricket Committee for approval to transfer a player or players from one team to another team playing in the same grade, and such consent, when obtained shall apply only to the transfer of the player or players to the team named in the application. The application shall state the reasons for the desired transfer or transfers, and the batting and bowling performances of the player or players concerned in all grades in the preceding matches of the season, and the positions of the team concerned in the Premiership Competition, and shall be lodged to the Premier Cricket Officer before 12:00noon on the

Thursday immediately preceding the date set down for the commencement of the match for which consent is sought.

5. Wicket and Light Fees

- (a) The competing Clubs shall be responsible for payment of the wicket and light fees chargeable for the various grounds on which competition matches are to be played. The amount of the wicket and light fees and the method of computation thereof will be determined each season by the Premier Cricket Committee. Until further resolution by the Premier Cricket Committee, the fees are as follows:
 - (i) Wicket fees shall be \$200 per team per day for each fixture. For the purposes of this regulation a T20 match shall count as a half day.
 - (ii) Light fees shall be \$50 per team per day for any match where lights are used.

6. Registration

- (a) Before the completion of the first fixture in each season each Club playing in the Premier Cricket Competition must:
 - (i) Lodge with Queensland Cricket, via the PlayHQ database, the names and details of all registered players for all competitions, including the T20 Max competition. Lodgment must be before the completion of the first round of Premier Cricket fixtures. Registrations of new players must be completed before the player participates in any competition.
 - (ii) Lodge with Queensland Cricket, via the PlayHQ database, the names and contact details of all registered officials. Lodgment must be before the completion of the first round of Premier Cricket fixtures. New registrations must be updated promptly as each official registers with the Club.
 - (iii) Non-compliance with these requirements regarding player and official insurance will result in a suspension of Premier Cricket Club Funding payments.
 - (iv) Failure to comply by the relevant timeframe will result in all teams from all competitions from the offending Club being unable to compete until the situation is rectified.
 - (v) No player shall represent more than one Club in any competition in any one season without Premier Cricket Committee approval.
 - (A) Players may apply to the Premier Cricket Committee to transfer to another Premier Cricket Club, provided the player applies before 31 October and informs their existing Club of the application prior to submission (see Annexure D – Mid Season Transfer Form).
 - (B) Players under the age of eighteen [18] years may apply to the Premier Cricket Committee for special consideration at any time during the season if their residential circumstances change.
 - (C) Clubs have five (5) business days to consent to a transfer application. If consent is not received within this timeframe, Queensland Cricket shall then process the transfer application.

- (D) Clubs may only challenge an application on the grounds of a player having unresolved financial commitments to the Club. Cricket skill and/or performance-related reasons shall not be grounds to challenge a transfer.
- (b) At the Premier Cricket Committee's ultimate discretion, players in Female Competitions may be permitted to play for more than one Club in any given season, provided that the player's Club grants permission for the player to be loaned to another Club and the grade the player is participating in is a higher grade not offered at the player's home Club (such permission must be given in writing with a copy provided to the Premier Cricket Officer prior to the commencement of the match in which the player is loaned to another Club).
- (c) In the circumstances outlined in Clause (b) above, all performances for any Club shall be counted for the purposes of Averages and Aggregates.
- (d) It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that all registered players are aware of the playing conditions, regulations and policies governing the Premier Cricket Competition.
- (e) A player wishing to play in an additional competition controlled by another Association affiliated with Queensland Cricket must complete a Dual Affiliation Form (see Annexure J – Dual Affiliation Form) which is lodged with that player's 'Primary' Association or Club. The player's 'Primary' affiliate has first call on that player's services for representative selection.
- (f) No member of a Club who leaves such Club to join another Club shall be eligible to play in any fixture organised by Queensland Cricket or any of its affiliates, until they are financially clear of the Club of which they were originally a member. A player shall be deemed to be financially clear of a Club if, up to the time of leaving the Club, they have paid their annual subscription, special levies in the nature of subscription, wicket fees, and any penalty validly imposed by the Club in accordance with the rules thereof. The final decision shall be left to the discretion of the Premier Cricket Committee.

