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1. GENERAL

- a) These By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Management as it sees fit, provided that:
 - I. Seven (7) days written notice of such amendment is delivered to each member club.
- b) In these By-Laws, the "LAWS OF CRICKET" and "RULES FOR CRICKET VICTORIA MATCHES" as authorised by Cricket Victoria shall be applied except as hereinafter modified.
- c) Any Club wishing to join the GMC Senior Women's Competition must make a submission to the GMC Executive as a prerequisite Clubs must have a Senior Women's Team and U15 Girls teams with a Master Blaster program and the GMC Executive have the final decision if the Club may join or not.

Current Senior Women Clubs have until the start of the 2026 / 2027 to have an U15's Grils team and Blasters program in place or they will unable to continue in the competition.
- d) All 'home and away' matches shall be T20 or 35 over matches.
- e) All matches will be decided on the dates as designated in the draw.
- f) The GMC Executive may, if necessary:
 - I. alter the programme in respect of dates and grounds on which any of the matches shall be played.
 - II. Under extraordinary circumstances make amendments to all GMC Competitions including draws, rules, competition restarts, that are in the best interest, maintain integrity and fairness to the GMC and it's clubs.
 - III. A joint application by competing club's to alter the start time of a scheduled match must be received by the Cricket Operations Manager by the Wednesday prior to the scheduled match.
- g) A joint application by competing clubs to transfer a scheduled match to another date or venue shall be considered by the Board if received prior to 7 days before play in that round.
- h) Final Series (ALL GRADES) – all venues and Umpires will be decided by the GMC Executive.
- i) Coaches must refrain from coaching during the fielding innings of their teams, they must not move the field or make bowling changes, this is the role of the Captain.
- j) The Captain of each team may approach the Umpire to seek clarification of a decision or issue relating to the match.
- k) COVID 19:
- l) GMC Executive can introduce or make amendments to Covid Procedures in the best interest of the GMC Competitions.



2. GRADES & POINTS

a) Teams

All invitations via Play HQ for the Women's competition shall be accepted prior to the first day of August in each year.

b) GMC Match Point System:

1st innings win	12
Forfeit	12
Drawn, abandoned or game	6

c) Forfeiture:

- I. If a team forfeits a match through any cause, the opposing team shall be awarded the highest total of match points earned in that grade in that round.
- II. The forfeiting team shall incur a fine of \$50 for the first forfeit and \$100 for every game forfeited thereafter. A fine will not be incurred if the GMC Administrator is notified by 5pm on the Friday prior to Saturday's forfeit.
- III. The Board shall determine which of the Club's teams shall forfeit with the Club to provide a list of players not available from the last 2 matches played.
- IV. After 3 forfeits in any one grade during a season the grade in question will be withdrawn from the GMC for the current season.
- V. A team requires at least 7 eligible players to take the ground within 10 minutes of the starting time of that match or the match shall be deemed a forfeit.

d) Equal Points:

- (a) In the event of any Club's being on equal points and percentage after the home and away matches their positions shall be determined by the results between those teams during the home and away season. In the event that this process still does not separate the teams the team that has scored the most runs throughout the home and away season shall advance.

3. ELIGIBILITY & LOWER GRADES

e) Eligibility

- I. Prior to playing each season, all players, including juniors, must be registered with **Play HQ**.

4. UMPIRES

- a) The GMC Executive in conjunction with the Umpire Co-Ordinator shall be responsible for the appointment of umpires for all matches during the season.
- b) Registered umpires shall, after each match lodge with the board an *Umpires Report Card* on that match on the form prescribed in *Schedule E* of these By-Laws
- c) Clubs must supply an Umpire each round.
- d) Umpires will be paid directly into their bank account at the end of each month by the GMC and Club's will share the cost and will receive an Invoice for the Umpires from the GMC.

Payment Schedule:

Umpires will be paid \$130 per game with travel component.



5. TRANSFERS & PERMITS

a) Registrations






- I. Applications for player registration shall be lodged on Play HQ by the players before the player is eligible to compete in matches.
- II. The Player making the application for registration shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information provided. Should the information provided be found to be inaccurate the Club shall have all points and percentage obtained in the matches in whom the player played deducted and the club and the player shall be penalised at the discretion of the Board.

