

# **FERNTREE GULLY & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION (Inc)**

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*(AFFILIATED VICTORIAN COUNTRY CRICKET LEAGUE)*

## **PREMIERS VCCL COUNTRY WEEK**

1962 “ C” Group 1972 “ C” Group 1980 “ A” Group 1993 Division 6 1995 Division  
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2006 Division 2 2018 Division 2

## **PREMIERS BENDIGO COUNTRY WEEK**

2008 Division 3 2010 Division 2 2013 Division 1

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Wally Tew (MBE) 1954  
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Norm Reeves (ASM) # 1988  
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# ADMINISTRATION

## 1.1 THE ASSOCIATION

The Association to be called the FERNTREE GULLY & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED is hereby constituted, hereafter called the Association.

## 1.2 EXECUTIVE

1.2.1 Executive to administer the Association will consist of an Executive Committee, one delegate from each affiliated club, honorary life members and a representative of the FTGDCA Umpire's Association.

1.2.2 **The Executive Committee** Nominations for the Executive Committee to be put in writing 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and sent to the Secretary.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Junior Administrator
- Match Co-ordinator
- General Committee Members

1.2.3 Honorary Life Members (no more than one annually), shall be elected by a three fourths majority of members present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Life Membership shall carry all privileges of delegates except a right to vote at Executive meetings. A Life Member may be elected to an Executive position. Nominations for Life Membership must be in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

1.2.4 Only club delegates may vote on Association matters. Life Members, Executive Members and Umpires' Association Representative shall not vote.

1.2.5 The Chairman of an Executive Meeting may have a casting vote. Any person appointed to a Sub- Committee will be entitled to vote at such Sub- Committee Meetings.

1.2.6 No delegate may be elected to an Executive position unless present at the Annual General Meeting, or his written consent is in the hands of the Secretary.

1.2.7 The Executive Committee may appoint the following officers to assist the Association.

- *Umpires Adviser*
- *Selection panels to select representative teams*
- *Scoretaker Publicity Officer Tribunal Secretary*
- *IT Manager (website)*
- *And any other Officer the Executive may deem necessary*

## 1.3 HONORARIUMS (Expenses)

Expenses shall be paid to the Secretary, Match Co-ordinator, IT Manager, Umpires Coach & Umpires Appointment Officer, Publicity Officer, and Scoretaker. The amounts of the expenses are to be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year.

## 1.4 MEETINGS

At all general meetings of the Association clubs must be represented by at least one delegate; such delegate must hold the position of President, Secretary or a senior executive member of the club.

1.4.1 The Executive must convene an **Annual General Meeting** to be held within 2 months of the end of each financial year. (31<sup>st</sup> May)

1.4.2 The **Senior and or Junior Rules Meeting** will be held (if required) within 2 months of the end of each financial year. (31<sup>st</sup> May) Any proposed alterations to the rules must be submitted to the Secretary by the 1st of April. All clubs shall be notified of such alterations fourteen days prior to the Senior & Junior rules meetings. No alterations to the rules can be made except at the Annual Rules Meeting with a two thirds majority of clubs present.

1.4.3 **Senior delegates meetings** will be held in September, December and February/March on dates advised by the Secretary at the commencement of each season, or at any time as required. All junior Coaches/Managers and Co-ordinators will meet at Association level during the months of September, December and February/March. Dates will be determined by the Junior Administrator.

1.4.4 More than half of the affiliated clubs shall be required to form a quorum.

1.4.5 Clubs not represented at meetings shall incur a fine of \$100. Non attendance at two consecutive meetings will incur a loss of four match points in all senior grades plus fines.

1.4.6 Executive meetings at which all fixtures, finals, finance and inter-association matches shall be arranged together with any other business required to be dealt with by the Association will be held as required. Minutes of all decisions arising from such meetings shall be recorded and will be made available to any member upon written request to the Secretary.

1.4.7 All senior clubs must nominate an **Administration Officer**, who shall be responsible for any inwards or outwards correspondence to the association. The administration officer shall be the **sole contact** to the association for all senior matters and must supply an email address, postal address and contact phone number. The administration officer can be any member of the club's senior committee and not necessarily the president or secretary. Should the admin officer be away, another may be nominated at any time.

## 1.5 EXECUTIVE DUTIES

1.5.1 The **Secretary** shall be responsible for the recording and distribution of minutes at all Association meetings, receiving and answering all correspondence pertaining to Association matters and to ensure that clubs are notified of all matters of importance. Informatory circulars emanating from the FTGDCA must be consecutively numbered to ensure that clubs are aware that all correspondence has been received. The Secretary shall also be responsible for the organisation of all Association and Inter-Association matches. The fixture shall include both one day and two day matches.

1.5.2 The **Treasurer** shall receive all money for the Association and deposit same at a nominated bank. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial statement for each Association meeting and Executive meetings if required. At the Annual General Meeting, a statement of receipts and expenditure must be submitted with a bank statement attached. The Treasurer shall determine an affiliation fee which shall be payable by all clubs in the following manner.

All senior clubs with four (4) or more senior teams must pay:

- 1st Instalment of \$500 upon receipt of an invoice with payment terms clearly defined.

- 2nd instalment of \$500 upon receipt of an invoice with payment terms clearly defined.
- Balance of affiliation fees upon receipt of an invoice with payment terms clearly defined.

All other clubs with less than four (4) senior teams are to pay affiliation as per the terms listed on the invoice.

Should a club not make an affiliation payment by the terms listed on the invoice, a fine of \$100 will be levied.

The Treasurer will invoice clubs for any other outstanding items such as scorebooks or fines or other agreed expenses and costs to be incurred by a club at regular intervals and may elect to include such items on affiliation invoices. Any club unfinancial with the Association prior to the Finals series (both Senior and Junior) shall be ineligible to participate in such finals.

- 1.5.3 The **Match Co-ordinator** shall monitor all registered players in My Cricket to ensure that they eligible and meet the playing qualifications for their respective clubs, as stipulated herein. The onus shall be upon the club registering a new player to ensure that the player is eligible to play for the club and that the correct registration requirements have been met. The Match Co-ordinator shall manage competition results through My Cricket, confirming, altering and updating where necessary. This role can be split between juniors and senior functions.

1.5.4 (Deleted 2019)

- 1.5.5 The **Publicity Officer** will be responsible for all press publicity and public relations for the Association.

- 1.5.6 The Executive shall deal with all disputes and protests involving players, officials or clubs in accordance with the principles of tribunal procedures and penalties or awards as it sees fit.

Any club may refer disputes to the Executive for settlement but Executive members are excluded if associated with a club involved in the dispute.

Matters referred for investigation - The tribunal shall also hear and or investigate any matters referred to it by the Executive and submit a report to the Executive in due course.

- 1.5.7 The Executive shall form junior and senior Match Committees to handle basic management associated with playing of matches with the general Executive only having to deal with areas of major concern.

- 1.5.8 The **Junior Administrator** shall be responsible for the organisation of all junior teams and liaise with the Secretary in arrangement of inter-association matches.

## 1.6 AFFILIATION

Affiliations - **Clubs must notify** the Secretary of their **proposed senior teams, in writing by July 14** with final **confirmation of teams by August 14**. Any proposed affiliation must be accompanied by a proposed venue for that affiliation.

The Treasurer will invoice each club a non-refundable nomination fee of \$100 per team payable to the association before 1<sup>st</sup> October. The nomination fee will be part of the affiliation fee. If any club is unfinancial by August 14, affiliation will not be accepted for the following season. Any club wishing to leave the Association must advise the Secretary, in writing prior to this date, must be financial and return all shields in their possession. A club having two or more teams, and withdrawing a team during the season, must withdraw the lowest grade team in the respective competition i.e. Two Day or One Day competition. In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition during the season, the unplayed matches will be reviewed and managed by the Match Coordinator.

- 1.6.1 No club will be permitted to affiliate or field (via promotion or relegation reasons) more than 1 team in each of the top 4 grades.
- 1.6.2 No club will be permitted to affiliate or field teams in the FTGDCA if that club refuses to comply with the FTGDCA Covid-19 Policy

## GENERAL RULES

### 1.7 TRIBUNAL

An independent tribunal shall be appointed to deal with all clearance appeals and players reported by umpires for any reason. The Tribunal Secretary or an appointed member of the Executive will keep minutes and records of all tribunal proceedings and penalty guidelines.

### 1.8 PENNANTS

Premiership pennants shall be competed for each season and shall be held by the premier club in each grade. The Association shall award miniature pennants each year in all grades.

### 1.9 TROPHIES & QUALIFICATIONS

1.9.1 To be eligible for these trophies, batsmen shall bat in more than half the matches the team played in the H & A season, and make at least 350 runs in Reeves Shield & DeCoite Shield and at least 300 runs in all other grades. Bowlers shall play in more than half the matches the team played, bowl not less than 300 balls and take at least 25 wickets in all grades except Div 5 (20 wickets) Div 6 & 7 (15 wickets) and One Day Grades where 20 wickets will qualify. Where abnormal circumstances, inclement weather, forfeits or byes adversely affect a season, the executive committee reserves the right to modify qualification on a grade-by-grade basis.

1.9.2 To be eligible for trophies, player scores must be ratified in My Cricket and confirmed by the Match Coordinator by a date specified by him/her.

Players in the top two grades (Reeves & DeCoite Shield) shall compete for the best cricketer awards based on Umpires' votes (3-2-1) throughout the H & A matches. Such medals shall be called the "Jack Feaver Medal" (Reeves Shield) and the "Ron Lomax Medal" (DeCoite Shield). Any player having been found guilty by the tribunal and/or an Executive hearing following any report shall be ineligible to win either Medal. Any officially appointed umpire (named first) who is responsible for the forwarding of best & fairest votes.

Votes shall be awarded in an incomplete round at the discretion of the senior executive committee.

### 1.10 REGISTRATION

1.10.1 When registered at a club on My Cricket, the applicant shall be deemed a member of the club mentioned on such application for a period of 3 seasons, from the date of his last match. **Registration with the My Cricket system must occur by 8pm on the Sunday** following the conclusion of the match, or 8.00 pm on the Monday following the conclusion of the match if played on Sunday. Any player registration (or team sheet including such player) lodged after 8:00 p.m. Sunday (or 8:00 p.m. Monday where applicable) will be deemed unregistered and any resulting Match Points will be forfeited and the match WILL NOT count toward any player qualification with respect to Club or Finals matches – Refer 1.10.9

1.10.2 Only players having been registered in the Association during the previous 3 season shall be bulk registered in the My Cricket system.