7. Overseas Players

- (a) Any player who is not an Australian citizen or a permanent resident, and who has been a resident in Australia for less than six full months prior to registration with a Club, is deemed to be an overseas player.
- (b) A Club is permitted to play no more than two [2] overseas players (excluding QLD Bulls/Fire and Brisbane Heat W/BBL contracted players) per competition on any given day of a match in the following competitions:
 - (k) Mens First Grade;
 - (ii) Mens Second Grade;and
 - (iii) Womens First Grade.
- (c) A Club is permitted to play an unlimited number of overseas players in all other competitions, except for the T20 Max competition (see Playing Condition 13 of the T20 Playing Conditions).

8. Schedule of Fixtures

- (a) At the July meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee, complete rounds of fixtures shall be determined, and copies thereof forwarded by the Premier Cricket Officer of Queensland Cricket to the Secretary of each Premier Cricket Club.

- (b) The Premier Cricket Committee shall determine upon what grounds competition matches shall be played, and no alteration of either fixture or ground therefore shall be made except by the Premier Cricket Committee. However, participating clubs may make a request to the Premier Cricket Officer to alter the ground on which a match may be played no later than 5:00pm Monday prior to the match. Both clubs must agree to this request prior to submission.
- (c) Should any portion of any fixture be played upon any ground other than that allotted to it, neither Club participating in such fixture shall be awarded any points for that match.
- (d) The ground, allocated by the Premier Cricket Committee, may not be changed while a match is in progress.
- (e) Where necessary due to an insufficient number of Club grounds, matches in Mens Fifth Grade and Mens Sixth Grade can be scheduled on Sundays at the discretion of the Premier Cricket Committee. Where a match is scheduled on a Sunday, any players participating in that match must not have been named to play (on a Team List, completed in accordance with General playing Condition 1.2) in a Premier Cricket Competition fixture on the day before.
- (f) A Club can submit a request to the Premier Cricket Committee to schedule a One Day or T20 match at night under lights, with the agreement of the opposition Club. Coloured clothing and white balls must be used. The request to the Premier Cricket Committee must be agreed by both Clubs and submitted at least eight (8) days prior to the match.
- (g) Queensland Cricket shall receive a rating on the performance of the pitch and outfield for each Premier Cricket fixture played, provided after the match has ended by the appointed umpires within their Umpire's Report. If a wicket or ground is rated below expectations or well below expectations, the following demerit points shall be applied:
 - (i) Wicket well below expectations: 6 demerit points
 - (ii) Wicket below expectations: 2 demerit points
 - (iii) Ground well below expectations: 3 demerit points
 - (iv) Ground below expectations: 1 demerit point

If a Premier Cricket ground accumulates 10 demerit points within 10 consecutive match days, the Premier Cricket Committee shall then request that the Queensland Cricket Club Grounds Manager (QCCGM) and the Club Groundsperson meet to review the wicket and/or the ground, and their state. The QCCGM shall then prepare a report for the Premier Cricket Committee to advise on the ground's fitness to continue to host Premier Cricket fixtures.

NOTE: If a Premier Cricket ground hosts more than one fixture on a match day then only the report with the greatest number of demerit points shall be considered for the accumulation of demerit points.

9. Act of God

- (a) Queensland Cricket shall, in its sole discretion, revise the schedule and fixture at times where the health, safety and well-being of the community needs to be considered.

10. Team Lists

- (a) Teams are required to enter their team list into PlayHQ no later than one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time of their match.
- (b) Team Lists are required to clearly indicate the following:

(C)	Team Captain
(R)	Players replaced under General Playing Conditions Clause 1.3 [Representative Players]
(S)	Players substituted under General Playing Conditions Clause 1.5 [Unavailable Players]
(I)	Players replaced under General Playing Conditions Clause 1.6 [Injured Players]
(U19)	Players under the age of nineteen [19] years of age on the thirty first [31] day of August preceding the particular season in which the Competition is played.
(U18)	Players under the age of eighteen [18] years of age on the thirty first [31] day of August preceding the particular season in which the Competition is played.
(U17)	Players under the age of seventeen [17] years of age on the thirty first [31] day of August preceding the particular season in which the Competition is played.
(U16)	Players under the age of sixteen [16] years of age on the thirty first [31] day of August preceding the particular season in which the Competition is played.
(U15)	Players under the age of fifteen [15] years of age on the thirty first [31] day of August preceding the particular season in which the Competition is played.