b) Transfers

- I. Transfers shall only be granted between the first day after the Annual General and December 31 in the current season.
- II. If, however, a player has relocated to the local area or has other exceptional circumstances and wishes to play for a Club in the GMC after December 31 the Board shall in receipt of Transfer and a formal request explaining the circumstances as provided in this clause within 72 hours make a decision to allow or refuse the clearance. This can only be applied for before the final Home and Away round of the season.
- III. A player wishing to move from one Club to another Club in the GMC must obtain a Transfer from his former Club to enable registration with his new Club and shall not play without the permission being received from the Administrator.
- IV. Verbal permission from a player's previous Club shall not suffice as authority to play.
- V. If a player has not competed at all in the full previous two season's fixtures, only a transfer on Play HQ is required.
- VI. The transfer will be deemed invalid if the player is non-financial at their previous Club. The player will be ineligible to play until all moneys are paid or satisfactory arrangements have been made with the previous Club.
- VII. Within 7 days of receipt of such Transfer application, the Club must respond on Play HQ with the result of such application.
- VIII. If refused the Club must state specific reason for the refusal and failure to do so shall result in the player being automatically transferred by the Administrator.
- IX. If a Transfer is denied by a Club due to the player being unfinancial or owes money, the amount outstanding must be provided in the response on Play HQ.
- X. A player wishing to move from another Association must have a Transfer from his former Club to enable registration and shall not play without permission being received from the Administrator. The previous Club from outside the GMC has 14 days to respond to the Transfer application. If the player has not competed at all in the full two season's fixtures, only a transfer on Play HQ is required. The transfer will be deemed invalid if the player is non-financial at their previous Club. The player will be ineligible to play until all moneys are paid or satisfactory arrangements have been made with their previous Club.
- XI. If a Transfer is refused on two occasions the player has the right to make a formal appeal to the Board. The Board at their earliest convenience or within 72 hours of receiving it shall grant or refuse the Transfer request on Play HQ.



6. JUNIOR PLAYERS PLAYING SENIOR CRICKET

- a) It is the responsibility of the playing captains to ensure the safety of all junior players is a priority.
 - b) Junior games will count towards Senior Final Eligibility.
 - c) The following rules are to be enforced at all times:
 - I. Every junior batsman (under the age of 18) must wear a helmet fitted with a face guard.
 - II. Other than a wicketkeeper, gully or slips fieldsman, the only fieldsmen allowed within 10 meters of the batsman on strike shall be a senior player.
 - III. If any other player is less than 10metres from the batsman before the ball reaches the batsman, a 'no-ball' shall be called by the umpire.
 - IV. Wicket keepers from the U16 and U14 competitions shall wear a helmet fitted with a face guard when keeping whilst playing senior cricket.
 - V. Junior Bowling Injury Prevention:
 - I. Bowlers of medium pace or faster, as determined by the umpire, are broadly defined as those for whom a wicketkeeper would normally stand back or as any bowler who is not considered to be a spinner.
 - II. Ages apply as from 1st September prior to the season commencing for the following:
 -  Under 19: A maximum spell of seven (7) consecutive overs. A maximum daily allocation of 20 overs (not match)
 -  Under 17: A maximum spell of six (6) consecutive overs. A maximum daily allocation of 16 overs (not match).
 -  Under 15: A maximum spell of five (5) consecutive overs. A maximum daily allocation of 12 overs (not match)
 -  Under 13: A maximum spell of four (4) consecutive overs. A maximum daily allocation of 8 overs (not match)
 -  Under 11: A maximum spell of four (2) consecutive overs. A maximum daily allocation of 4 overs (not match)
- <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/youth-pace-bowling-guideline>



7. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

- a) A committee shall be appointed each season by the GMC Executive to determine the suitability of grounds for play, due to inclement weather or otherwise, prior to the commencement of a round.
- I. The Committee shall consist of 2 members and the GMC Cricket Operations Manager and shall be known as the Adverse Conditions Committee.
 - II. The Committee shall consist of 2 members and the GMC Cricket Operations Manager and shall be known as the Adverse Conditions Committee.
 - III. All ground and pitch reports must be reported by 9am the morning of the game, if the committee decides that conditions will prevent play then they will recommend to the GMC Executive to cancel the play on any ground or move the match to another available venue, this will be relayed to Club's by 10am the morning of the game.
No GMC match is cancelled until official notification from the GMC Cricket.
 - iv. If the day's play is not cancelled by the GMC Executive by 10am the morning of the game, all clubs must report to the grounds and if play can start then it should start regardless of the status of any other game.
 - v. Where umpires are appointed, they will work in conjunction with the curators and captains to decide if and when play shall begin. The Umpires are appointed the Umpires shall have the final decision.
 - vi. In the absence of an Appointed Umpire the matters referred to in Rule 28 (d) shall be decided by the Captains.
 - vii. If it is raining at the scheduled starting time of any break or interrupts play at any time, the match cannot commence until the rain has completely stopped.
- b) Lightning and Thunder Rule**
Suspension of play due to lightning.
- I. Suspension of play should follow the "30/30" rule. Play should stop when the "flash to bang" count is 30 seconds indicating that lightning is 10 kms away, and that there is significant risk that the next lightning strike could be at the observer's location. Play should be suspended, and all personnel moved to designated safe shelters.
 - II. It is the responsibility of coaches, captains, and umpires to work as a team to ensure monitoring of the conditions and the safety of players.
 - III. It is the responsibility of the home side coach / nominated representative to ensure weather conditions are monitored responsibly and that all personnel are quickly moved to safe shelter.
 - IV. Resumption of play after lightning. Play shall not resume until after 30 minutes has elapsed from the last lightning strike.
- c) Heat**
- I. If the forecast temperature as per BOM in Kyabram at 5.00pm the day before scheduled matches is 40 degrees or more then all GMC scheduled matches in all grades will be cancelled. All Clubs will be notified by the GMC Cricket Operations Manager.