1.10.3 Any new player must complete and sign a new player senior registration form provided by the club, such form to be held by the club should the Match Secretary be required to review and/or verify a registration. The club registration secretary should also ensure the registration is complete and correct within the My Cricket system as per rule 1.10.1. **Any player who has played in another Association during the current season must seek permission** from the Match Secretary by **9.30 pm Thursday** prior to the match, to be eligible to be registered. At the discretion of the Match Secretary, they may also be required to provide written permission from their currently registered Association/League.

1.10.4 No player shall be eligible to play unless registered and no player shall be registered unless eligible to play. Any player who is currently under suspension from any other Cricket Association/League is ineligible to be registered until his suspension is completed.

1.10.5 Applications for **Clearance and Permits close on January 31** in each season. Applications for registrations close at the commencement of the last H & A match except for (Reeves Shield) and (DeCoite Shield). Registrations of players close for these two grades at the commencement of the third last scheduled fixture of the season. Applications re- open after the Annual General Meeting each year.

1.10.6 Any player, who has been cleared by a club during a season and returns to that club, must be re- registered and to play in finals series must comply with rule 1.11.1.

1.10.7 Any player who makes himself available for Association, Zone or Region Representative teams and fails to appear when selected, or withdraws without a satisfactory explanation shall incur a penalty of two weeks suspension.

1.10.8 Any Junior or Veteran player playing senior cricket must be registered as a Senior player.

**1.10.9** Any club playing an unregistered player shall be fined \$50 and forfeit match points, (such points to be awarded to the opposing team, percentage and/or bonus points remain unaffected) in each match in which he/she participates. In the event of two opposing playing teams playing unregistered players in the same game, no points shall be awarded. Games played by such an unregistered player do not count towards finals' qualification. **Any club playing an unregistered player or unqualified player in any finals match shall forfeit in the game concerned.**

1.10.10 All players found guilty and suspended by the independent tribunal and/or an Executive hearing shall be de-registered for the term of the penalty imposed. The player must apply in writing to the association Secretary on a club letter head and signed by the club President for re-registration by 8.00 pm Thursday prior to commencing to play again in the Association.

1.10.11 Any de-registered player shall be ineligible to represent the FTGDCA in any representative game during this period.

1.10.12 Any player that transfers from a club affiliated in an external association to a FTGDCA club and the external club provides the FTGDCA Executive sufficient evidence to prove that the player is unfinancial is not permitted to play in the FTGDCA until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the FTGDCA Executive. On reviewing the submission from the external club, the FTGDCA Executive will advise the FTGDCA club that the player is not permitted to play. Should that player then participate in a match after being advised by the association rule 1.12.8 shall then be applied.

### 1.11 QUALIFICATION - PLAYER & FINALS

1.11.1 Only commenced matches where the player is listed in the scoresheet shall count for qualifications. Forfeits, Byes, washouts and Abandoned rounds shall not count where the match has not commenced. Matches played in the midweek T20 competition do not count for One or Two day grade qualification. Where abnormal circumstances, inclement weather, forfeits or byes adversely affect a season the executive committee reserve the right to modify the qualification on a grade by grade basis.

a) **Two Day Grades - A minimum of 4 matches must have been played within the club** to qualify for finals inclusive of those played in One Day Grades. (One day grade matches will count as half a match for qualification

purposes in Two day grades) Matches played in lower senior grades qualify for higher grades. Any player playing more than half their total matches in higher grades is ineligible to play lower grades unless rule 1.11.2 applies.

- b) **One- Day Grades** – A player must be **named on a match report a minimum of 6 playing days** in that grade and the player must have **actually participated** in those matches in that grade to qualify for finals.

c) **Qualification for T20 Finals.**

Only players that are registered and play within the season can qualify to play T20 games. There is no qualification of matches required in this competition.

- 1.11.2 An interchange of players between **successive grades** shall be granted to clubs when **successive teams** in that club are participating in finals' matches, under this rule, a player may only play one grade lower than the grade he/she qualified for under rule 1.11.1. Rule 1.12.13 will also apply based on where the player played his last home & away game. Any player who plays in a recognized final (i.e Qualifying, Elimination, Semi or Preliminary Final) is eligible to participate in that grade's Grand Final.

- 1.11.3 **Juniors playing in senior grades** must comply with rule 1.11.1. Any player having turned thirteen (13) years of age, wishing to play senior grades cricket will need to be registered as a senior player by the club Mycricket Co-ordinator. **Players under thirteen years of age cannot play or substitute in Senior grades without a permit granted by the Junior Administrator.**

## 1.12 PERMITS / CLEARANCES

- 1.12.1 No application for a permit to play will be dealt with by the Executive unless application is lodged with the Match Co-ordinator **before 9.30 pm on Thursday** preceding each match.

- 1.12.2 Clubs may forward clearances to the Match Co-ordinator at any time following the Annual General Meeting. All clearances must be endorsed by the Executive.

- 1.12.3 Any player being refused a clearance from his club has the right to appeal to the independent tribunal whose decision shall be final. No further appeal may be lodged by that player for the remainder of that season. No appeal will be heard unless both clubs concerned have been given 7 days notice from the Tribunal Secretary. All clearance requests to be forwarded to the Match Co-ordinator who will note the dates received from by clubs.

- 1.12.4 **A club receiving** an application for a clearance **must deal with same within 14 days** of receiving such application. Any player whose clearance application is not dealt with within the time specified has the right of appeal to the Match Coordinator who reserves the right to grant the clearance request if the ceding club has not replied or provided a reason for not addressing the clearance request. Refusal of a clearance by the ceding club must be conducted via MyCricket and if required supporting information around the refusal sent to the Match Coordinator. **Clubs have the right to refuse a clearance of an unfinancial player.**

- 1.12.5 Any player transferring from his club without having obtained a clearance shall be suspended at the discretion of the Executive.

- 1.12.6 A player who has transferred to any other Association (or not played) must, on returning to this Association, return to the club from which they originally transferred (or not played) or obtain a clearance from that club, except after an absence of three seasons when they may transfer to any club of their choice.

- 1.12.7 Any player who transfers to any Region 8 (VCCL) affiliated Association or adjoining Association must have his registration renewed by the Executive of this Association on his return. At least 7 days notice is to be given to the Match Coordinator.

- 1.12.8 A club playing a player contrary to the rules shall lose the match or matches in which such player took part. Any such Match Points earned from any such match or matches shall be awarded to the opponent. (Percentage and/or bonus points remain unaffected) The Executive may impose any other penalty as it sees fit.

- 1.12.9 Any clubs with Premier or Sub District teams have free interchange of players up till the last four rounds when permission is required. These clubs shall not drop a player more than one club grade in his consecutive matches to the FTGDCA.

**Any player who has played in any other Association in the current season may return to his former club in the same season with permission of the Executive.**

Any player who has played in any other Association in the current season and has not previously been registered to play in the FTGDCA may only be eligible for registration upon receipt of a letter of approval from his current club and lodged with the Match Co-ordinator and/or permission is given by the Executive Committee. No permits will be given to allow such players to commence playing after the Christmas break unless passed by the Executive. Any player who has played in any other Association/League on a Saturday shall be ineligible for selection to play any match within the FTGDCA which is scheduled or re-scheduled for any Sunday on the same weekend.

- 1.12.10 A junior player, having transferred to Premier Cricket, is still a member of the club from which they left until cleared in accordance with Rule 1.12.6.

- 1.12.11 **A junior player** is a player who **is under 17** years of age on the **1<sup>st</sup> September**.

- 1.12.12 The Association may grant an interchange of players within affiliated clubs with both this Association and any other Association. Players of the club must qualify under rule 1.11.1 for finals' matches in this Association. The club must give the Match Coordinator at least 3 days notice before interchanging a player.

- 1.12.13 A player may not be dropped more than one (1) club grade in his consecutive commenced matches (forfeits byes & abandoned games do not count) in the same season. Should a player be dropped more than (1) club grade in consecutive matches a fine of \$200 and a loss of match points (such points to be awarded to the opposing team, percentage and or bonus points remain unaffected). In the event of both teams playing a player contrary to this rule, no match points shall be awarded.

- 1.12.14 **International Players** – Each club can only field one international player in each senior team. An international player is defined as a non Australian citizen or does not hold a permanent residency visa. This excludes any player registered at the end of the 2008/09 season. The FTGDCA Executive Committee may approve an exemption for an additional player on a case by case basis upon written submission from a club.

Where an international player has officially lodged a request for permanent residency/immigration and can provide evidence that it has been lodged with the Australian Government, the FTGDCA Executive will approve an exemption for the current season for that player to a limit of one player exemption per senior team.

If the application for permanent residency is refused by the Australian Government, the player will revert to international player status in the following season and lose the exemption.

The player and the club must provide evidence that the application is genuine and has been lodged and provide evidence of its progress at the request of the FTGDCA Executive.

## 1.12 GROUNDS AND MATERIAL (Cricket Balls)

All grounds must be approved by the Executive and all matches shall be played on approved synthetic turf 1.8 metres wide, or any other material approved by the Executive. The space between the matting in the centre must not exceed 1.8 metres. A club seeking to replace its synthetic turf pitch surface and /or undertake major repairs to damaged sections of the pitch must formally notify the FTGDCA Executive prior to doing so and satisfy the Executive that they are using a FTGDCA approved replacement surface.

Emergency repairs (i.e. vandalised pitches) must be carried out with a replacement material of the same type as the existing pitch surface as soon as practical to do so. Boundaries must be properly defined and agreed upon for the conditions of play. Stumps as adopted by Cricket Victoria as approved by the Executive, shall be used in all matches. Scoreboards must be available at all Reeves Shield & DeCoite Shield matches. Such scoreboards must show the number of overs. In every match a new leather cricket ball shall be provided by each team for its use. **The cricket balls used by this Association (senior & junior) shall be approved by the Executive at the Annual General Meeting**, and any club failing to adhere to this requirement will be dealt with by the Executive as it sees fit.