Note: where the functionality of PlayHQ does not allow for a field to be indicated (e.g. age of a player), this is not required of the submitter.

11. Failure to Field Teams

- (a) Should any Club fail in two consecutive matches, arranged by Queensland Cricket, to field a full side of eleven [11] players in each of the grades in which it is competing, the matter shall be reported to the Premier Cricket Committee who, after having heard the Club's explanation, shall take such action as it deems fit.

12. Players Dress and Equipment

- (a) No player shall be allowed to play in any match unless they appear in proper cricketing attire, which shall consist of the following:
 - (i) Shirt of the type known as a "Cricket Shirt" or woven woollen, wool and cotton, or similar material of white or cream colour.
 - (ii) Trousers of white or cream colour (unless otherwise approved).
 - (iii) Socks worn shall be white or cream or, should more than one pair of socks be worn, socks showing shall be white or cream.
 - (iv) Boots or shoes of any material, coloured predominantly white. Spikes shall not project from the soles of boots or shoes to a length greater than 9mm.

- (v) It shall not be obligatory on any player to wear a cap, but if a player elects to do so, the cap worn shall be that of the Club for which they are playing. A white or cream hat may be worn in lieu of a cap. Coloured hats are permitted, but only if in Club colours and with the Club emblem attached.
 - (vi) A sweater may be worn in addition to the shirt provided that it is of white or cream colour.
 - (vii) T-Shirts and undergarments shall not protrude beyond the playing shirt, unless white or skin colour (or black for scheduled One Day and T20 matches).
- (b) No player will be allowed on the field unless wearing spiked footwear [half spiked footwear is permissible]. The Premier Cricket Officer may approve a relaxation of this clause on written medical grounds. Except for the wearing of spikes, the question of player's attire should be referred to the team captain and Club Officials.
- (c) The following logos are permitted on Premier Cricket Playing Uniforms:
- (i) Club Logo.
 - (ii) Manufacturers Logo.
 - (iii) Commercial Logos:
 - (A) Competition Sponsor.
 - (B) Club Sponsor.
- (d) The permitted size and location of logos on shirts shall be determined by the Premier Cricket Committee, with guidelines as follows:

Logo	Size and location
Club Logo	Max of 64cm ² on either left or right chest.
Manufacturers Logo	Max of 40cm ² on either left, right or middle chest, or collar, Max of 10cm ² on the side or back of the playing cap.
Club Sponsor Logo	Max of 30cm (wide) x 20cm (high) on either front or back of shirt, Max of 64cm ² on either or both sleeves, Max of 20cm ² on the side or back of the playing cap.

- (e) The design of all logos on shirts is subject to Premier Cricket Committee approval.
- (f) Teams participating in scheduled One Day and T20 matches must wear coloured shirts in the respective Club colours. Coloured shirts must comply with the following guidelines and be approved by Queensland Cricket prior to the start of the season.
- (i) A Club may use the same coloured shirt or trousers or, at its discretion, a Club may use a different coloured shirt.
 - (ii) Shirts should be designed in the manner that stays within the current logo regulations and with colours that are suitable to be used with a white or pink ball.

Clubs can design the playing shirt/s within these boundaries, but the Premier Cricket Committee has final decision on shirt approval.

- (iii) Coloured trousers must be worn.
- (iv) Coloured pads or coloured pad covers must be worn.
- (v) A Club must apply for approval of their coloured shirt by providing a written request together with a colour design or sample to the Premier Cricket Officer prior to a date that will be determined and advised by the Premier Cricket Committee.