8. GROUNDS & PITCHES

a) Grounds

- I. Each club shall provide a ground for its home matches irrespective of whether such ground is shared with another club or not.
- II. If a club cannot provide a ground for home matches every week, the GMC cannot guarantee an even number of home games for clubs and will schedule home games to the clubs that can provide grounds.
- III. It is each clubs responsibility to maintain their home grounds.
- IV. Clubs can be requested by the Board to repair/maintain a ground,

b) Fine

- I. Club's not adhering to the request can be fined up to \$250 and or lose competition points, this is at the Boards discretion.

c) All matches can be played on either hard wickets or turf, clubs need to let Cricket Operations Manager know the venues available.

d) Turf Pitches

- I. It is the club's responsibility to be up to date with weather conditions for the week and to use covers if required. In the event of a home side not using covers and play is washed out, then the match will be deemed a forfeit to the visiting side.
- II. Covering Prior to Match Day, Seniors and U16 Matches:
 - a. A cover and underlay material **must** be laid by dusk on the day preceding a match day. Its use shall be the same in the period prior to each day of a two-day match.
 - b. At all other times the Curator shall be permitted to use the covers at his discretion to obtain the best possible conditions for play on a match day.
 - c. The Adverse Weather Committee or the board executive shall have the power to instruct Clubs that covers must or must not be laid on any specific day.
 - d. Failure to comply with these instructions and a day's play is washed out then the match will be deemed a forfeit and the visiting side wins.
- III. Removing Covers on Match Day. In good conditions the covers shall be removed no later than 9.00am. Otherwise removal shall be at the discretion of the Curator or Ground Manager having regard to prevailing weather conditions and may be re-laid if necessary.
- IV. Pitch Maintenance; between the completion of play and the start of play on the immediately following day the pitch may be rolled for 7 minutes swept and mown but under no circumstances is the pitch to be watered. The pitch may also be rolled for 7 minutes between innings. This must be done in the presence of the Umpires.
- V. Wicket Cover Sizes:

Each Club should have wicket covers that cover their entire wicket square.



9. PLAY HQ

a) Live Score

- I. Live Score will be for all matches with the away team scoring with scorebook.
- II. It is the responsibility of both captains to satisfy themselves on the completion, legibility, and accuracy of the scores at the conclusion of play in a match.
- III. It is the responsibility of the **Home Club** to ensure that **all match scores for all grades** are completed and correct, this includes catches being allocated to players and matches are **confirmed by the opposing club by 8pm on Match Day.**
- IV. Players scores complete and entered by Monday 7pm.
- V. Captains reports must be entered by Monday 7pm.

b) Clubs must name their team on Play HQ by 10am on match day:

- this must include the captain and the wicketkeeper

No Changes can be made to the Named Team after 10am

c) Late Starts: If a team is not ready to commence play, at the discretion of the umpire, at the starting time designated in these By-Laws, that team shall lose one (1) premiership point for the first ten (10) minutes late, plus one (1) point for every five (5) minutes late thereafter.

d) Player Insurance

- I. Member Clubs must provide proof that they have personal injury and accident and public liability insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$10 million dollars (\$10,000,000). Policies owned by recreation reserve committees, municipalities, schools and the like are not acceptable to meet this requirement. Proof of current policy ownership must be provided to the administrator by 30th September every year. Clubs not adhering will be fined and will not be permitted to commence playing in any GMC Competition until their Certificate of Currency is received by the Administrator.

e) Fines

CLUBS NOT ADHERING TO BY-LAW 30- see following fine

- I. **a & e)** will be fined \$200 for each offence and at the Boards discretion lose match points in each grade of the club.
- II. **a) i.** home team will lose 2 competitions points if they do not Live Score for each offence per grade.
- III. **b) ii. to viii & c) & d)** will be fined \$50 for each offence per grade

10. DRESS, ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT

a) Proper cricket attire, as determined by the Board is to be worn by all players.

b) Any club wishing to wear a coloured uniform with **red or a dark colour** in it during a game where a red ball is used **must** have the uniform approved by the board in advance.

c) No player is to wear spikes in any match which is played on other than turf wickets.

d) All players in any senior match played on a turf wicket must wear spikes.

e) All balls must be of a type and brand approved by this Association. All balls must be Kookaburra and marked with the GMC logo. Ball to be used:

-  **Red King Pink/Red King Pink 2-piece 142 grams Cricket Ball for all games.**

f) HELMETS:

- I. All players must wear an ACB approved helmet including grill while batting, the following rules are to be enforced
 - ii) All wicket keepers must wear an ACB approved helmet including grill when keeping up to the stumps
 - iii) All fielders within 5 metres of the striker must wear an ACB approved helmet including grill (fielders behind point and around to the wicket keeper are exempt)



11. CONDUCT & OFFENCES PROCEDURES

a) Schedules:

- I. A separate *Code of Conduct* for Players, Umpires and Club Officials / Administrators
- II. Offences of misconduct and applied penalties
- III. Appropriate forms for all conduct matters

b) Reports of Misconduct

- I. An Umpire may lodge a report of any Player, Club Official / Administrator who engages in misconduct or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute.
- II. Such a report is to be lodged with the Cricket Operations Manager within 24 hours after the days play using the form in **Schedule F**.

c) Notification of Report

- I. The Umpire must notify the Team Captain of any report at the end of the days play, this is irrespective of any earlier notification.
- II. The Administrator must officially notify the Club involved within 24 hours of receipt of the report and shall forward a copy of the report.

d) Challenging Report

- I. Players or Officials who wish to challenge a report shall within 24 hours of notification by the Administrator lodge a *Notice of Challenge Schedule G* and must pay the fee as prescribed in these By Laws.
- II. On receipt of a *Notice of Challenge* the Administrator shall appoint a Tribunal to hear the challenge as soon as practical.
- III. Failure to challenge the report means the set penalty for the offence shall immediately take effect.

e) INVESTIGATIONS

- I. The Board may use a Independent Investigations Officer if they deem necessary to investigate a breach of the code of conduct by a player or club.

Investigations Guidelines are in **Schedule K**.

f) CAUTIONS

- I. Umpires may issue a Caution to a player or official.
- II. The Umpire must not the caution on the Umpire Match Report and notify the Administrator within 24 hours of the end of the days play.
- III. Within 24 hours of receiving the Umpires Caution the Administration will notify the Club and send the appropriate paper work.
- IV. A player or official receiving 3 formal cautions during the same season shall automatically be charged with a level offence.



g) Clubs

A club may complain or protest about the conduct of Umpires, Players, Spectators or Officials. Details of any complaint should be forwarded to the Cricket Operations Manager within 24 hours of the end of the days play.

The Cricket Operations Manager shall convene an appropriate investigation as per these By Laws in Schedule K.

The Investigation will detail a report with all details and make a recommendation to the Cricket Operations Manager, who will then present all details to the GMC Executive.

These actions will include the decision to lay formal charges and refer the matter to the GMC Independent Tribunal.

h) GMC Executive

The GMC Executive may lay charges against a Club, Player, Official, Member or team participating in an Association match or other activity if it becomes aware of any conduct that appears to be particularly serious to warrant such action.

Where such a charge is for breach of Association Rules for which there is now prescribed fine or penalty, the reported person will be given an opportunity to accept the charge and accept the penalty without a hearing.

Alternatively, the charge may be referred for investigation of the matter and charges may be laid that are deemed appropriate on behalf of the GMC.



12. SCHEDULE A – CODES OF CONDUCT

a) Administrators / Club officials

- I. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- II. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions. Your language, Presentation, manners and punctuality should reflect high standards
- III. Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures
- IV. Maintain strict impartiality
- V. Be aware of your legal responsibilities
- VI. Develop a positive sport environment by allowing for the special needs of the players (Especially children) by emphasising enjoyment and by providing appropriate Development and competitive experiences
- VII. Involve players in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making relating to the activity
- VIII. Ensure activities, equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating players. Activities, rules, equipment, lengths of games and training schedules should take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating players.
- IX. Ensure that everyone (administrators, coaches, players, umpires, parents, spectators, Sponsors and physicians) emphasise fair play in Cricket activities and games.
- X. Where appropriate, distribute a Code of Conduct sheet to coaches, players, umpires, Parents, spectators and the media.
- XI. Protect and promote the sport of cricket in accordance with the 'Spirit of Cricket'.

b) Umpires

- I. Compliment and encourage all participants, be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- II. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents, Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- III. Be a good sport yourself- actions speak louder than words.
- IV. Keep up to date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- V. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else. Treat all players with respect at all times and accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- VI. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring players play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of advising the players of illegal body movements, showing due diligence in detecting infringements and penalising rule breakers.
- VII. Be impartial and maintain integrity in your relationship with other Umpires, players and coaches avoid situations which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- VIII. Value the individual in sport. Ensure the players have the opportunity for discussion with you after the match.
- IX. Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and projecting a favourable image of cricket and umpiring
- X. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards the players from other sources while they are playing.



