

South Metropolitan Cricket Association



Minutes of the SMCA General Meeting held at
Leeming on Monday 8th May 2017

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Executive: Graham Santich - President, Graeme Ashley - Treasurer, John Griffin –Vice President and Minutes, Paul Speering, Ian Hale and Ray Howe – Umpires Advisor

Clubs - As per register

APOLOGIES: Kwinana CC, Gary Hartman, Ian Del Rosso, Mark Innallelo

ABSENT CLUBS: Cannington Tigers, CBC, Kelmscott, Piara Waters, Safety Bay, Thornlie, Willetton

AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were discussed:

From the Executive:

Following By-Law Changes recommended. Items that have been changed are in **red/bold**.

Item 1 – Change By-Law 7 heading and content to By-Law 7b.

7. Match results and Team Lists

- a. Both teams shall be responsible for submitting a team list, using MyCricket, before the commencement of the match.
- b. The home team is responsible for submitting an in progress score on day one of a two-day match and the full score and result at the completion of all matches, using MyCricket, by 10am on the day after each day's play. **For all finals matches progress scores must be submitted by 10 pm on the day of the match.** Failure to meet these deadlines will incur a fine of \$100.00 per offending club.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 2 – Change By-Law 10.

10. Playing conditions during byes

- a. If a club has a lower grade **or grades** match on a date that a higher grade in that club does not have a match fixtured (i.e. a bye **or a forfeit**) then, notwithstanding By-Law 41.c only a maximum of two (2) players can drop from the higher grade observing the bye/**forfeit** to the lower grade **or grades** for that fixture.
- b. **For the purpose of this By Law, one day only grades shall be graded highest to lowest with "A" being the highest.**
- c. **Playing an ineligible player under this by law is a forfeit and loss of points for the match.**

Discussion- Not Agreed

Item 3 – Changes to By-Law 11a and b for better clarity. Some re lettering of By-Law headings

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: 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.

Split player option:

Preamble: **The split player option** rule is intended to allow players playing in two-day fixtures to play only one day of a two-day fixture. The intention is not for a player who is playing in the two-day competition to play on the other day in a one-day grade only fixture.

b. Split Player Option: Teams may name, prior to the coin toss; two players (11A and 11B) to split the duties of a regular player in two-day qualifying matches and finals, provided:

- i. That neither player plays in any other grade on either of the two fixtured playing days; except a player who last played in a one day only grade who can play in a one day only grade on the other day.
- ii. Only player 11A can participate on day one, with player 11B only participating on day two;
- iii. Only one of the split players can bat in each innings.
- iv. This rule shall apply to all two-day matches, including finals.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 4 – Replace By-Law 12a with the following

12. Procedure for notice of forfeit

a. If any club shall not be able to play in any match arranged by the Association or field a team, such club shall forfeit the match and give notice thereof in the manner prescribed at the commencement of each season.

Item 4 – Make following changes to By-Law 12b

b. If a club is unable to field a team in a grade for a match under By-Laws 12.a then the club will forfeit its lowest grade team. In the event of a club forfeiting a side other than the lowest grade team in the club structure, all teams below the forfeiting side in the club structure shall also forfeit **and lose points**. The club shall be responsible for all match costs and associated fines. For these purposes it is deemed that all grades playing one-day cricket only shall be ranked in graded order. **ie A to Z**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 5 – Make following changes to By-Law 13

13. Scoring

a. Each Captain shall hand a team list to the Umpire, or opposing Captain, prior to the toss on the first days play. The scorers must sit together and check that scores match constantly. The scorebooks must be checked and signed by both Captains and Umpire/s, at the completion of each innings and each day's play. **Team captains are to ensure that the scorebook details are completed prior to the umpires signing.**

b. In the event of a discrepancy in the scorebooks then the method used to determine the actual score or scores shall be the mean average between the bowling aggregate and the sundries and the batting aggregate and sundries of both books. In dispute, the listed bowling and batting figures are to stand for all Association and club averages. If a discrepancy occurs and an official umpire is in attendance, both scorebooks are to be handed to the umpire and presented to the Association Administrator **for review. The decision of the Administrator is final.**

c. Both teams are required to provide a scorer. In the event of the fielding team not having a scorer available, the batting team shall provide both scorers.

d. Electronic scoring is permitted. Teams scoring electronically must have a backup plan in case of technology failure.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 6 – Make following changes to By-Law 14

14. Hours of play

a. Hours of play in qualifying rounds shall be from 1.00 to 3.00 and 3.20 to 5.30pm on consecutive Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons. **In matches which have been deemed as 65 over matches by the Executive, the hours of play shall be from 1.00 to 3.00pm and 3.20 to 5pm.**

b. Hours of play in two-day senior finals shall be from **1.00 to 3.00 pm and 3.20pm to 5.30pm. In finals matches which have been deemed as 65 over matches by the Executive, the hours of play shall be from 1.00 to 3.00pm and 3.20 to 5pm.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 7 – Add new part b to By-Law 15 with subsequent headings being re lettered