1.12.1 Affiliated clubs must assure the Association that their grounds are available from the 1st available Saturday in October until the last Saturday in March which constitutes the playing season of the Association.

1.12.2 All ovals are to have the boundary marked by cones or flags and all main ovals (#1 ground) are also to have the boundary line to be marked on the oval

### **1.13 PLAYING UMPIRES**

1.13.1 Deleted

### **1.14 STANDARD ORDERS - MEETINGS**

1.14.1 At all meetings of the Association, the President shall take the chair and shall have a casting vote. In his absence, the Vice President shall take the chair. The chairman shall have the casting vote only. A properly constituted meeting of the association will be held when a minimum of 3 members of the Executive meet in the company of a recognized quorum (Rule 1.4.4).

1.14.2 Any member wishing to move a motion shall rise and address the chair respectfully, avoid personality and unbecoming language, and shall take his or her seat if called to order by the chairman. The motion must be seconded before it is debated and shall not then be withdrawn without the consent of the seconder.

1.14.3 No member shall speak more than once to any motion or amendment, except the mover of the original motion, who shall have the right to reply.

1.14.4 A motion or an amendment having been moved and seconded, debate may ensue but no more than two other speakers shall follow successively on the same side of the question. If two speakers having so spoken, there be no speaker to take the opposite view, the question shall be put forthwith.

1.14.5 On any member rising to a point of order during a discussion, the speaker shall resume his seat while the chairman shall rule thereon, which ruling may be reviewed by the meeting.

1.14.6 When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

1.14.7 The nominated club Administration Officers (as per 1.4.7) are to receive copies of the minutes of both senior & junior delegates meetings. The names of the following positions are to be submitted in writing to Secretary and Junior Administrator at the start of the season.

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Junior Coordinator

Any change to the advised office bearers must be submitted to the Association Secretary and Junior Administrator as soon as possible.

### **1.15 AFFILIATED REGULATIONS (Previous Rule Books)**

All previous rules and regulations of the FTGDCA Inc. are hereby cancelled and these rules shall come into operation and shall be operative from their acceptance and publication. This constitution shall be deemed to incorporate the model rules for an incorporated association, pursuant to Association Incorporation reform Act 2012 (Schedule 4) save to the extent of any inconsistency in which case this constitution shall prevail.

# PLAYING RULES - SENIOR XI COMPETITIONS

## 2.1. COMPETITIONS

- 2.1.1 The competitions arranged by the Association shall be played on the points system. Clubs may continue to play until the time fixed by the Association for the closing of the competition. The Executive shall grade teams taking part in the competition.
- 2.1.2 The matches shall commence on the first available Saturday in October of each year. The competitions will be conducted as two separate Sections; One day grades and Two day grades respectively. The first Saturday in each season will be played under rule 2.2.1.
- 2.1.3 **MATCH POINTS** - The following premierships points shall be awarded:

Outright win in winning team leads on first innings	10 points
Outright win where first innings tied	8 points
Win outright – winning team behind on first innings	6 points
Outright Tie if teams lead on first innings	5 points
Outright Tie if team leads on first innings	7 points
Outright Tie if team is behind on first innings	3 points
Outright loss if tied on first innings	2 points
First innings lead points retained in beaten outright	4 points
First Innings	6 points
Bye	6 points
Tie on First Innings	3 points
Abandoned game each team (includes teams fixtured with a bye)	3 points
Drawn game each team	3 points
Cancelled game	0 points
Winning match under protest	6 points
T20 (Saturday comp) First Innings	6 points
T20 (Saturday comp) tie	3 points

Win by Forfeit - Points awarded shall be equal to the maximum number of points scored by any other team in the same grade in that round.

### Final Ladder Placing

The final placing's in each grade shall be decided by the total of the match points won during the program of matches. Teams equal in match points (refer Rule 2.1.6 re percentage system)

- 2.1.4 Where play is unable to start due to either damage to wicket, playing area or unsuitable surface then the Executive has the power to move the match to another venue or play on the second day under rule 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 (as required).
- 2.1.5 Should any club receive points due to a match being forfeited by the opposing team, the club shall lodge within My Cricket a match report for that match in compliance with rule 3.1.3. As per Rule 1.11.1 the game shall not count for player qualification or consecutive matches in Rule 1.12.13.
- 2.1.6 If any teams are equal in premierships points and percentage (to 4 decimal places) gained at the end of the home and away games, the relative positions of such teams shall be determined by averages as follows:
- The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost.
  - The batting average against each other shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the number of wickets taken.
  - The former shall be divided by the latter, the team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.
  - In an innings declared or compulsorily closed or match abandoned, only the wickets lost shall be counted. In an innings completed, ten (10) wickets shall be considered lost, except where a batsman (or batsmen) has been compulsorily retired in the One Day Grade they shall be deemed retired not out and **not count as a wicket lost**.
  - In the case that 2 teams have equal premierships points and percentages and identical batting averages as determined via 2.1.6 clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) premierships points and percentage, the team that has the highest total of runs for the season out of the teams tied is judged to be the higher placed team. Where both tied teams have identical premierships points, percentage, averages and total runs then the team that has taken the most wickets is judged to be the higher placed team.
- 2.1.7 In all games where umpires officiate, the umpire shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.
- 2.1.8 The Executive have the power to re-schedule completely washed out rounds as it sees fit.
- The re-scheduling of games shall only occur in the four highest grades. (Divisions 1 - 4)
  - The result of completed games shall stand and these shall not be replayed.
  - A maximum of 5 Sundays may be set aside for re-scheduled games and such dates shall be nominated at the start of each season. Once these 5 days have expired there shall be no further re-scheduling of games.
  - No games shall be re-scheduled for the Sunday of a holiday longweekend.

## 2.1.9 PROMOTION & RELEGATION

The club winning the premierships in DeCoite Shield will be promoted to Reeves Shield for the ensuing season unless determined otherwise by the Executive. The club winning the premierships in DeCoite Shield where they are subsequently promoted to Norm Reeves Shield will have its 2nd XI graded in Division 3. The team finishing last in Division 1 will be relegated to DeCoite Shield for the ensuing season unless determined otherwise by the Executive. The club relegated to DeCoite Shield will have its 2nd eleven graded in Division 4. Clubs playing in Reeves Shield will have their 2nd elevens graded in Division 3. All other gradings per Rule 2.1.1

## 2.2 MATCHES

### 2.2.1 40 OVER GAME - ONE DAY SINGLE INNINGS MATCH

#### **B1 & B2 See Rule 2.2.2**

- (i) **Non Daylight Savings Time** - Hours of play 12.15 pm - 6.00 pm. **Daylight Savings Time** - Hours of play 12:45 pm – 6.30 pm.
- (ii) **Non Daylight Savings Time** - Tea 3.00 pm - 3.20 pm. **Daylight Savings Time** Tea 3.30 pm – 3.50 pm.
- (iii) Bowlers are allowed a maximum 8 overs. Wickets lost by compulsory retirement deemed retired not out. **All grades without official FTGDCA umpires** - The team bowling first has until 3.00 pm (3.30 pm daylight savings time) to complete 40 overs and, if not completed by this time, the number of overs completed by 3.00 pm (3.30 pm daylight savings time) shall be bowled to the team batting second.  
**Grades with Official FTGDCA Umpires – Where the team bowling first has not commenced its 40<sup>th</sup> over by 3.00 pm (3.30) pm daylight savings time) they will automatically forfeit the match.**
- (iv) The team batting second shall receive the same number of overs.
- (v) Results of matches shall be first innings only.
- (vi) However, if bad weather causes stoppages in play or a team is dismissed prior to 40 overs the following variations shall be observed:
  - a) If a total of 15 minutes is lost in either innings and no decision is reached by 7.00 pm, the game shall be drawn.
  - b) The team batting first, if not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 40 overs have been bowled.
  - c) Tea to be taken at the completion of the first innings.
  - d) NOTE - No reduction of overs due to adverse weather but play may continue until 7.00 pm.
- (vii) If the team batting first is dismissed prior to 40 overs tea shall be taken and the side batting second shall be compulsorily closed when having received 40 overs. No further play shall take place.
- (viii) Scorers to notify the umpire after 35 overs have been completed and the umpire shall notify the fielding captain.
- (ix) Should there be no play permitted in Divisions (1 – 4) due to inclement weather in one day games by 2.30 pm tea will be taken and a **T20 match** (under T20 rules in this handbook) shall **commence no later than 3.30 pm**. These matches will replace the one day game and count for match points and any decision to do so will be made by the Senior Executive Committee on the day. **White cricket balls and full coloured clothing to be utilised in Div 1 - 4** whilst red cricket balls are to be used in all other grades.
- (x) **FIELDING RESTRICTIONS** Reeves & Decoite Shields (ONLY) –
  - First 10 overs – Only 2 players outside circle
  - Second 10 overs – Only 3 players outside circle
  - Third 10 overs – Only 4 players outside circle
  - Last 10 overs – Only 5 players outside circle
- (xi) All balls that are bowled down the leg side will be called a WIDE BALL. (No free hit for a wide ball) Reeves & Decoite Shields (ONLY)

### 2.2.2 ONE DAY GRADES B 1 & B 2 (40 over matches)

During **Daylight Saving** hours to adopt the following playing times.

**Hours of play:** 1.00 pm - 6.30 pm. Tea: 3.30 pm - 3.50 pm.

**Non Daylight Savings** matches commence at

12.30 pm. The team bowling first has until 3.30 pm to complete 40 overs and if not completed by this time, the number of overs completed by 3.30 pm shall be bowled to the team batting second. If no decision is reached by 6.30 pm the game shall be drawn. Bowlers are allowed a maximum of 8 overs each. Batsmen are to retire when they reach their 50<sup>th</sup> run and cannot bat again.