Umpires (continued)

- XI. Refrain from any form of harassment towards players. Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, and other conditions.
- XII. Show concern and caution towards ill and injured players. You should enforce the blood rule and apply procedures regarding ill or injured players according to the rule book. Common sense must be applied in all cases.
- XIII. In accordance with Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- XIV. Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- XV. Institute disciplinary procedures when necessary without fear or favour in accordance with the rules of the competition and the Spirit of Cricket.
- XVI. Participate in ongoing training, be aware of rule changes, be a member of an Umpires Association wherever possible and promote the Spirit of Cricket

c) Senior players

- I. Play by the rules and abide by the *Spirit of Cricket*.
- II. Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire during a break or after the game.
- III. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted
- IV. Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- V. Treat all participants in cricket, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- VI. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- VII. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- VIII. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual or other harassment.
- IX. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- X. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
- XI. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- XII. Cooperate with coaches and staff in relation to programs that adequately prepare you for competition.
- XIII. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance; such as alcohol, tobacco and drug use.
- XIV. Compliance with this *Code* shall be determined by By-laws defining offences and prescribed penalties.



13. SCHEDULE B – OFFENCES & SET PENALTY

LEVEL 1 OFFENCES			
	OFFENCES	CATEGORY	SET PENALTY
1.1	➤ Failing to follow an Umpire's instruction	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.2	➤ Show dissent in the Umpires decision by action or verbal * excessive disappointment with Umpires decision or with an Umpire making a decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.3	➤ Failing to follow the Spirit of Cricket	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.4	➤ Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing fixtures or fittings * includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions, hitting or kicking the wickets and any actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage ➤ Use of saliva on the ball	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.5	➤ Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting or making obscene gestures	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.6	➤ Excessive Appealing	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.7	➤ Excessive Sledging towards other players and or Club officials	Level 1 – minor	Caution or 1 match
1.8	➤ Two (2) Level 1 Cautions in two seasons and or 24 month period		2 matches

LEVEL 2 OFFENCES



	OFFENCES	CATEGORY	SET PENALTY
2.1	Kicking or knocking over the stumps in an inappropriate manner	Major	2 matches
2.2	Captain failing to control his/her players	Major	2 matches
2.3	"Send Off". Provocation of an outgoing batter by a member/s of the fielding team including the bowler	Major	2 matches
2.4	Charging or advancing towards an Umpire or another player in an aggressive manner	Major	4 matches
2.5	➤ Serious Dissent or disputing an Umpires decision * shaking of the head, snatching cap from Umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, any other display of anger or abusive language, excessive delay to resume play	Major	4 matches
2.6	Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play	Major	4 matches
2.7	Throwing the ball at or near a Player, Umpire or Official in an appropriate and/or dangerous manner	Major	4 matches
2.8	Abuse or use of language of a generally insulting nature towards another Player, Umpire, Team Official or spectator	Major	4 matches
2.9	Changing the condition of the ball under the Laws of cricket Unfair Play	Major	8 matches
2.10	Drinking Alcohol on the ground or at a ground whilst participating in the match	Major	10 matches
2.11	Two (2) Level 2 offences in two seasons or a 24 month period	Major	10 matches

LEVEL OFFENCES	3
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All Level 3 Offences will be heard before an Independent Tribunal.
Offences and not limited too – Intimidation of an Umpire, Abuse of an Umpire, Threat to assault an Umpire, Threat to assault another player / club Official or spectator, Deliberate physical contact between players, any act of violence on the field of play.









14. TRIBUNAL

- a) The Board shall appoint an independent Tribunal to determine:
 - I. Disputes and complaints that are not resolved by mediation as provided in Rule 9.
 - II. challenges to reports of offences (*Schedule B*) and set penalties (*Schedule C*)
- b) The Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) members none of whom, at the Board's discretion, shall have any personal affiliation with the player or club in question of the tribunal matter.
- c) A fee of \$500 (\$250 refundable if the appeal is successful) shall be payable by the lodging party at the time of lodging all applications to the Tribunal failure to do so shall void the appeal.
- d) All hearings must be based on the principles of natural justice: that is, all parties are entitled to a full and fair notification of charges or matters in dispute and a reasonable opportunity to prepare and present their case to an independent unbiased tribunal.
- e) At least forty-eight (48) hours before a scheduled hearing all parties must receive:
 - (i) formal notification of the date, place and time of the hearing
 - (ii) a copy of the applicable guidelines for the *Order of Proceedings (Schedule D)*
 - (iii) Copies of all documents intended to be presented at the hearing.
- f) Any person who intends to appear before the Tribunal shall be entitled to an advocate, but legal practitioners must obtain leave from the Tribunal Chairman at least twenty-four hours before a scheduled hearing.
- g) The Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence but should endeavor to ensure that all relevant evidence is heard and that all irrelevant evidence is not acted upon.
- h) The Board shall appoint a Minute Administrator—who shall take no part in determining the Tribunal's decision or provide an appropriate recording mechanism at all Tribunal hearings.
- i) The Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for its decisions.
- j) In the absence of a party, with or without notice of the reason or reasons for the absence, the Tribunal may proceed with a hearing however in the interest of cricket all parties are urged to make all efforts possible to attend.
- k) Any party who is unable to attend a hearing may apply to the Tribunal for a postponed hearing and such application must state the reasons for his inability to attend. If satisfied with the applicant's reasons the Tribunal may convene a postponed hearing of the charge. All parties involved in the tribunal process (players & umpires) must make themselves available for all tribunal meeting either in person or by any other means available to them. All reported players or club representatives must attend all tribunal hearings, failure to do so will make the reported player ineligible to play in any GMC game until the report has been heard by the tribunal.
- l) Any person appearing before a Tribunal shall have the right to present a written or verbal statement and answer or refute any charges presented against them.
- m) All hearings should follow an Order of Proceedings, but the Order is indicative only and may be modified to suit the circumstances of the case.
- n) The Board shall prescribe appropriate forms under these By-laws to facilitate Tribunal procedures.