13. Bowling Injury Prevention

- (a) The Bowling Injury Prevention Policy can be found at Annexure E. This Policy acts as a guideline only and is not breached when a player exceeds the bowling restrictions.

14. Match Reports

- (a) Each Club in all Queensland Premier Cricket Competitions shall enter the result of the games, the full scorecards and complete the captain's report in the PlayHQ database before 9:00am on the Tuesday following the completion of each match, except T20 matches which must be entered within 36 hours of the match completion.
- (b) For the last scheduled fixture of competitions in which Semi Finals or Finals are to be played, entry must be complete by 2:00pm on the Monday following the fixture.
- (c) In respect of all Competition Fixtures, for teams receiving a forfeit or a bye, an entry of the result on the database is required listing the result of the match, and the names of the selected eleven [11] players, referred to as a "Shadow XI". When players are selected in PlayHQ for a bye, they are ineligible to play in another fixture during that round.
 - (i) The "Shadow XI" is to be the actual team that would have selected if there was a match to be played in the relevant round.
 - (ii) The "Shadow XI" must be submitted to Queensland Cricket by Friday 9:00am prior to the match for approval. Once approved, the "Shadow XI" will be communicated to relevant opposition club(s).
 - (iii) Players selected in the "Shadow XI" may receive dispensation to play a lower grade if the lower grade is their primary team.
- (d) The Premier Cricket Committee may impose any penalty it deems fit on any Club not complying with this regulation (including the input of teams, match results, Captain's reports and full scorecards for the applicable competitions). The penalty for late lodgment of the data entry shall be \$25.00 per late lodgment at the first instance, increased to \$50.00 per late lodgment if the data entry remains outstanding for longer than seven [7] days from the original deadline.

15. Premiership Competition

- (a) The Premier Cricket Committee shall arrange for a competition program for each Grade at the beginning of each season.
- (b) Match points shall be allotted as follows:

Result	Match Type			
	Two Day	Unscheduled One Day	One Day	T20
Win on first innings and subsequent outright win	18			
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright win	12			
Win on first innings and subsequent outright loss	6			
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright loss	0			
Win on first innings and no further result	12			
Draw	3			
Loss on first innings and no further result	0			
Win		9	4	2
Loss		0	0	0
Bye	6		2	1
Abandoned	6		2	1

(i) Minimum Overs required to constitute a match:

- (A) In Two Day matches where less than one full day's play is achieved (as defined below), and a first innings result has **not** been achieved, a participating team shall receive the higher of:
- (i) the relevant Match points for a Draw [as per Regulation 15(b)] and incentive points (as per Regulation 15(d)(ii) or (iii)] earned, or
 - (ii) 6 competition points.
- (B) One full day's play is defined as 96 overs for Mens First & Second Grades, and 80 overs for all other grades. Fractions of an over bowled are to be rounded up.

(c) The result of a match shall be a tie on first innings when the scores are equal at the conclusion of the first innings, but only if the side batting second has completed its first innings by loss of all wickets or a declaration. Match points for tied matches shall be allotted as follows:

Result	Match Type			
	Two Day	Unscheduled One Day	One Day	T20
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright win	15			
Tie on first innings and no further result	6			
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright loss	3			
Win on first innings and subsequent outright tie	12			
Tie on first innings and subsequent outright tie	9			
Loss on first innings and subsequent outright tie	6			
Tie		5	2	1

(d) Bonus points shall be allotted in addition to the above match points as follows:

- (i) One Day Match (Scheduled and Unscheduled):

- (A) One bonus point for any team that achieves victory with a run rate 1.25 times that of the opposition.
- (B) One additional bonus point for any team that achieves victory with a run rate 2 times that of the opposition.
- (C) For this purpose:
 - (I) A team's run rate will be calculated by reference to the number of runs scored divided by the number of overs faced.
 - (II) Where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.
 - (III) Where matches are shortened and targets revised through the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern system, bonus run rates and bonus defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score and maximum overs.
- (D) For the team batting second to gain one bonus point the victory must be achieved within 80% of the total number of overs. For the team batting second to gain two bonus points the victory must be achieved within 50% of the total number of overs.