Wickets lost by compulsory retirement deemed retired not out. Results of matches shall be first innings only. However if bad weather causes stoppages in play or a team is dismissed prior to 40 overs the following variations shall be observed–

- (a) If a total of 15 minutes is lost in either innings and no decision is reached by 6.30 pm the game shall be drawn.
- (b) The team batting first, if not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 40 overs have been bowled.
- (c) Tea shall be taken at the completion of the first innings.
- (d) (NOTE) No reduction of overs due to adverse weather but play may continue until 6.30 pm.
- (e) If the team batting first is dismissed prior to 40 overs, tea shall be taken and the side batting second shall be compulsorily closed when having received 40 overs, and no further play shall take place. The team batting second is entitled to their full 40 overs despite winning on first innings.
- (f) Scorers shall notify the umpire after 35 overs have been completed and the umpire shall notify the fielding captain.

### 2.2.3 TWO DAY GAMES

Play to start at 1.00 pm with a tea break from 3.30 pm to 3.50 pm for all grades.

- (i) In such games the result shall be decided by the number of runs scored regardless of wickets lost provided that both teams have completed their innings.
- (ii) The batting team on either day is entitled to bat for 80 overs (Divisions 1 - 4) or 70 overs for all other grades, after which the innings shall be compulsorily closed and the days play concluded. On any day play must conclude no later than 6.30 pm. In an uninterrupted days play, a team failing to bowl 80 overs (Divisions 1 - 4) or 70 overs (All Other Grades) by 6.30 pm shall forfeit.
- (iii) **If twenty minutes or more is lost on the first day**, play may continue until **7.00 pm (Div 1- 4 Only)** or **6.30 pm (All Other Grades)** and the batting team can bat into the second day for a maximum of 80 overs (Divisions 1 - 4) or 70 overs (all other grades) in the innings. If the side batting second receives 80 overs (Divisions 1 - 4) or 70 overs (all other grades) by 7.00 pm (Div 1 - 4 Only) or 6.30 pm (All Other Grades) then a result will be achieved. If no decision is reached the result shall be a drawn game. If more than twenty minutes are lost on the second day, no declaration applies, however play can continue until 7.00 pm (Div 1 - 4 Only) or 6.30 pm (All Other Grades) until a result has been achieved, whichever occurs first.
- (iv) If twenty minutes or more is lost on the first day, in an uninterrupted second day, a maximum of 80 overs (Div.1 - 4) or 70 overs (all other grades) shall be bowled.
- (v) **Balance of Overs (Div 1 – 4) Rain affected**  
Where rain interrupts play on the first day (Div 1-4) and the team batting on the first day has not been dismissed they are entitled to bat on the second day to complete the balance of their overs unless otherwise dismissed. The side batting second is then entitled to receive

their 80 overs on the second day and play can continue until no later than 7:00pm in order for those overs to be faced. When this scenario arises this rule supersedes 2.2.3(iv) and 2.2.3(xiii).

(vi) **Balance of overs – (Division 1 – 4)**

Where the team batting first is dismissed on the first day **with no more than seven (7) overs remaining**, (eg 73 overs bowled (Div 1-4), the team batting second then has the **option** to either, conclude the days play, play time through to 6.00 pm or the balance of the days overs. The team batting second on the first day must at 6.00 pm make the decision to either use the balance of overs to 80 after 6.00 pm or the days play shall conclude. There will be a 10 minute period between change of innings.

**Example** - 77 overs team dismissed plus 10 minutes for change of innings, 3 overs to be bowled for full days play. (80 overs) Batting team has option at 6.00 pm whether to continue. If the side batting is dismissed with greater than 7 overs remaining, the full 80 overs must be played in a day. **3 overs for change of innings does not apply. 80 overs in total must be played in a day unless there is a result or the second batting team uses the option of not batting. (see above)**

(vii) **Balance of Overs – (All Other Grades)** Where the team batting first is dismissed on the first day **with no more than seven (7) overs remaining**, (eg 68 overs bowled (Div 5-7), the team batting second then has the **option** to either, conclude the days play, play time through to 6.00 pm or the balance of the days overs. The team batting second on the first day must at 6.00 pm make the decision to either use the balance of overs to 70 after 6.00 pm or the days play shall conclude. There will be a 10 minute period between change of innings.

**Example** - 71 overs team dismissed 4 overs to be bowled for full days play. (75 overs) Batting side has option at 6.00 pm whether to continue. If the side batting is dismissed with greater than 7 overs remaining, the full 75 overs must be played in a day. **3 overs for change of innings does not apply. 75 overs in total must be played in a days play unless there is a result or the team batting second uses the option of not batting. (see above)**

- (viii) Should both teams be dismissed prior to 6.00 pm on the second day, play will cease no later than 6.00 pm or a when a full days allotment of overs have been bowled, whatever come first. The match shall not exceed 160 overs (Div 1-4) or 140 overs (other grades).
- (ix) If less than 20 overs are achieved on the first day the game shall be abandoned. The match shall be played under one-day match conditions.
- (x) If a declaration is made during a break in play the opposing captain must be notified ten minutes before the time allotted for play to recommence.
- (xi) Follow On - A team may enforce a follow on provided that they lead by more than 80 runs.
- (xii) A new ball may be taken at the commencement of each innings and after 80 overs (Div 1-4) or 70 overs (5-7) in home and away matches.
- (xiii) For the purposes of rule 2.2.3 should there be an interruption to play for any reason and that interruption remains in force at 6.00 pm, play is allowed to resume after interruption of rain until 7:00pm or the overs are completed for the day.
- (xiv) **Early First Innings Results – (All Grades)** Should a first innings result be achieved prior to the full quota of overs bowled on day two, play may be abandoned upon **agreement of both captains** otherwise a full days play must take place.

**Youth Bowling Restrictions for Two Day Games – U/ 19** – 20 overs maximum in a days play (no breaks required) **U/17** – 16 overs maximum in a days play (no breaks required). Overs bowled in junior games on same day are not inclusive.

2.2.4 **SPLIT INNINGS (2 day game)** Games will be over two days (other than a one day fixture) with each team receiving 70 overs unless dismissed. The game will be divided into 4 phases with the first team batting for 35 overs unless dismissed, when tea will be taken. The second team will then bat for 35 overs unless dismissed. On day 2 the first team will bat again for 35 overs unless dismissed, when tea will be taken and the second team will bat for 35 overs unless dismissed or a result obtained. Each day both sides will bat and bowl. In the event of a second innings occurring the 35 over restriction is removed along with the associated bowling restrictions. The remaining overs for the day (maximum 70) are available although play will cease at 6.00 pm regardless of the number of overs bowled.

Maximum outright points will be awarded should an outright result be achieved.

**Batting Restrictions** – batsmen must retire upon conclusion of the scoring shot that they score their 100<sup>th</sup> run.

**Bowling Restrictions** – 7 overs per bowler per phase.

Interchange of bowlers/fielders named on the team sheet as defined above without restriction is permitted, provided that no playing time is wasted. Law 2.5 of the Laws of Cricket does not apply.

Eg – bowlers may bowl immediately once returning to the field of play without restriction.

**Team Sheets** – 13 players can be named on the team sheet and on My Cricket however only 11 are permitted to bat in each innings. All players named are permitted to bowl.

**Semi Final & Final** to be played in the same manner as Rule 2.2.4

2.2.4.1 **SPLIT INNINGS (1 day game)** One day games will be over one day with each team receiving 35 overs unless dismissed. The game will be divided into two innings with the first team batting for a maximum of 35 overs unless dismissed, then tea will be taken. The second team will then bat for a maximum of 35 overs unless dismissed or a result obtained.

**Batting Restrictions** – Batsmen must retire upon the conclusion of the scoring shot that they scored their 100<sup>th</sup> run.

**Bowling Restrictions** – 7 overs per bowler per day.

Interchange of bowlers / fieldsmen and team sheets remain the same as rule 2.2.4

## 2.2.5 T20 OVER GAME – 20 Over Single Innings Match (With Official Umpires)

Starting times:

**(Midweek) 5.30pm**

**(Saturday) Division 3 & 4 – 12.00 pm Division 1 & 2 – 3:30 pm**

(Or after approval of Executive Committee's decision to play T20)

Change of inning after 20 over's - 15 minutes Bowlers are allowed a maximum of 4 overs

Five overs are to be bowled from each end until 20 over have been bowled.

**A FREE HIT** will apply when a bowler that has bowled a **NO BALL** (Wides not applicable)

All balls bowled down the leg side will be called a **WIDE BALL**. (No free hit for a wide ball)

Batsman will change ends at the end of every over (during 5 over allotments).

**Fielding restrictions** apply within the 20 overs

Penalty for breach of fielding restriction, **NO BALL** & a **FREE HIT**

At the most, five fielders can be on the leg side, at any given point of time

First 6 overs	Only 2 players outside the circle
After 6 overs	Only 5 players outside the circle

A 27 metre painted mark or dot is to be marked around the playing pitch from the centre stump at each end of the wicket and joined with a straight line adjacent from the bowling crease. **FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT**

(Midweek Games) The team bowling first has until 6.30pm to complete 20 overs

(Weekend Games) The team bowling first has 75 minutes to complete 20 overs.

Results of the match shall be first innings only.

The team batting second shall receive the same number of overs.

There will be no drawn matches in a T20.

In case of a drawn game after 20 overs have been completed by both sides.

There will be one over each and the side with the most runs after that over will be the winner.

In case of a second draw there will be one more over each with the side with the most runs will be the winner but at the fall of a wicket the over will be completed.

However if bad weather causes stoppages in play or a team is dismissed prior to 20 over's, the following variations shall be observed.

If a total of 15 minutes is lost in either innings and no decision is reached by 8.15pm (Midweek) or

7.00 pm (Weekends) the game shall be drawn.

The team batting first, if not dismissed, shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 20 overs has been bowled . Change of innings to be taken at the completion of the first innings.

(Midweek Games – Inclement Weather) However if inclement weather delays the start of play and there is no play up till 6.30pm then the game can be changed to a ten over each innings match. No play past 6.30pm then game shall be drawn. Fielding restriction as the last ten overs in a 20 over innings.

**(Games Without Official Umpires)** All rules remain the same as per 2.2.5 **except a Free Hit is NOT awarded** for a front foot no ball or a breach of fielding restrictions.

NOTE: No reduction of overs once a T20 game has commenced, due to adverse weather but play may continue until 8.15pm.

If the innings of the team batting first is dismissed prior to 20 overs, change of innings will take place and the innings of the team batting second shall be compulsorily closed when having received 20 overs or the match has been won or lost. No further play shall take place.