15. SUSPENDED PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, UMPIRES



- a) Any player disqualified by the Association under these By-Laws shall be disqualified from playing or participating in any match or any competition of a Member Association or Region until the suspension has been served or removed by the responsible Tribunal.
- b) The Association's responsible officer shall forward details of the suspension to Cricket Victoria's General Manager, Game Development (GMGD) or his nominee. Details shall include:
 -  Player's name
 -  Player's Victorian Cricket Registration number
 -  Suspension expiry date
 -  Reason for suspension
 -  The name of the suspending Association or Region
 -  The league's responsible officer shall endorse the suspension and forward the details to Cricket Victoria's General Manager, Game Development (GMGD) or his nominee, provided that the player has been dealt with inappropriately. The GMGD shall arrange for the player's name, Victorian Cricket Registration number and date of suspension expiry to be added to the "Suspended Player List" on the Cricket Victoria website.
- c) Any person who is currently serving a suspension or disqualification imposed upon that person by a Cricket Association, Region or Peak Body affiliated with or recognized by Cricket Australia shall not be eligible to play or be registered as a player or coach of any Club, Association or Region until that suspension or disqualification has been served. For the purposes of this rule, the appearance of the person's name and suspension expiry date will be publicised on the "Suspended Player Register" page via the Cricket Victoria Page.
- d) Cricket Victoria website shall constitute prima facie evidence that the player is legitimately suspended.
- e) Members Associations or Regions suspending Clubs or Officials by due and proper process may notify the Administrator of the League in writing of the names of persons or Clubs so suspended, the terms of suspension and other relevant details. As soon as is convenient after the receipt of any such notice, the Administrator shall notify the Regions who may deal with notification in accordance with these Rules and By Laws.

Schedule D

TRIBUNAL: *ORDER of PROCEEDINGS*

1. **The Chairman shall:**



- a) Confirm that all parties are present.
 - b) Explain the procedure and confirm that all parties have received a copy of this *Order of Proceedings*
 - c) State expectation of parties telling the truth.
 - d) Ask if there is any objection to the hearing proceeding. [If an objection is received then the Tribunal must determine it first and decide upon the appropriate course of action: continuation, adjournment]. The objection and the determination must be recorded.
 - e) Read report/charge
 - f) Ask Defendant (person charged):
 - whether they are fully aware of the details of the charge/ report
 - whether report/charge is admitted or denied
 - g) Ask parties if they will call witnesses and if so, their names
 - h) Ask all witnesses to leave the room
 - i) Ask the Reporter (party that made the report) to describe circumstances of the charge/report
 - j) Invite Defendant to question the Reporter about their account
2. All Tribunal members may interview the Reporter
 3. Any witnesses supporting the Reporter are admitted and interviewed one-by-one
 4. Once admitted to the Tribunal, witnesses are permitted to remain in the room
 5. Chairman shall:
 - Invite Defendant to:
 - question any witness
 - to give their account of the circumstances of the charge/report
 - Invite the Reporter to question Defendant about their account
 6. All Tribunal members may question the Defendant
 7. Chairman shall admit witnesses supporting the Defendant
 8. The Defendant questions their witnesses
 9. Tribunal members may question each witness
 10. Chairman shall:
 - Invite the Reporter to question any Defendant witness
 - Address all present to the following effect:

"In order to satisfy the principles of natural justice at this hearing, and to assist the Tribunal, each party must have the opportunity to present any relevant evidence and to ask questions of any party or witness.
11. All parties are asked to sign a document confirming their satisfaction with the hearing: to be countersigned by the Chairman and Minute Administrator. Any party refusing to sign should state their reasons which should be recorded.

