

Notes from Presidents and Captains Meetings

Mirroring

Generally, the club Presidents and Captains aren't in favour of the mirroring system as it is. If it isn't strictly enforced in Grades 1-4, then it should be scrapped.

However, they are in favour of maintaining the current '16 best clubs' in 1st and 2nd Grades, rather than the '16 best teams'. This means that no club will have teams in both 1st and 2nd Grade.

Promotion and Relegation

The club Presidents and Captains are in favour of adopting a 'one up, one down' system across the Two-Day Grades, with some variation around promotion from 3rd Grade to 2nd Grade. If a club earns promotion from 3rd to 2nd Grade, but they already have a team in 1st or 2nd Grade, then the next club that meets certain criteria*, that doesn't already have a team in 1st or 2nd Grade will be promoted.

There is also the basic understanding and agreement that clubs shouldn't have two teams in one Grade, so the 'one up, one down' system will have to be built to suit.

*Certain criteria to be determined, but will be along the lines of finished in the top four etc.

Grading Structure

Club Presidents and Captains are willing to trial a change to the grading system whereby the top two or three One-Day Only Grades are graded in a block after the top two or three Two-Day Grades. For example:

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

One Day A

One Day B

Once Day C

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

One Day D ...

This restructure has the potential to allow the better players in the higher One-Day Only Grades to move more freely into and out of the higher Two-Day Grades. This will assist clubs with picking teams and ensuring that our Premier Grades showcase our best talent, even if that talent isn't always up to the rigors of constant Two-Day cricket.

It will also enable better umpires to officiate in the higher One-Day Only Grades, where the level of cricket is often greater than that in the lower Two-Day Grades.

There is the identified issue of players being 'dropped' from a higher bracket Two-Day Grade into a lower one, potentially skipping a higher bracket One-Day Only Grade. That point is up for discussion but could be solved by allowing players to move freely between all Two-Day Grades.

T20 Considerations

The club Presidents and Captains' preferred method for determining a representative club for the Cricket West Community Cup is via a knockout Sunday competition, with clubs nominating prior to the season starting. The exact format of this competition will be determined by the number of nominations, the dates of the Community Cup, and any other external factors that may come into play. Clubs should be allowed to enter as many or as few teams as they like.

As this knockout T20 competition would be in the first part of the season, the clubs are still interested in having the F15 comp in the second half of the season, perhaps even starting as soon as the T20 comp finishes.

There is also a willingness to trial a Saturday T20 competition within the existing One-Day Only Grades. Teams could play each other twice in regular 35 over matches (home and away), and the remaining playing days could be used for a Round Robin T20 competition similar to what was run last season in the Two-Day Grades. The T20 matches could be played on the days that the Two-Day Grades play One-Day matches.

It is acknowledged that there is a risk that regular Two-Day Grade players may choose to play these games, rather than One-Day matches in the Two-Day Grades.