Scorers to notify the umpire after every 5 overs have been completed and the umpire shall notify the fielding captain.

NOTE: Full Colour tops must be worn (approved by the FTGDCA executive)

NOTE: A FTGDCA approved **White Ball** is to be used **(midweek)** and **(weekends)**

**T20 FINALS – Qualification** – No qualification required, however player must be registered.

**FINALS FIXTURE** – The T20 finals will be played off between the top ranked 8 teams and structured as follows -

**Quarter Final** – (Match 1) 1 vs 8 (Match 2) 2 vs 7 (Match 3) 3 vs 6 & (Match 4) 4 vs 5.

**Semi Final** – (Match 5) winners of matches 1 & 4. (Match 6) winners of matches 2 & 3.

**Final** – Winners of matches 5 & 6.

The finals for all T20 matches shall be played on grounds of the team finishing higher on the ladder where the ground meets the playing standard as determined by the Executive. If any ground does not meet the playing standard, an alternative ground will be selected by the Executive.

Finals to played as per H & A series.

## 2.2.6 SEMI FINALS Div 3 - 10 (Two Day Grades)

- (i) Semi Finals in **Divisions 3 – 8** shall be played between the first and fourth, second and third teams at the completion of the home and away matches. Top two teams in these grades to host semi-finals subject to Executive approval of the playing venue and finals match arrangements. **Matches shall be played per normal two day home & away games. (Refer Rule 2.2.3)** Home side to provide afternoon tea on both days subject to FTGDCA Covid-19 policy.
- (ii) The semi-finals shall be played on a Saturday and Sunday. The match shall not exceed a total of 160 overs (Division 3-4 or 140 overs (all other grades)).
- (iii) The result shall be decided by the number of runs scored regardless of wickets lost provided that both teams have completed their innings.
- (iv) A new ball may be taken at the commencement of each innings or after completion of 80 overs (Div 3-4) or 70 overs (Div 5-10).
- (v) In the event of the match not achieving a result by the completion second day's play, being abandoned, canceled or not being able to commence or be completed for any reasons as deemed by the Executive, Governing body or Government direction, the winner shall be the team finishing higher on the ladder at the completion of the home and away matches.
- (vi) Where available, two umpires will officiate as appointed by the Umpires Appointment Officer.

## 2.2.7 ELIMINATION, QUALIFYING & PRELIMINARY FINALS (Norm Reeves Shield and DeCoite Shield)

- (i) Elimination Finals in Norm Reeves Shield and DeCoite Shield shall be played between the third and fourth teams at the completion of the home and away matches. The side finishing third will host the elimination Final subject to Executive approval of the playing venue and finals match arrangements. Matches shall be played per normal two day home & away games. (Refer Rule 2.2.3) Home side to provide afternoon tea on both days subject to FTGDCA Covid-19 policy.
- (ii) Qualifying Finals in Norm Reeves Shield and DeCoite Shield shall be played between the first and second teams at the completion of the home and away matches. The side finishing first will host the Qualifying Final subject to Executive approval of the playing venue and finals match arrangements. Matches shall be played per normal two day home & away games. (Refer Rule 2.2.3) Home side to provide afternoon tea on both days subject to Covid-19 policies.
- (iii) Elimination, Qualifying and Preliminary finals shall be played on a Saturday and Sunday. The match shall not exceed a total of 160 overs.
- (iv) The result shall be decided by the number of runs scored regardless of wickets lost provided that both teams have completed their innings.
- (v) A new ball may be taken at the commencement of each innings or after completion of 80 overs.
- (vi) In the event of any elimination, qualifying or Preliminary final where the match does not achieve a result by the completion of the second day's play, being abandoned, canceled or not being able to commence or be completed for any reason as deemed by the Executive, Governing body or Government direction, the winner shall be the team finishing higher on the ladder at the completion of the home and away matches.
- (vii) Where available, two umpires will officiate as appointed by the Umpires Appointment Officer.

### 2.2.7.1 Elimination & Qualifying Final format

- (i) Qualifying Final - 1st vs 2nd – Winner progresses to the Grand Final and Loser to the Preliminary Final
- (ii) Elimination Final 3rd vs 4th – Winner progresses to Preliminary Final and Loser eliminated.
- (iii) Preliminary Final – Winner progresses to the Grand Final and Loser eliminated.

## 2.2.8 GRAND FINALS

- (i) The Grand finals for all grades shall be played on grounds of the team that won the qualifying final where their ground meets playing standard as determined by the Executive. The Grand finals for Division 3-8 shall be played on the grounds of the team finishing higher on the ladder at the end of the home and away season where their ground meets playing standards as determined by the Executive. If any ground does not meet the playing standard an alternative ground will be selected by the Executive. **Matches shall be played as per normal two day home & away games. (Refer Rule 2.2.3)** Home side to provide afternoon tea on both days subject to FTGDCA COVID-19 Policy
- (ii) Grand Final to be played on the fixtured Saturday and Sunday and play may continue on a fixture third day only if necessary to achieve a first innings result at which time, play will be concluded and the match not to exceed 160 overs (Div 1 - 4) or 150 overs (Div 5 -8).
- (iii) In **Divisions 3 – 8** In the event of a result not being achieved by the completion of the third days play, being abandoned, canceled or not being able to commence or be completed for any reason as deemed by the Executive, Governing body or Government direction, the match shall be considered drawn and the premiership awarded to the team finishing higher on the ladder at the completion of the home and away matches.
- (iv) In Norm Reeves Shield and DeCoite Shield in the event of a result not being achieved by the completion of the third days play, being abandoned, canceled or not being able to commence or be completed for any reason as deemed by the Executive, Governing body or Government direction, the match shall be considered drawn and the premiership awarded to the winning team in the Qualifying final.
- (v) Where available two umpires will officiate as appointed by the Umpires Appointment Officer.

### Reeves & Decoite Shield Format –

**1<sup>st</sup> Vs 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Winner progresses to the Final and Loser to the Preliminary Final

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vs 4<sup>th</sup>** – Winner progresses to Preliminary Final and Loser eliminated.

Winner of Preliminary Final progresses to Final and Loser eliminated.

Grand Final Reserve Days (see rule 2.2.7 (ii) & (iii))

## 2.2.9 ONE DAY GRADE FINALS (B1 & B2)

- (i) **Semi Final:** To be played as a 40 over match, as set out in rule 2.2.2.
- (ii) Hours of play: 1.00 pm – 6.30 pm. (Play may be allowed to continue until 7.00 pm to achieve a result) Tea: 3.30 pm - 3.50 pm. (If no result, the team finishing higher on the ladder shall progress to final). Reserve day to be used if there is no result achieved on the first rostered day, and the reserve day will be utilised only to achieve a result.  
Sunday shall be the only reserve day.
- (iii) **Final:** To be played as 40 over matches, as set out in rule 2.2.2.
- (iv) Hours of play: 1.00 pm – 6.30 pm. (Play may be allowed to continue until 7.00 pm to achieve a

result) Tea: 3.30 pm - 3.50 pm. (In the event of a washout or no result, the team finishing higher on the ladder shall be declared the winner). Reserve day to be used if there is no result achieved on the first rostered day, and the reserve day will be utilised only to achieve a result. Sunday shall be the only reserve day.

- (v) **In the event that, at 3.45 pm the team bowling first has not commenced its 40<sup>th</sup> over, it shall forfeit the match to their opponent.** (Continued)
- (vi) **In the event that, at 3.45 pm the team bowling first has completed the 40<sup>th</sup> over, then any overs bowled after 3.30 pm in order to do so, will not be bowled to them in their batting innings.** This shall commence 20 minutes after the completion of the 40<sup>th</sup> over. (Play may continue until 7.00 pm to achieve a result).

# GENERAL RULES

## 3.1 GENERAL MATCH CONDITIONS

- 3.1.1 The last over must be completed on each day's play irrespective of wickets lost.
- 3.1.2 Six balls constitute an over, wides and no balls EXCLUDED.
- 3.1.3 (i) On the first day of play in all matches the captain must hand to the umpires an official team list in block letters of their players for such match, prior to the toss of the coin. Where no official umpires officiate, captains are to exchange lists at the time stated.

### Match Reports

- (ii) Both teams (Senior & Junior) must complete a match report on the **My Cricket system** after each match in which the club participated. Complete player details, individual scores and statistics, match results and extras must be entered by the **home team by 8.00 pm Sunday**. **Visiting teams** have until **8.00 pm Monday** to complete their player details, individual scores and statistics and **confirm the match result**.

The My Cricket scorecard will be locked to further amendment from 8.00 pm Monday following the completion of the match. Late match reports will incur a **\$50 fine after 8.00 pm Sunday (Home Team)** or Monday 8.00 pm (Visiting Team). For matches scheduled on Sunday add 24 hours to these time limitations.

**Any requests to unlock a match for further amendment may incur a \$20 fine per match unlocked. Such request must include an image of the scorecard that is to be updated for validation once the update is complete. Any club causing a lockout will be fined \$20.**

**Unconfirmed matches** will incur a fine of **\$10 per day late after Monday 8.00 pm** following the match.

In the case of a match being a FORFEIT then the winning team shall submit the match report. The winning teams in the appropriate matches must submit Semi Final & Grand Final match reports.

- (iii) Players cannot be named on more than one match report in any one round. Score books shall have the names of all players playing in the match, filled out in full in ink - i.e. not just players who have batted and bowled.
- (iv) Should a disagreement occur during a match, an Executive Member of the Association can be contacted to adjudicate. Any decisions shall be acknowledged and adhered to by the participating sides.
- (v) Where a dispute occurs over the eligibility of players under Rule 2 - Player Eligibility, Registration and Clearances, the Executive shall have the power to call up any evidence needed to settle the dispute. The Executive or Match Co-ordinator shall have the power to deduct match points or reverse the result should any irregularity be found. (Percentage and/or bonus points remain unaffected).

