

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Agenda of the SMCA General Meeting 28 May 2018



PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

AGENDA ITEMS

From the Executive

ITEM 1. – By Law amendments – the following By Law changes are recommended. Items that have been changed are in red.

11. Dropping players to lower grades

a. In all qualifying matches, no player can drop more than one grade at a time within his Club structure other than a player promoted to a higher grade who can return to his original grade provided it is in the next fixture that the player plays in.

~~During qualifying matches only, in the case of Fifth Grade and below, all one day only grades shall collectively be deemed to be one grade.~~

Clarification:

During qualifying matches, a club with three or more two-day grade teams may drop players from their lowest two-day grade team to any of their one-day only grade teams.

During qualifying matches, a club with only two (2) or one (1) two-day grade team(s) can only drop players from their lowest two-day grade team to their highest one-day grade team

~~Clarification: This means that if a Club's lowest two day grade is in First to Fourth grade no player can drop more than one grade at a time within his Club structure.~~

Comment Last season Kwinana and Kelmscott who only had two two-day teams had their second two-day team in fifth grade were able to drop players to any of their one day teams, while Bicton Attadale and Hilton who also only had two two-day teams who were in 1st to 4th grade were not able to drop players to any of their one day grades. This Amendment removes the ambiguity that has arisen.

Decision:

41. Qualifying for end of season finals

a. A player ~~must take part~~ must **be named in the team 11** in at least six (6) days of fixtured matches with his club to be eligible for finals. Should a season be shortened due to

unforeseen circumstances the Executive may restate the number of qualifying days.

Decision:

47. Clearances

c. Any player transferring between clubs within the SMCA must have a clearance completed on MyCricket prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates. Failure to do so will deem the player not cleared and a forfeit will be the result and penalties applied. The Association Administrator will transfer the said player's details to the new club as soon as is practical. No player cleared or transferred to an SMCA Club during the season can be cleared or transferred to another SMCA Club for a period of 28 days.

- i. Players from other affiliated competitions are not permitted to play on a temporary basis. Clearance requests will be denied under these circumstances.
- ii. **Junior players (who qualify to play in the junior competitions) and who are playing District Cricket in the WACA competition are allowed to play with their SMCA origin club when not selected for their WACA club.**

Comment: This addendum allows junior players who play WACA District juniors and get selected for the WACA Club senior teams on an irregular basis to continue play with their SMCA club as required.

Decision:

d. In the event of any club playing an uncleared player, the match where the offence is first reported shall forfeit against the club playing an uncleared player. See Bylaw 69 for penalties. The uncleared player will be suspended for four (4) playing days.

e. Players who have not played in the past three seasons do not need a clearance to their new club, provided they are not registered with the SMCA as unfinancial with a previous club.

Comment: This item is covered in the Information package provided to clubs at the start of the season and needs to be included in the By laws

Decision:

69. Fines

Rule	Description	Penalty
1	Non-return of office bearers to the Association at or before the Annual General Meeting	\$100
2	Non-attendance of member club at a General meeting – first occurrence	\$50

3	Non-attendance of member club at General meeting – second consecutive occurrence	\$100
4	Withdrawal of team after nomination (per team)	\$200
5	Failure to follow correct clearance procedures	\$50
6	Playing an unregistered, uncleared or unqualified player (per player)	\$50 & loss of match and points
7	Playing a player in a grade in which that player is not entitled to play (per player)	\$50 & loss of match and points
8	Late submission of completed match report	\$100
9	Late submission of completed match report – not submitted within five (5) days after the completion of the match	Loss of Match and points
10	Non-return or late return of captain's report on umpire -8pm Monday A further \$10 fine per week applies for each week this report remains outstanding.	\$20 \$10
11	Forfeiture of match – first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$100.00	\$50
12	Late notification of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$200.00	\$100
13	Failure to notify of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$400.00	\$200
14	Players wearing incorrect attire (per player)	\$20
15	Inadequate pitch or ground markings (home team)	\$50
16	Failure to advise of venue change	\$50
17	Any other contravention of Association rules or by-laws	\$50
18	Failure to submit team list on MyCricket before the commencement of match.	\$100

Decision:

ITEM 2 – Full Tosses above waist height

(1) Full Tosses above waist height. The Laws of Cricket were changed in 2017 in regard to the bowling of Full Tosses above waist height. During the 2017/18 season it became apparent that further clarification within the SMCA is required. Three options are given:

(a) As these high balls are generally skill errors and not intentional, don't make the call at all to suspend the bowler and just keep calling "no balls" and the associated penalty.

(b) The SMCA enforces the suspension of the bowler and adopt the new Laws of Cricket (2 balls).

(c) The SMCA enforces the suspension of the bowler and make it after 3 balls (old Laws of Cricket).

The Executive recommends that the Association must follow the Laws of Cricket in regard to bowling of Full Tosses above waist height (option B). Any ball that is bowled above waist height with the batsman at the crease, it is to be called a no ball and if the bowler bowls a second full toss above waist height, they then cannot bowl any further in the innings.

Decision:

ITEM 3 – Substitute Fielders

Substitute Fielders - Previously the Laws of Cricket allowed a fielder to leave the field for up to 15 minutes without affecting his ability to bowl when he resumed the field of play. If the period was over 15 minutes then he had to be back on the field for the same amount of time before he could bowl.