12. All persons except Tribunal members and Minute Administrator leave the room.
13. Tribunal members make their decision and Chairman asks parties to return to the room and announces decision
14. Chairman concludes the Tribunal hearing; the Minute Administrator formally records the finding and



advises the Board.

Dispute Hearings:

For all disputes other than challenges to charges of prescribed offences.

The person who lodges the dispute is referred to as '*The Complainant*'

The other party to the dispute is referred as '*The Respondent*'.

1. The Chairman shall:

- a) Confirm dispute details and that all parties are present.
- b) Explain the procedure and confirm that all parties have received a copy of this *Order of Proceedings*
- c) State expectation of parties telling the truth
- d) Ask if there is any objection to the hearing proceeding. If an objection is received then the Tribunal must determine it first and decide upon the appropriate course of action (continuation, adjournment). The objection and the determination must be recorded.
- e) Ask Complainant:
 - I. whether he/they considered that they had sufficient opportunity to prepare
 - II. whether he/she proposes to call witnesses and if so, their names
- f) Ask Respondent whether they propose to call witnesses, and if so, their names
- g) Ask all witnesses to leave the room
- h) Ask Complainant to give their account of the dispute
- i) Invite Respondent to question the Complainant about their account
- j) All Tribunal members may question the Complainant
- k) Chairman shall admit witnesses supporting the Respondent
- l) The Respondent questions each witness
- m) Tribunal members may question each witness at any stage
- n) Chairman shall:
 - I. Invite the Complainant to ask questions of any witness
 - II. Address all present to the following effect:

"In order to satisfy the principles of natural justice at this hearing, and to assist the Tribunal, each party must have the opportunity to present any relevant evidence and to ask questions of any party or witness."

- III. Invite each party in turn to ask any additional questions or present any additional evidence.
- IV. Invite Complainant to summarise their case
- V. Invite Respondent to summarise their case
- o) Ask each party in turn if they are satisfied that the Tribunal has been conducted in accordance with the GMC rules, and if they have been given a fair and reasonable opportunity to present their case. All parties are asked to sign a document attesting to their satisfaction with the hearing: to be countersigned by the Chairman and Minute Administrator. Any party refusing to sign should state their reasons which should be recorded.
All persons except Tribunal members and Minute Administrator leave the room
- p) Tribunal makes its decision
- q) Chairman asks the Complainant and the Respondent to return to the room and announces decision
- r) If appropriate, either party may make a further statement including calling any character witnesses.

Schedule E

NOTICE OF CAUTION



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To Goulburn Murray Cricket:

I, _____ hereby caution player/official/administrator
(Name of Umpire)

(Name of player / official / administrator being cautioned)

Of the _____ Cricket Club for misconduct during the match
between

_____ And _____

At _____ on _____
(Venue of Match) (Date of incident)

In that he: (describe conduct)

Umpire

Dated: _____



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To Goulburn Murray Cricket:

I, _____ Umpire, hereby report player / official
(Name of Umpire)

_____ Of the _____ Cricket Club
(Name of Reported Player / Official)

For a Level _____ offence committed during the match between
(Insert Level of Offence 1, 2, 3 or 4) *

_____ CC and _____ CC

At _____ on _____ in that he: (describe conduct)
(Venue) (Date)

(If insufficient room please use reverse side of this page)

Signature of Umpire

Date

NOTE:

- **Both** Captains must be advised of the intention to report a player.
- Director of Umpiring must be contacted by telephone as soon as practicable (by 8.00pm on the night of the match if possible) of this Report.
- This form must be lodged with the Director of Umpiring as soon as practicable (within 24 hours if possible) of the completion of the match.

* ***The Umpire shall recommend the applicable level of the offence but the final decision regarding the level the player is charged with rests with the Director of Umpiring.***



To Goulburn Murray Cricket:

TAKE NOTICE:

1 _____ Cricket Club intends to challenge before the Tribunal,
(Name of Club)

The Report / Caution* of Umpire _____ pertaining to
(*Strike out not applicable) (Name of Umpire)

Player _____
(Name of Player)

Arising from the _____ Grade match between _____

And _____

Played at _____ on _____
(Venue of match) (Date of incident)

2 The Tribunal fee of \$500 has been deposited in the GMC bank account.
GMC Bank details -BSB 633 000 -Account No 146493945

Signed: _____
(Name of Administrator)

_____ Cricket Club

Dated: _____



To Goulburn Murray Cricket

TAKE NOTICE:

1. I / We _____ requests the Tribunal to hear
(Name of Cricket Club / Player / Official)

My /our dispute with _____

About _____

2. The Tribunal fee of \$500 has been deposited in the GMC bank account.
GMC Bank details BSB-633 000 Account no 146493945.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Dated: _____



Schedule I
NOTICE OF HEARING

To _____ Cricket Club and
_____ Player/Official

TAKE NOTICE:

1. Your challenge / dispute / appeal dated _____ will be heard by the Tribunal

At _____
(Place)

On _____
(Day and Date)

At _____ am / pm*
(Time)

2. A copy of the *Tribunal Order of Proceedings* is attached

Signed: _____
(GMC Administrator / Secretary)

Dated: _____



Schedule J

UMPIRES REPORT CARD

UMPIRES REPORT		UMPIRES REPORT CARD	
Time of toss:	Start time	Match Between:	v
		Round No.	Grade Date
Wicket and Ground details		Teams	
[Boundaries, markings, wicket standard]			
Over rates satisfactory / unsatisfactory			
If unsatisfactory explain			
Player conduct and dress			
		Results:	
		1 st Innings	
Reported player/official names			
		1 st Innings	
Umpires officiating		Captains Signatures	



Schedule K

GMC COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION GUIDELINES

All Goulburn Murray Cricket players; coaches; officials; spectators; and administrators and all people reasonably connected to the Cricket Body (Members) must comply with these Guidelines.

1. Application

If a Member subject to the Rules & Regulations and, if applicable, the By-Laws (Rules) of the GMC is reasonably suspected to have breached the Rules of that Cricket Body, or the Member Protection Policy, the Member may be subject to a Complaint and, if necessary, an Investigation conducted in accordance with these Complaint & Investigation Guidelines.

2. Disciplinary & Match Investigations

An alleged breach of the Rules of a Cricket Body may relate to conduct/alleged conduct occurring:

(a) in the course of an GMC Official Club match (Alleged Match Breach).

(b) outside the course of an GMC Official Club Match (Alleged Disciplinary Breach).

3. Power to Complain

Any Member of the GMC (Complainant) may make a complaint about another Member who is subject to the Rules & Regulations and By Laws of the GMC.

4. Where to Complain

Complaints can be lodged in writing and sent to the GMC Cricket Operations Manager.

goulburnmurraycricket@gmail.com

5. Complaint Procedures

Once the GMC Cricket Operations Manager has received the written complaint, he must notify the GMC Executive and send them all the relevant evidence to the complaint.

The GMC Executive will then decide what course of actions should be taken.

6. Power to Investigate

The GMC Executive will make the decision to investigate the complaint.

The decision to Investigate or not shall be based upon evidence given for the complaint.

7. Alleged Breach: Good Faith Belief

The GMC Executive and the GMC Cricket Operations Manager may order an investigation into any matter they believe in good faith that an investigation is reasonably necessary to determine of a question of fact regarding an allegation of conduct that is contrary to the GMC Rules.

8. Investigation Notice

Any Member or Club that is to be the subject of an investigation by the GMC should be sent an Investigation Notice that is completed by the GMC Cricket Operations Manager.

9. Investigation Script

The GMC Cricket Operations Manager will supply names and contact details to the Investigations Officer.

10. Investigation Report

Investigators should deliver a report to the GMC cricket Operations Manager.



Spirit of Cricket

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

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

I. 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.

II. Players' conduct

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

2. Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The Umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of;

- ❖ Time Wasting
- ❖ Damaging the pitch
- ❖ Dangerous or unfair bowling
- ❖ Tampering with the Ball
- ❖ Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for;

- ❖ Your opponents
- ❖ Your own captain and team
- ❖ The role of the umpires
- ❖ The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game;

- ❖ To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- ❖ To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- ❖ To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance
 - * to appeal, knowing that the batsman 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 with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.



6. Violence

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

7. Players

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

8. Square Leg Umpiring – Role and Duties

When performing the role as a Square Leg Umpire it is important to understand that whilst you may be a member of the batting team when you are acting as an umpire your role is impartial and thus you are not really a member of the batting team but you are a member of the 'umpiring team'.

If you have concerns of any nature, it is wise to consult with the appointed umpire

There may be occasions where you may be called on to act as a Square Leg Umpire.

This position is equally as important as the main umpire, and involves a number of duties, which we list below for your information.

Please read carefully

1. Count the balls bowled in each over and confer with partner by way of a prearranged signal.
2. Watch for, then call and signal any short runs at your end.
3. Give descriptions (decisions) on appeals for: (a) Hit wicket (b) Stumped (c) Run out (at your end)
4. Call the signal No Ball when: the wicketkeeper does not remain wholly behind the wicket until the ball delivered by the bowler touches the bat or person of the striker, or passes the wicket or the striker attempts a run.
5. Indicate No Ball to central Umpire for waist high full toss.
6. Check there are no more than two fielders behind the line of the popping crease on the on-side at the moment of delivery.
7. Be ready to give advice to partner in instances where he/she may have been unsighted.
8. Do not act as a coach whilst Square Leg Umpiring.

Let us all remember that when we are umpiring we are taking on the responsibility for conducting the game in a fair and orderly manner.