- (ii) Mens First Grade and Mens Second Grade competitions Two Day Matches and Unscheduled One Day Matches:

(A) Batting Points (First and Second Innings)

	First Innings	Second Innings
Batting Points	.01 incentive points for each run scored.	
Awarded Until	First 96 overs of innings	Tea on Day 2

(B) Bowling Points (First and Second Innings)

	First Innings	Second Innings
Bowling Points	.30 incentive points for each wicket taken.	
Awarded Until	Throughout the innings	Tea on Day 2

- (iii) Mens Third to Sixth Grade competitions Two Day Matches and Unscheduled One Day Matches (Applying to both First and Second Innings):

(A) .25 incentive points for each wicket taken.

(B) .01 incentive points for each run scored.

- (e) Bonus points as shown above in (d) will be awarded for an unscheduled One Day match. In addition, incentive points for runs and wickets as shown above will be awarded for unscheduled One Day matches in the Mens First Grade to Sixth Grade competitions.

- (i) Incentive points are not retained in Unscheduled One Day Matches (in all Grades) when the match is abandoned with no result.

- (f) No bonus or incentive points will be awarded for T20 matches.

- (g) For the purpose of computing quotient in both first and second innings, bowling sides shall receive the appropriate wickets in respect of players absent from the batting side when all other wickets have fallen. However, wickets shall not be credited in respect of a batter who has retired through illness, injury or some other unavoidable cause.

- (h) Any team on receiving a forfeit in a match shall be awarded the maximum number of points [match, bonus and incentive] gained by any team in the same grade in the same round of matches. The team receiving a forfeit shall be awarded the maximum quotient gained by any team in the same grade in the same round of matches (the same runs for, wickets taken, runs against and wickets taken). The team receiving a forfeit in a One Day or T20 competition shall be awarded the maximum net run rate gained by any team in the same round of matches, through the same runs for, overs faced, runs against and overs bowled.

- (i) A team which forfeits a match does not receive any points.

- (j) A Club which is obliged to forfeit a match shall forfeit its match in the lowest grade that it participates in, for that gender, within Premier Cricket, except for the following Clubs in Male competitions:

- (i) Sunshine Coast: Mens Second Grade

- (ii) Ipswich: Mens Second Grade
- (iii) Gold Coast: Mens Fourth Grade

(k) If a Club forfeits a match in any Grade higher than the lowest grade that it participates in for that gender (subject to regulation (j) above), the Club shall not receive any points for that round in the Grade in which the forfeit occurred, and in the Grade or Grades below the Grade in which the forfeit occurred. A Club forfeiting a match in any competition shall be further penalised by being charged 100% of the Umpires' Fees to Queensland Cricket and the Wicket Fees to the home Club.

(l) Regulation (h) does not apply to any match [other than a match in which a forfeit occurred] affected by Regulation (k).

(m) Two Day Competitions and Overall Premiership Competitions:

In the event of two or more teams being equal in competition points, their position shall be decided by calculating a quotient achieved during the rounds. The quotient is calculated by:

- (i) Dividing the total number of runs scored by a team by the total number of wickets lost by it;
- (ii) Dividing the total number of runs scored against a team by the total number of wickets taken by it; and
- (iii) Dividing the former (i) by the latter (ii).

In summary, the formula is "Runs scored divided by Wickets lost" divided by "Runs conceded divided by Wickets taken".

The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the higher position on the Premiership ladder. For the purpose of the calculations a team declaring its innings closed shall be deemed to have lost only the number of wickets that have actually fallen.

(n) One Day and T20 Competitions:

In the event of two or more teams being equal in competition points, their position shall be decided by the most wins in the preliminary matches or, if still equal, the higher Net Run Rate (NRR) in the preliminary matches. Refer to the One Day or T20 Playing Conditions for additional information regarding calculation of NRR.

(o) In the Mens First Grade and Second Grade competitions, there will be separate Two Day, One Day and T20 competitions. An Overall Premiership shall be awarded to the team that finishes highest on the ladder at the end of the premiership rounds.