## 3.1.4 SUBSTITUTES

- (i) Substitutes shall be allowed by right to field for any player who during the match is incapacitated by illness or injury. **The consent of the umpire must be obtained** for the use of a substitute before any player is prevented from fielding for any other reason. A substitute must be a player registered with the association for the club.
- (ii) **The opposing captain must be informed** of any intention to use a substitute at the time.
- (iii) The opposing captain **shall have no right of objection** to any player acting as a substitute in the field, nor as to where they shall field, although the Captain may object to the substitute acting as wicketkeeper.
- (vi) A substitute shall not be allowed to bat or bowl unless they qualify under the following guidelines:
  - a) Any player who is injured whilst representing the FTGDCA, Region 8, Melba or any other match under the guidelines of the VCCL or pathways and is currently participating in an uncompleted match within the FTGDCA may be replaced by a substitute from within his club. Any player representing the VCCL at National Championships may also receive substitute rights with the approval of the match secretary. The substitute player may act as substitute even if participating in an uncompleted match and will have full batting, bowling and wicket keeping rights. If a player substitutes from another team within his club, thus creating a vacancy, further substitutes are permitted down the appropriate grades and they shall have full batting, bowling and wicket keeping rights. The captain of any team using a substitute under this rule must notify the applicable Match Co-ordinator by the Thursday prior to the day's play and the umpire and opposing captain prior to commencement of the day's play. All players (including substitutes) shall be included on the match report.

- 3.1.5 At the conclusion of play the respective captains shall exchange scorebooks and endorse therein, the result of the day's play.
- 3.1.6 Should play on the **first day of any home & away match** be entirely prevented by adverse weather conditions, **any toss taken on the first day is void** and captain's shall toss again prior to commencement of play on the second day, however in finals matches the toss does not have to re-occur.
- 3.1.7 All players and officials to be off the playing area five minutes before the allocated time to start.
- 3.1.8 **When opposing scorebooks do not agree**, the umpire is to impound both scorebooks and hand to the Secretary of the Association. If both scorebooks agree on bowling and both scorebooks agree on batting but bowling and batting differ, **batting totals are to be agreed to**.
- 3.1.9 The Executive Committee shall have the power to alter the start and finish of any match it thinks fit and to vary the time to which the aforementioned penalties apply to accord with such altered times. Teams not ready to commence at the appointed time shall incur such penalties as the Executive may think fit, any fine not to exceed \$25.00.
- 3.1.10 The toss of the coin to determine the batting and bowling sides must take place at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play. If a captain is not present by this time the other captain shall have the choice. (Laws of Cricket 12.4)
- 3.1.11 Teams not at fault in late starts shall have the option of requiring the offending team to make up lost time on that day. This decision is to be communicated to the opposing captain prior to the commencement of play following the tea break. No more than 15 minutes of lost time to be made up.

## 3.1.12 REFUSAL OR INABILITY TO PLAY

- (i) If play does not commence within 15 minutes of appointed times and the delay is due to the refusal or inability of one of the competing teams then the umpire shall, on appeal, declare the match lost by that team.
- (ii) Teams forfeiting - Any club which is forced to forfeit a match for whatever reason shall do so in their lowest grade of (2 day grades) or (1 day grades).
- (iii) Any club that fails to notify the Match Co-ordinator and the opposing club in accordance with the times defined below will be subject to the related fines and loss of match points:

Scenario	Notification Times	Fine	Loss of Premiership points
1	By Thursday 10:00pm	No fine	None
2	By Friday 9:00pm	\$100	None
3	1 hour before play commences	\$200	3
4	No notification and no show	\$300	3

- (iv) Should any club forfeit within a grade on 3 occasions, that club will be requested by the Match Coordinator to submit in writing within 3 days of the 3<sup>rd</sup> forfeit reasons why that team should not be removed from the grade.
- (v) Should any club that is hosting a game where the opposing club fails to advise of a forfeit as per scenario 3 and/or 4 as per the above table, the hosting club will be reimbursed an amount of 50% of the fine imposed from the association upon collection of the fine from the forfeiting club.

3.1.13 **BOUNDARY CATCHES** - A fieldsman in taking a catch near the boundary line must have both feet inside the boundary.

3.1.14 **BATTING CREASE** - On synthetic surfaces, the line forms the crease. Some part of the batsman must be grounded behind the line **i.e. On the line is out.** Clubs shall ensure correct marking of lines on the playing surfaces.

3.1.15 **NO BALLS & WIDES (Either umpire may call a wide or no ball)**

- (i) On synthetic surfaces a ball passing outside of the lines marked on the pitch shall be called a wide. The lines to be marked are a 100mm x 40mm white line on the batting crease 900mm from the centre stump to the outside of the line for off side wides.

Also mark a white line on the batting crease 600mm from the centre stump to the outside of the line for leg stump wides. A ball passes outside the lines (NOT OVER) on either side of the wicket shall be called a WIDE. This is to be adopted in all senior & junior grades.

- (ii) On matting surfaces a ball pitched outside the width of matting or striking the space between the two mats or the adjacent bindings shall be called and signalled "no ball" by either umpire.

- (iii) Wides and no balls to be included against the bowlers score.

The striker may hit a no ball and whatever runs result shall be added to his score.

Runs made otherwise from a no ball shall be scored as no balls.

- (iv) The number of **leg side fieldsmen shall be restricted to five**, of which no more than two are to be behind the line of the popping crease at the instant of delivery by the bowler under penalty of "no ball."

- (v) Waist high No Balls – Umpires shall call a no ball to any ball delivered by a bowler and adjudicated to be above waist height. Should the umpire deem the ball to be dangerous (i.e. when a ball would have hit **ANY** part of the batsman above waist height), they shall further issue the bowler with a warning. Should a further dangerous delivery be delivered, the bowler shall receive a second and final warning and be removed from bowling in the innings immediately.

- (vi) Short Balls – A maximum of two legal deliveries may be bowled in an over where the ball passes above the shoulder of the batsman standing upright at the popping crease. Any delivery which completely passes above the batsman standing upright at the popping crease will be called a wide. If a bowler bowls a third delivery that goes above shoulder height in the same over, the umpire shall call a No Ball.

3.1.16 **ATTIRE - PLAYERS & UMPIRES**

- (i) All players in competition matches must appear in correct cricketing attire. Any item of dress that may be deemed as inappropriate or offensive may be referred to the Executive. Spiked boots or soft spiked shoes are not to be worn.

**Coloured clothing** may be used in all grades in **one day matches** providing all players in the team wear the same clothing. **The Executive Committee must approve all coloured clothing.**

Any player officiating as an umpire **must be dressed in a distinguishing garment worn above or below the waist. Closed-toe footwear is compulsory - shorts may be worn.** A player must be 15 years and older in order to **officiate as a square leg umpire ONLY.**

- (ii) Non players who umpire must be dressed with long slacks, coloured shirt or coat with shoes and socks.

- (iii) **Afternoon Teas:** (Home & Away matches) All home teams must provide afternoon tea for both teams and umpires. A minimum requirement will be light refreshment (fruit, cordial, biscuit and tea & cake). Complaints of substandard afternoon teas shall be in writing to the Secretary and the Executive shall deal with offending teams as it sees fit.

3.1.17 **SCORERS** - Each team in Reeves Shield or Decoite Shield must provide a competent scorer for the entire match. The appointed umpire/s for that match are to confirm with the Captains prior to the match commencing that scorers are available.

3.1.18 Should a scorer not be available as per rule 3.1.17 a fine of \$50 will be levied for each day of the match that a scorer was not made available. Umpires to notify the Secretary of breaches.

### 3.2 PROTESTS – RESULT OF MATCHES

- 3.2.1 All protests must be lodged with the Secretary via email by 8.00 pm on the Tuesday following completion of the match. Protests will not be received after this deadline.

(Email – Secretary@ftgdca.com.au)

- 3.2.2 Any penalty incurred by a club through a protest lodged during the final round shall apply to match on which the protest is lodged.

### 3.2.3 APPEALS (Result of Tribunal or Executive Committee Hearing)

(Note – There is no appeal provision for clearance hearings)

The FTGDCA shall through VCCL Region 8 (South East Country) appeals board allow for an Appeal against decisions of the Tribunal or Executive Committee. Any appeal against such decisions shall :

- a) Be in writing.
- b) Be forwarded to both Association and Region 8 Secretaries.
- c) Be lodged within 48 hours of the date of the hearing from which appeal arises.
- d) Be lodged with a statutory declaration that the appealing party shall accept the decision of the appeal hearing and shall take no further action as a result of same.
- e) Be accompanied by an appeal fee of six hundred dollars (\$600) as either a bank cheque, payable to the FTGDCA or in cash, two hundred dollars (\$200) of which is a fee for lodgement of the appeal and four hundred dollars (\$400) is a bond which upon the appeal being upheld shall be returned to the appellant, or upon loss appeal shall be forfeited.
- f) The appeal shall be heard at a time and place as advised by the Region 8 Secretary, through the Association Secretary within seven (7) days of lodgement.
- g) On lodgement of an appeal and only following advice from the Association, any player(s) who has made such appropriate appeal shall be allowed to participate in any match(es) that commence after such lodgement but prior to its hearing, but should the appeal then be lost, dismissed, withdrawn or the player/s or club not attend the appeal hearing then any match(es) in which the appellant/s participates shall be forfeited by that club, as shall the total appeal fee.
- h) The decision of the appeal hearing shall be final.

### 3.3 WET WEATHER & EXTREME WEATHER–

All updates regarding wet weather or extreme weather will be advised via the FTGDCA Facebook page

- 3.3.1 The executive will appoint a panel of four to inspect grounds when wet weather prevails. If 6 or more grounds inspected are unfit for play, the panel calls off all senior games.

- 3.3.2 **GROUND NOT FIT FOR PLAY** - Any ground unfit for play due to any other reason other than wet weather i.e. Council works which involves first eleven match scheduling for this ground may be transferred to another venue and played on the same day. Notification of ground being unfit for play – Match Secretary to be advised by 8.00 pm Thursday prior to the game, failure to adhere to this rule, home club to forfeit in match concerned

- 3.3.3 Match Co-ordinator has the power to transfer any other match to a Sunday or other agreed day as required.