With the introduction of the new Laws of Cricket this changed substantially by not allowing the fielder to resume bowling for every minute off the field. This is called Penalty Time.

In the past there was no need to have a clause in the bylaws because it was covered in the Laws of Cricket.

The Executive recommends that the Association introduces the following by law (either in By law 8 or By law 15):

Fielder leaving the field - If a fielder leaves the field of play during a session of play,

(a) The umpire shall be informed of the reason for the absence.

(b) The fielder shall not thereafter resume on the field during a session of play, without the consent of the umpire. The umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable.

(c) The fielder shall not be permitted to bowl until they have resumed on the field for at least that length of playing time for which they were absent.

Decision:

ITEM 4 – Tea Interval

Bylaw 14 c (Tea Interval) needs to be changed to - Laws of Cricket 11.7. This clause numbering changed with the new Laws of Cricket operative from 1st October 2017.

Decision:

ITEM 5- The Executive's proposal to withdraw from the Cricket West cup as from next season.

Cricket West were advised in January 2018 that the SMCA intends to withdraw from the Cricket West competition for the next season due to the difficulties in fielding teams. This withdrawal is subject to club ratification at the General meeting in May 2018.

A mixed reaction was received and other Associations could also withdraw as they are also struggling to fill teams on a Sunday. It is unlikely that there will be any financial implications.

The Executive recommends that the Association withdraw its remaining two teams (Seniors and Veterans) from the Cricket West Competition.

Decision:

ITEM 6 - The Two-day Competition to play 3 two-day games before Christmas and finish the season with 4 two-day games.

The current format has resulted has resulted in the mid-season one day final being scheduled too close to the end of season final. By playing only 3 two day games before Christmas the mid season final can now be held in mid-season.

Decision:

ITEM 7 - Playing dates for next season.

The draft playing dates for the 2018/19 season are attached.

Decision:

ITEM 8- Player Identification

Player Identification and misuse of player ID numbers has become a significant issue. There are instances where a player has played in two different teams for the same club on the same day as evidenced in player scores. In addition there are differences in the names entered in the hand written team list that is exchanged between captains, and the player scores entered into my cricket and the team list entered into my cricket prior to the start of a match as required by By law 7(a).

Decision:

ITEM 9 - Cheating

Allegations of cheating in some matches and in particular grades are a major concern. With some teams (ie One Day D grade) repeatedly requesting official umpires when playing against certain teams. This matter continued throughout the season and anecdotally has been occurring in certain areas of the competition for a number of seasons. This is despite the SMCA advising all clubs to respect and follow the "Spirit of Cricket" guidelines.

Decision:

ITEM 10 - SMCA Social Media

The way the social world is moving, websites and their purpose have changed significantly in the last few years and they are no longer pages visited for long periods of time. People are now turning to social media for updates and announcements. Unfortunately for some, if you don't have facebook/twitter/instagram you are the slim minority now.

It has been recommended that the Association create the position of Social Media Coordinator. This would be a paid position and could include most of what is spoken about on the radio show, updates during finals, player milestones etc.

The Association needs to use the various social media formats disseminate information etc. Moderation of the SMCA social media platforms would be required to ensure content and posts are in accordance with the relevant By laws.

For Information - The Executive will pursue this further.

ITEM 11 - Association Wide sponsorship - potential sponsorship from Gage Roads Brewing.

Gage Roads Brewing have expressed an interest in providing sponsorship to the clubs in the Association. While this concept is worthwhile, the individual clubs with liquor licences have their own sponsorship agreements. The SMCA does not want to intrude on each clubs arrangements. Very few clubs in the Association have keg beer on tap. Some clubs have already taken up sponsorship with Gage Roads Brewing.

For Information

From Leeming Spartan CC

ITEM 12

Leeming Spartan CC have requested a BYE for all their teams on Saturday 17 Nov 18 as they are holding their Centenary Ball in the evening. They have asked to play their fixtured matches for the 17th on either the Sunday (11th) before or the Sunday after (25th). It is understood that Cockburn CC may be willing to play Leeming on the Sunday's

Looking ahead at the proposed 2018/19 playing dates the weekend 24/25 November is probably the most suitable time with play on a Sunday for those affected teams.

For Information

From Cockburn Cricket Club

ITEM 13

Cockburn propose the introduction of the promotion & relegation system (in lieu of the current grade mirroring) to be applied to all SMCA 2 day grade competitions with the condition that a club may only field 1 team maximum per grade. This would promote a truly strong and even competition across all grades and also help reduce having clubs fielding teams in grades higher/lower than they should be playing.

Decision:

ITEM 14

Cockburn supports the introduction of 35 overs maximum per side for One Day C and below grades due to excessive overs being bowled (due to wide balls being called down leg side), resulting in unacceptable game finish times.

Decision:

ITEM 15

Cockburn supports a reduction of One Day Only Grades and introduction of an 8th grade with a mix of 10 one-day games and 5 two day games (65 overs).

Decision:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CLOSURE:

NEXT MEETINGS

- 1. EXECUTIVE MEETING - MONDAY - 9 JULY 6PM – LEEMING**
- 2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -MONDAY 6 AUG 2018 – 7PM – LEEMING**

Attachments:

1. Draft Playing dates for 2018/19