(p) In the Womens First Grade competition, there will be separate Premierships for One Day, T20 and T20 Max competitions. In the Womens Second Grade competition, there will be separate Premierships for One Day and T20 competitions.

(q) In the Mens Third Grade to Sixth Grade competitions, there will be separate Premierships for Two Day and One Day competitions.

(r) For all grades, penalties shall be deducted from the Overall Premiership ladder (and consequently the Club Championship) and where applicable for Two Day matches, the Two Day Ladder.

- (s) For Mens First Grade and Womens First Grade, the Captains and the Umpires are required to meet at the conclusion of the match to informally discuss matters arising from the fixture. The meeting should be held 15 minutes after the conclusion of the match preferably, but no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the match. The meeting should last no longer than 15 minutes.
- (t) In all Premier Cricket matches it shall be the responsibility of the home team to ensure that the Match is live scored. The away team may either score live or in a manual paper scorebook.
 - (i) The failure of a team to live score should not prevent the commencement or recommencement of a match, however shall be reported to Queensland Cricket by the umpires, who may take such action as it sees fit.

16. Finals – Two Day Cricket

16.1 Ground Allocation

- (a) The Premier Cricket Committee shall allocate the grounds on which Semi Finals and Finals are played. Subject to (c) below, in all Semi Finals and Finals the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder shall have the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the ground on which the Semi Final or Final is played. If the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi Final or Final, then the opposing team has the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi Final or the Final. If the opposing team does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi Final or the Final, then the Premier Cricket Committee shall allocate a ground. This rule does not apply where a Club is unable to nominate a home ground as a venue because its home grounds are being used for Final Matches of that Club's higher grades. Where that occurs, the Club may nominate another venue to play the Semi Final or Final. The host Club shall be the team that has nominated the ground as a venue for a Semi Final or Final.
- (b) If a ground or wicket has been rated during the season such that the review process in Regulation 8 (g) has been activated, the QC Club Grounds Manager shall be requested to advise the Premier Cricket Committee on the suitability of the ground to host Premier Cricket semi finals and/or finals.
- (c) The Premier Cricket Committee may allocate the Allan Border Field, or other suitable venue, as the venue of the First Grade Semi Finals and Final.
- (d) Where:
 - (i) The Premier Cricket Committee allocates a ground, the host Club shall be the Club whose ground on which the Semi Final or Final is to be played; or
 - (ii) If the Premier Cricket Committee allocates the Allan Border Field, or other suitable venue, Queensland Cricket shall have the obligations of the host.
- (e) Clubs shall be requested to make their grounds available for all Semi Finals and Finals, including matches in which their teams are not involved in. Should there be extenuating circumstances, which prevent a Club's grounds from being available for Semi Finals and Finals, the Club should outline the specific circumstances in writing to the Premier Cricket Officer, no later than the 31 January each year.

16.2 Schedule of Finals

- (a) The four leading teams in Mens First to Sixth Grade will play Semi Finals as follows:
 - (i) No. 1 Team v No. 4 Team; and
 - (ii) No. 2 Team v No. 3 Team.
- (b) The winners of the above Semi Final Matches will play in the Final, which shall be four [4] days' duration, played over two successive weekends.
- (c) Unscheduled One Day matches shall not apply.

16.3 Result

- (a) A Finals Match cannot be considered completed until:
 - (i) An outright result is achieved; or
 - (ii) The fixture has reached the scheduled tea interval on the final day's play (Two Day Finals Matches) or the cessation time of the third day's play (Four Day Finals Matches) and both captains agree to conclude the match. If either captain wishes to continue the match, then play shall continue.
- (b) Should a decision not be reached in a Final either by an outright win or a win on the first innings, the team occupying the higher place (or with the highest points for a zone competition) at the end of the Premiership Rounds shall be the winner. In the event of an outright tie, the team occupying the higher place (or with the highest points for a zone competition) at the end of the Premiership Rounds shall be the winner.