### 3.4 UMPIRES

- 3.4.1 Umpires appointed from the FTGDCA Umpires' Association will be paid a fee decided at the FTGDCA AGM. **Fee to be paid by the completion of afternoon tea each day. Umpires fee (all grades)** - (2 umpires) \$140 per day or (single umpire) \$160 per day. All T20 umpires (Div 1 – 4) to be paid \$90 per game on weekend or midweek.
- 3.4.2 Umpires appointed to a game shall be paid a fee of \$30 if less than 20 overs are bowled in a day or if a no play decision is given before afternoon tea. If a decision is to be made after 4.00 pm, the fee shall be increased to \$50.
- 3.4.3 Umpires appointed by the FTGDCA Umpires Association shall have the power to decide on conditions of play. Where no appointed umpire officiates, either captain may request a decision by an independent member of the Executive, whose decision shall be final
- 3.4.4 Any member of the Senior Executive may officiate at any game at any time they chooses, provided they are not a member of either club.
- 3.4.5 Captains of all grades with an official umpire must complete a Captain's Report on umpires performance via the My Cricket System. Such forms to be submitted by 8.00 pm on the Tuesday following the completion of each match. Failure to complete umpire reports on time will incur a fine of \$25 per team.

### 3.5 CONDUCT

- 3.5.1 Consumption of intoxicating liquor in the vicinity of the ground during the hours of play and smoking on the field are strictly prohibited and offending players shall be dealt with by the Executive.

- 3.5.2 **Clubs shall be responsible for the maintenance of order by their members during the match.** Any registered player or official of a club disputing the decision of an umpire or using abusive, threatening or insulting language during the progress of the game or within or without the enclosure on the day of the match shall be dealt with as the Executive shall think fit.

In the event that the Executive is required to investigate an incident, they shall do so within a 14 day time frame from the receipt of complaint. Should additional time be required the Secretary shall consult 3 independent club Presidents in order to obtain a further 14 days (max) to complete the investigation. Majority vote from the Presidents is required for extension of time. Any fines imposed by the Executive must be paid within 7 days. Clubs failing to make such payments shall forfeit in the grade concerned. Any club requiring a statutory declaration may obtain same by applying (within 48 hours of the match) to the Association, who shall demand such declaration from each or any player, and if a player refuses to sign such declaration, the club for whom he/she plays shall forfeit the match.

- 3.5.3 Where an umpire has occasion to speak to a player regarding behaviour but does not believe a report is warranted, the umpire will warn the player and if it happens again, the incident will be noted and the player named on the Umpires Match Report and the Captain is to be informed. When two (2) such reports have been received, the player and his club will be notified in writing by the Umpires Association. Should a player be named on three (3) such reports during two (2) consecutive seasons, they shall be called before the Executive to explain their behaviour. Should the player be found guilty of an act of misconduct, they shall be liable to suspension as determined by the Executive Committee. Umpires are to report serious breaches of behaviour as in the FTGDCA tribunal procedure. After any warning issued, the Executive has the power to call the player before it to answer and explain their conduct and the Executive has the right to deal with the player as it sees fit.

- 3.5.4 All club **Presidents and Captains of all grades must sign a Code of Conduct** agreement on their club letterhead by **1<sup>st</sup> November** each year to acknowledge their understanding and compliance thereof. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of \$200. The Captain may only be reported if they have either condoned or taken part in unruly behaviour by his/her players. If they have made all reasonable attempts to control his/her players it is the player or players who is liable for report.

### 3.6 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

It is expected that all games be conducted in the true **spirit of the game of cricket**. Cricket is a game of skill associated with knowledge of the rules however skills and knowledge are only part of the pleasure to be derived from playing the game. Attitude and sportsmanship are vital ingredients. To achieve this, coaches, managers and captains are to adopt and enforce the following code of Behaviour.

- a) That in-going and out-going batsmen cross on the field of play.
- b) That bowlers return to the start of their run up quickly, and are ready to bowl without wasting time.
- c) Players are to maintain a standard of dress, commensurate with the game's traditions and team and individual equipment is to be serviceable and well maintained.
- d) Players are to be encouraged to respect the umpires by accepting decisions without dissent, and if possible, to honestly assist umpires in the making of difficult decisions.
- e) Co-operation with the opposing captain and both umpires in the "running" of the game, which includes preparation of the pitch and surrounds for play.
- f) Thoroughly briefing their teams, spelling out what is expected of them in terms of behaviour, on and off the field.
- g) All fieldsmen are to move quickly between overs and when required to change positions
- h) The setting or changing of the field is to be undertaken without unnecessary time wasting
- i) Courtesy is to be shown at all times to the umpires. Players must not dispute or react in a disapproving manner, either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally, after an umpiring decision is given. When given out a player must walk quickly from the crease, not indulge in ill-mannered tantrums.
- j) Avoid making unnecessary and uncomplimentary remarks to opponents.
- k) Remember that the visiting team and umpires are guests and should be treated such.
- l) In making his report to the Association on umpires, the captain should be constructive, not influenced by a win or loss or a bad decision.

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### 3.7 FIRST AID

Each club shall have in their clubrooms each playing day a first aid kit for use by both teams.

### 3.7.1 HYGIENE

Drinks to be either served in cups/glasses or to be poured from the container by using the tap. No dipping of the hand with the glass/cup into the container to get a drink.

### 3.8 LAWS OF CRICKET

3.8.1 Except where inconsistent with the foregoing, all matches shall be played under the laws of cricket, as adopted by Cricket Victoria.

### 3.8.2 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

If any question arises which is not specifically provided for us in these rules, or if any question arises as to the interpretation of any rule, the option of the Executive Committee shall be taken and acted upon and its decision shall be final.

### 3.8.3 APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules all players shall be and remain at all times subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

## FTGDCA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

All players, members and officials of clubs Affiliated with Ferntree Gully and District Cricket Association, along with the members of the FTGDCA executive, or those performing in a representative role with the association are expected to abide by the following policy.

### *Our Commitment*

Using the internet and electronic communication is essential for communicating with clubs, members and the general public. We are committed to communication being appropriate and related to relevant business.

### *What We Will Do*

When using technology we will ensure that volunteers/committee personnel' privacy is protected, clear boundaries are maintained and bullying and harassment does not occur.

### *Website, SMS, Emails, Facebook / Twitter*

Information on competitions, social events, committees, policies, constitution, rules and by-laws will be placed on our website.

- No offensive content or photos will be uploaded to our website, especially about social activities and events.
- The Media Officer will provide accountability and control over what goes onto our website and monitor Facebook and other social media pages.
- May be used to communicate business and sanctioned events and or promotions.
- Text communication should be short and about relevant matters
- No statements will be made that are misleading, false or likely to injure the reputation of another person.
- No statements will be made that might bring our sport into disrepute.

### *What We Ask Members to Do*

All members are expected to use the internet and electronic communication appropriately, so think about what you want to say before you write it.

Remember, an Email, Facebook or Twitter (and any other form of electronic written media) is a written record of your thoughts on a matter and can be used against you later.

Communication (including photos and video):

- Must not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully any member/clubs/association
- Must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of members/clubs/association
- Should seek to protect the privacy of members
- Must not bring the sport, member, club or association into disrepute

### *Non- Compliance*

Any member or club found to have sent inappropriate electronic communication, uploaded inappropriate website content or engaged in blogs or discussions that harass, offend, intimidate or humiliate another member or club, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our rules and by-laws.

Cyber bullying (eg, bullying that is carried out through an internet service such as email, a chat room, discussion group, instant messaging or web pages) under certain circumstances is a criminal offence that can be reported by victims to the police.

The Association, Member or Club can also initiate separate action where there has been a breach of this Policy.

Members publishing false or misleading comments about another person in the public domain (eg Facebook or websites) may be liable for defamation.

"Member" means any Club, Official, Coach or Individual.

## ADMINISTRATION - VETERANS COMPETITION

### 4.1 MANAGEMENT

- 4.1.1 A Chairman, a Match Secretary and four committee members shall be elected to form the FTGDCA sub committee of the Veterans Section.
- 4.1.2 The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the end of August. Clubs must notify the Match Secretary of their affiliation for the forthcoming season 14 days prior to the meeting.
- 4.1.3 The Executive shall be responsible for all activities of the Veterans Section – the draw, match reports, ladders, registrations, publicity, disputes, finals and Inter-Association games.
- 4.1.4 Proposed rule changes for the Veterans Section must be notified to the Match Secretary 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting for circulation to all clubs. ie – by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

When any player is reported in the Veterans competition by an umpire or Executive Member (Senior or Veterans) such report is to be heard by the Senior Independent Tribunal under tribunal guidelines. Any player found guilty under these conditions shall be ineligible to play in any other FTGDCA affiliated grade and shall be de-registered for the term of the penalty imposed by the tribunal. To apply for re-registration a player must do so in accordance with rule **2.10.11** of the Senior Handbook.

### 4.2 QUALIFICATIONS & REGISTRATIONS

- 4.2.1 To be eligible to play in the FTGDCA Veterans competition a player must be over 40 years of age by the 1<sup>st</sup> March in the current playing season.
- 4.2.2 All players must be registered in MyCricket before the current match results are entered as per Rule 4.4.

### 4.3 MEETINGS

Any club failing to attend Veterans Delegates Meetings shall incur a fine of \$25.

### 4.4 MATCH REPORTS

All match reports (both teams) Must be entered and confirmed into MyCricket by 9pm on the Tuesday evening following the game. Failure to forward such forms on time will incur a fine of \$50.

### 4.5 GROUNDS

Grounds to be used and wicket surfaces must be approved by the delegates of the Veterans Section. In the event of a scheduled ground being unavailable for play, the two clubs or captains have the right to transfer the game to an alternative venue as approved by the Veterans Executive.

### 4.6 ATTIRE

In all matches players must wear white cricket attire consisting of white trousers with a white shirt or approved club playing shirt.

### 4.7 CLEARANCES

- 4.7.1 Players transferring from a club prior to the commencement of the season must be noted on the block registration of the NEW club.
- 4.7.2 A player seeking a clearance during the season must complete a standard association clearance form. Such clearance shall be endorsed by the Veterans Executive.