17. **Finals – One Day and T20 Competitions**

17.1 Final Venue

- (a) The venue for the Finals shall be determined by the Premier Cricket Committee
- (b) The Premier Cricket Committee may allocate the Allan Border Field, or other suitable venue, as the venue of the Final.
- (c) For the purposes of General Playing Condition 4.2 (d), where:
 - (i) The Premier Cricket Committee allocates a ground, the host Club shall be the Club whose ground the Semi Final or Final is to be played; or
 - (ii) The Premier Cricket Committee allocates the Allan Border Field, or other suitable field, Queensland Cricket shall have the obligations of the host.
- (d) The Premier Cricket Committee shall allocate the grounds on which, Semi Finals and Finals are played. Subject to the Premier Cricket Committee allocating the Allan Border Field, or other suitable venue, as the venue of the Final, the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder shall have the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the ground on which the Semi Final or Final is played. If the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Final, then the opposing team has the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Final. If the opposing team does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Final, then the Premier Cricket Committee shall allocate a ground. This Playing Condition does not apply where a Club is unable to nominate a home ground as a venue because its home

grounds are being used by that Club's other grades. Where that occurs, the Club may nominate another venue to play the Final. The host Club shall be the team that has nominated the ground as a venue for a Semi Final or Final.

17.2 Tie

- (a) If there is a tie in a Semi Final or Final, the teams shall compete in a Super Over to determine the winner (see Annexure F – Super Over procedure).

17.3 No Result

- (a) If no result is achieved in the Final on the scheduled day of play, the match shall be replayed on the reserve date which shall be scheduled seven [7] days after the original date unless otherwise agreed by both participating clubs.
 - (i) Any agreed date may be no later than twenty-one [21] days after the scheduled Final date, and
 - (ii) Any agreement must be made and communicated to Queensland Cricket by Monday 5:00pm following the scheduled Final date.
- (b) In the event of a no result in the Final [including the Reserve Day], the highest placed team on the ladder [as per Regulation 15(n)] shall be declared the winner.

18. **Club Championship**

- (a) The Clubs shall compete in a Club Championship terminating on completion of the Premier Cricket Competition Fixtures exclusive of Semi Finals and Finals.
- (b) All forms of competition will be included in calculating Club Championship points.
- (c) Club Championship points are to be determined by multiplying the points secured in each of the following competitions. One Day bonus points shall be included. Incentive points for runs and wickets shall not be included.
 - (i) **Mens Competitions**
 - (A) First Grade x 5
 - (B) Second Grade x 4
 - (C) Third Grade x 3
 - (D) Fourth Grade x 2
 - (E) Fifth Grade x 2
 - (F) Sixth Grade x 1.
 - (ii) **Womens Competitions**
 - (A) First Grade x 2
 - (B) Second Grade x 1
 - (iii) **Age Competitions**

- (A) Boys Under 17 Competition x 1
- (B) Mens Under 19 Competition x 1
- (C) Girls Under 16 Competition x 1
- (d) In the case of a Club fielding two teams in any one Grade, the points of the team who holds a higher position in that grade on completion of the round, apply to its Club Championship points.
- (e) In the event of two or more Clubs being equal on points, the Club Championship will be awarded jointly.

19. Awards

19.1 Peter Burge and Kath Smith Medals

- (a) At the conclusion of each Mens First Grade Two Day match, umpires shall award points in the sequence of 9-6-3 for the best and fairest players, which will contribute to the Peter Burge medal for that season.
- (b) At the conclusion of each Mens and Womens First Grade One Day match and Mens First Grade Unscheduled One Day match, umpires shall award points in the sequence of 6-4-2 for the best and fairest players, which will contribute to the respective Peter Burge and Kath Smith medals for that season.
- (c) At the conclusion of each Mens and Womens First Grade T20 match, umpires shall award points in the sequence of 3-2-1 for the best and fairest players, which will contribute to the respective Peter Burge and Kath Smith medals for that season.
- (d) If less than half the number of the scheduled overs for any given Two Day match are not bowled or, the match is abandoned in a One Day or T20 match, no points shall be awarded on that day.
- (e) Any player suspended for one or more matches under the Code of Behaviour will not be eligible for the Peter Burge Medal or the Kath Smith Medal for that season.

19.2 Spirit of Cricket

- (a) At the conclusion of each match, umpires shall award points for the Spirit of Cricket in the sequence as follows:
 - (i) 3 points: Exceptional, epitomised the true spirit, traditions and values of the game.
 - (ii) 2 points: Played the game in good spirit.
 - (iii) 1 point: Uncompromising, but incident free.
 - (iv) 0 points: Generally antagonistic atmosphere created.
 - (v) -1 points: Unacceptable behaviour, captain informed.
- (b) The guidelines for awarding the above points are as follows:
 - (i) The captains' acceptance of their responsibility for their player's behaviour as required under the Laws of Cricket;

- (ii) A team's adherence to the principles of the Spirit of the Game, which includes respect for teammates, opponents, and the role of umpires; and
 - (iii) Acceptance of the umpire's decision.
- (c) An average total shall be used to determine the award winners based on those matches from which points are awarded. The average total shall be determined by dividing the total points by the number of matches for which points were awarded. Points shall only be awarded for a Two Day match in which at least 25% of the scheduled overs are completed or for a One Day or T20 match in which a result is achieved.
- (d) In the event of a Tie in any competition, the Spirit of Cricket award shall be determined based on the least number of scores of one [1] or less.

20. Awards - Averages and Aggregates

- (a) The minimum qualification for averages and aggregates are found in Annexure G.
- (b) For the purposes of computing averages and aggregates for Mens First Grade and Mens Second Grade, One Day and T20 matches shall not be taken into account. Unscheduled One Day matches will be taken into account.
- (c) For the purposes of computing averages and aggregates for Mens Third to Sixth Grade, all One Day matches shall be taken into account.
- (d) For the purposes of computing averages and aggregates for Womens First Grade and Womens Second Grade, all One Day and T20 matches shall be taken into account.
- (e) For the purpose of computing averages and aggregates for all competitions, performances in Semi Finals and Finals shall not be taken into account.

21. Disputes Referred

- (a) Any protest from a Club, or any matter of dispute between Clubs, shall be adjudicated upon by the Premier Cricket Committee after all Clubs concerned have been notified of such protest or dispute and have had the opportunity of making written representations thereon, provided that no such protest or dispute shall be considered by the Premier Cricket Committee unless lodged with the Premier Cricket Officer of Queensland Cricket within 72 hours after the end of the match in question (or matter in question if not related to a specific match), provided that in all cases in dispute any player or Club may appeal to the Queensland Cricket Appeals Tribunal within two [2] business days of the date of the Premier Cricket Committee decision and its decision thereof shall be final. A lodging fee of \$500.00 may be payable for any appeal to the Queensland Cricket Appeals Tribunal (QCAT), of which up to 80% may be refunded at the discretion of the QCAT.
- (b) In relation to all appeals to the Queensland Cricket Appeals Tribunal from any decision of the Premier Cricket Committee under this regulation, the process identified under the Appeals Regulation shall apply.

22. PCC Powers

- (a) In the event of a breach of the regulations governing Premier Cricket Competition matches and/or in respect of any action, conduct, behaviour or decision taken, made or implemented by any Club, player, official or other representatives of the Club by, through or in connection with any Premier Cricket Competition match which in the opinion of the Premier Cricket Committee, constitutes conduct or action detrimental to the game or the spirit of the game,

the Premier Cricket Committee may impose on a Club such a penalty as the Premier Cricket Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.

- (b) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (a) above, the penalty may include any of, or any combination of, the following:
 - (i) Forfeiture of the Match, Bonus and/or Incentive Points gained by the Club in the particular competition match or matches; and/or
 - (ii) In the event of a Semi Final or Final, forfeiture of the match, a monetary penalty.

23. Alterations to the Playing Conditions & Regulations

- (a) No existing regulation shall be appealed or altered nor shall any new regulation be added without the concurrence of a majority of the persons then present and entitled to vote and voting at a meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee. If necessary the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

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