## PLAYING RULES - VETERAN COMPETITION

### 5.1 PLAYING RULES

- 5.1.1 Play to start at 12.30 pm.
- 5.1.2 A maximum of 36 overs shall be bowled by either team
- 5.1.3 Afternoon tea shall be taken for a period of 20 minutes at the completion of the 36<sup>th</sup> over or the batting team being dismissed
- 5.1.4 The match is concluded when a first innings result is achieved.
- 5.1.5 **HEAT POLICY** - On the playing day of all Veterans matches – **to reflect the FTGDCA Heat Policy based on the forecast temperatures during the hours of play from the BOM at Scoresby at 9am on the morning of the game. For the Veterans competition it will be set at 38 degrees or above.**

### 5.2 RESTRICTIONS

- 5.2.1 Bowlers will be restricted to six (6) overs each. A ball rising above shoulder height at the batsman's normal stance is deemed a no-ball. The bowler will receive a first and final warning. Any further deliveries of this nature will see the bowler removed from bowling for the remainder of the game. The over to be completed by another player if required.
- 5.2.2 Batsmen are to retire when they reach their 40<sup>th</sup> run and cannot bat again. Wickets lost by compulsory retirement deemed retired not out.
- 5.2.3 If more than 15 minutes is lost due to inclement weather during either innings and no decision by 7.00 pm, the game shall be drawn.

### 5.3 MATCH POINTS

- 5.3.1 Match points to be awarded as follows – Innings Win    6 points
  - Abandoned Game                      3 points
  - Tied or Drawn Game                    3 points
  - Team with Bye                            2 points
  - Team receiving forfeit or second bye                                  Maximum points achieved that round

- 5.3.2 Any team withdrawing after commencement of the season will create a bye. In the event of an existing bye, a match shall be scheduled between the two remaining teams
- 5.3.3 Any team receiving a forfeit must submit a match report listing twelve players which shall be accepted as a qualifying game.

#### **5.4 QUALIFICATION – PLAYER & FINALS**

- 5.4.1 To qualify for a final a player must have played in three (3) matches of the Veterans Competition in which his club has participated during the home and away matches. In the event of a player participating with another club, that game shall count as a qualifying match. Such player's name and club to be listed on the match report form. In the event of a club having two teams in the Veterans Section a player having played in more than half the games in a higher grade in which the club has participated shall not be allowed to transfer to the lower grade unless such transfer is approved by the Executive.

NOTE: Games played in lower grades qualify for higher grade finals.

Players who have been suspended by the FTGDCA or another competition are ineligible to participate until their suspension has been completed.

#### **5.5 UMPIRES**

Each team must provide a senior person to umpire for the duration of the game

# TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES

## 6.1 REPORTS

- 6.1.1 Umpires reporting players or officials must notify the player and or official and the team captain of the report at the time the report is made or immediately following the end of play. In the event that both the player or official and the captain or his nominated replacement leaves the ground prior to the end of the game, then the report of the player/official is deemed to be advised by default and the FTGDCA will advise the club secretary of the report by 8.00 pm on the Monday following the days play.
- 6.1.2 The umpire must advise the Tribunal Secretary of any report by midday on the day following the day of the report.
- 6.1.3 The player reported or club secretary must be advised in writing of the charge/s against them by 8.00 pm on the Monday following the report.
- 6.1.4 The Tribunal Secretary has the option to refer incidents to the Match Committee who have the power to offer the reported player on a guilty plea, a penalty as they deem fit in lieu of a tribunal hearing.

If accepted the player shall remain liable per **rule 1.10.11** of the handbook.

- 6.1.5 Umpires shall be permitted to amend reports sheets for minor alterations only with approval of the Tribunal Chairman.

## 6.2 TRIBUNAL SITTINGS

- 6.2.1 The tribunal shall sit on every Wednesday night (if required) following the end of every days play.
- 6.2.2 The tribunal shall consist of three members appointed by the Executive provided however if both the reported player and his advocate agree two such appointed members shall constitute a tribunal.
- 6.2.3 If for any reason whatsoever the tribunal is unable to sit, the next sitting shall be determined by the Tribunal Secretary. Any player charged and who would have been eligible to appear before the reconstituted tribunal and shall be eligible to play any games prior to the sitting of the reconstituted tribunal.
- 6.2.4 The tribunal shall sit at such venue as is arranged by the Tribunal Secretary and the obligation to ascertain the venue shall be on the charged player or club official
- 6.2.5 The Tribunal Secretary shall be permitted to sit with the tribunal; however, he/she shall not constitute or be deemed to be a member of the tribunal.

## 6.3 INABILITY TO ATTEND TRIBUNAL

- 6.3.1 If a player or official has been reported, and such person is unable to attend the tribunal for any reason which shall be in the opinion of the Tribunal Secretary sufficient grounds to postpone the sitting of the tribunal, such player or official shall notify the Tribunal Secretary of his inability to attend not later than 6.00 pm on the Monday preceding the tribunal. Such player or official shall be de-registered and shall be ineligible to play in any game or participate in any official capacity until such time as he/she does appear before the tribunal. If he/she fails to appear at the next sitting, the tribunal shall be entitled to hear the charge in his/her absence and upon him/her being proven guilty shall be entitled to apply such penalty as they deem warranted.

## 6.4 TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE

- 6.4.1 The Tribunal Chairman shall be such person as is appointed by the Executive.
- 6.4.2
  - a) Any person, player or official charged shall be entitled to be represented by an advocate. Such advocate must be either a delegate or official of the club to which the charged party is a member but shall in no case be a barrister or solicitor.
  - b) Any umpire shall be entitled to be represented by an advocate who shall not be a barrister or solicitor.
- 6.4.3 The Tribunal Secretary will ascertain whether the charged player/official and or his/her advocate and or umpire are present. If so they shall be required to appear before the tribunal wherein the charge shall be read and the player or official charged shall be asked if he/she pleads guilty or not guilty.

## 6.5 NOT GUILTY PLEA

Where player or official pleads NOT GUILTY, clauses to 6.5.9 to apply

- 6.5.1 If the charged player or official pleads not guilty the umpire shall be requested to put before the tribunal all matters relating to the report and call or produce any evidence in support of the report.
- 6.5.2 The player or official or his advocate and the tribunal members shall then be entitled to ask questions and obtain clarification or amplification of evidence from the umpire and any witness called by the umpire.
- 6.5.3 The player or official shall then be called to give his account of the facts relating to the report and his advocate shall be entitled to question him in respect of same as shall any member of the tribunal.
- 6.5.4 Once the player or official has put his evidence before the tribunal the umpire or advocate shall be entitled to question such player or official as to any item arising from such evidence.
- 6.5.5 The player or official and his advocate shall be entitled call witnesses to give evidence in support of the charged player or official and the tribunal and the umpire or advocate shall be entitled to question any such witness called.
- 6.5.6 When all evidence has been placed before the tribunal, the umpire and the advocate or player or official shall be requested whether they wish to sum up their case and once the tribunal is satisfied that it has all the evidence, all persons shall be asked to leave the room and the tribunal will consider the case and record a finding.
- 6.5.7 If the player or official is found guilty by the tribunal, the player or official or his advocate shall be requested to enter the room and shall be asked if they have any prior convictions resulting from reports. The player or official or his advocate shall be given the opportunity to introduce any character evidence before the tribunal. The player or official shall then withdraw.
- 6.5.8 The tribunal shall then consider and apply such penalty as it thinks fit.
- 6.5.9 Once a decision has been made by the tribunal, the Tribunal Secretary shall reassemble the hearing and the Tribunal Chairman shall announce the finding of the tribunal.

## 6.6 GUILTY PLEA

Where player or official pleads guilty, clauses 6.6.1 to 6.6.8 to apply

- 6.6.1 If the charged player or official pleads guilty the umpire shall be requested to put before the tribunal all matters relating to the report and the circumstances under which the report arose.
- 6.6.2 The charged player or official or his advocate shall be entitled to question the umpire as to the evidence given by the said umpire.
- 6.6.3 The player or official or his advocate shall be asked if they have any prior convictions resulting from reports. The player or

official or his advocate shall then be given the opportunity to introduce any character evidence before the tribunal.

- 6.6.4 The player or official shall then be called to give his account of the facts relating to the report and his advocate shall be entitled to question him in respect of same as shall any member of the tribunal.
- 6.6.5 Once the player or official has put his evidence before the tribunal the umpire and or advocate shall be entitled to question such player or official as to any item arising from such evidence.
- 6.6.6 The player or official or his advocate shall be entitled to call witnesses to give evidence in support of the charged player or official and the tribunal, umpire and or advocate shall be entitled to question any such witness called.
- 6.6.7 The tribunal room shall then be cleared and the tribunal shall consider and apply such penalty as it thinks fit.
- 6.6.8 Once a decision has been made by the tribunal the Tribunal Secretary shall reassemble the hearing and the Tribunal Chairman shall announce the penalties applied.

## **6.7 RECORDING OF FINDING & PENALTY**

- 6.7.1 Such findings and penalties shall be recorded and signed by all members of the tribunal.

## **6.8 UNSATISFACTORY EVIDENCE**

- 6.8.1 Any witness who in the opinion of the tribunal gives unsatisfactory evidence may be charged by the Chairman of the tribunal and informed that he/she may be dealt with by them, then and there.

## **6.9 EXECUTIVE POWERS TO REPORT**

- 6.9.1 Where in pursuance of their powers a member of the Executive shall report a player or official wherein in these rules the word "Umpire" appears it shall be substituted for the words "Executive Member."

## **6.10 FTGDCA TRIBUNAL GUIDELINES**

- a) Persons having a good record may incur a smaller range of penalties on the first offence.
- b) A penalty to a person may be increased if the person has a previous conviction.
- c) Additional penalty may be incurred if injury is caused, or for other special reasons at the discretion of the tribunal.
- d) More severe penalties may be imposed where a team or group is involved in a brawl or melee.
- e) The penalty may be reduced or increased in special cases at the discretion of the tribunal.
- f) Listed ranges of penalties

Assault	Fighting, several players involved	6 – 12 weeks
	Striking	4 – 10 weeks
Misconduct	Abusive or obscene language	4 – 6 weeks
	Fielding / obstructing batsmen or opposite	4 – 6 weeks
	Adopting fighting or threatening attitude	4 – 8 weeks
Misconduct (Toward Umpires)	Unsportsmanlike behaviour, e.g. disputing decisions, knocking stumps	4 – 8 weeks
	Adopting threatening attitude	4 – 12 months
	Assaulting an umpire, abusive language	3 months – life
	Striking an umpire	Life
Other Charges	Penalty at discretion of tribunal	