15. Overs

b. 65 over Matches - Each batting side unless dismissed for less, shall receive sixty-five (65) overs in the first innings. If sixty-five (65) overs have been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play shall cease. If sixty-five (65) over's have not been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play will continue until the stipulated over's have been bowled. On completion of sixty-five (65) overs the innings shall be closed. On the first day, if the team batting first is all out, or declares before the completion of sixty five (65) overs, and there is time remaining for the opposition to go in to bat, then stumps will be drawn at the scheduled close of play, irrespective of whether sixty five (65) overs have been bowled or not. On the second day, the team batting second is entitled to further sixty-five (65) overs. If the side fielding first in a two day match dismisses the batting side within 30 minutes of the scheduled close of play, it will have the option of deciding if it will bat until the close of play.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 8 – Addition content to part b of By-Law 26

26. Bowling limitations

b. In reduced over matches due to weather or other circumstances beyond the control of either team, **no reduction for individual bowlers is required and the eight (8) overs maximum for a 40 over match and the seven (7) overs maximum for a 35 over match will still apply.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 9 – Additional content to part d of By-Law 29

29. Result (qualifying rounds)

d. Where no play is possible, average overall points for the round (if any matches were played) in that grade will be granted. **In the case of a team(s) winning on forfeit prior to the scheduled start time, they will receive the points for a first innings points win.** To claim the points, a team list must be entered onto Mycricket in accordance with by law 7a.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 10 – Change By-Law 33 heading and content to By-Law 33a, 33b 33d and re lettering of some headings

33. Qualification for the Two Day Competition Mid Season One Day Final

a. A player must take part in at **least three (3) of the** fixtured one-day matches **in the two day competition**, to be eligible for the **two day competition** mid season one-day finals. Should the season be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive may restate the number of qualifying days.

b. No days played in any two-day fixture shall be considered for **qualification in the two- day competition Mid Season One Day Final**. No player shall play in a lower grade final unless he has played the majority of days in that grade or lower. For the purpose of this rule the term “majority” means more than half.

d. Players may come up from lower **two-day grades** in the club’s structure, providing By-Law 33.a is met.

e. Players may also come from the one-day competition to play in a club’s lowest two day grade team that qualifies for the mid-season one day final, providing that By-law 33.a is met. A maximum of two players can be called up.

Discussion - Not Agreed – While there was general consensus to this proposal more refinement is required to cater for club’s that have multiple teams in the mid-season two day competition One Day Final.

Item 11 – Changes to By-Law 46 content and re lettering of headings

46. Registration

a. All clubs must list and register players, regardless of age, on MyCricket prior to such players playing for that club in any match organised by the SMCA. No late registrations will be accepted.

b. The minimum age for a player to qualify for registration to the SMCA is 14 years old.

c. The closing date for registration of players shall be prior to the commencement of the last

qualifying fixture.

d. When two (2) clubs within the Association merge to form one club the players registered with both those clubs will be bound to the new club formed by such merger and will require a clearance to move from that new club.

e. In the event of any club playing an unregistered player, the match where the offence is first reported shall count as a forfeit against the club playing the unregistered player. See By-Law 69 for penalties. The side not at fault is awarded forfeit points or points earned in the match, whichever is the greater. All match statistics for non-offending players will stand for Association trophies.

f. Players registered for any given club on MyCricket will require a clearance to play elsewhere. 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.

g. In the event of a club playing a player under a false name, then all matches participated in by that club in that round shall be considered to be forfeited with the penalties as outlined in By-Law 46.d to apply. The Captain of the offending team in which the player participated is to be suspended for six playing dates for filling in a false team sheet. The player who has offended will incur an automatic six playing days suspension. The matter may also be dealt with by the Protests, Disputes and Appeals Board if warranted.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 12 – Changes to word in By-Law 47a and content in 47c, new 47d with subsequent re lettering of heading.

47. Clearances

a. Any player transferring from any Association affiliated with the W.A.C.A. (Metropolitan or Country based), must **provide** a clearance from the club in which he last played. Where this association uses MyCricket then the clearance must be finalised prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates.

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.**

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.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 13 – Addition of By-Law 51f

51. Composition of grades

f. Where a club has more than one (1) team in a particular grade, players from that club can only play for one (1) of those teams in the finals series. Player finals qualifications – by law 41 apply. Breach of this bylaw will result in a forfeit and loss of points.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 14 – Change of content to By-Law 56f

56. Drinks

- c. No team drinks shall be taken on the field **within 30 minutes of the schedule time for stumps.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 15 – New By-Law 62f, g, h and q with re lettering of other headings

62. Protests and disputes

f. In the case of a Protest, the protesting identity will present the case as Complainant and the opposing identity will be the Respondent.

g. In the case of a Protest or Dispute or Code of Conduct matter:

i a player Respondent may appear at the hearing or be represented by a person other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.

li a Club that is a Complainant or a Respondent may be represented by a member of its committee other than a legal practitioner or law clerk

h. The Complainant and the Respondent may call witnesses to support the case. For the avoidance of doubt, the person representing a player or Club may not give evidence: at the hearing they must appear as a witness or a representative of a party, but not both.

q. A suspended player is not permitted to enter the playing field, during the scheduled hours of play of any SMCA fixtured match.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 16 – Change of content to By-Law 63ai

63. Disciplinary hearings and procedure for reporting

a. Any affiliated member of a club or body can be reported by an Umpire, member of the opposing team, Club Official, Association Official or Scorer for disciplinary action, using the following procedure:

i. The umpire, member of the opposing team, club official, Association Official or scorer shall notify the captain and/or the offending person verbally as to the nature of the report. **The offending player(s) club will be notified by the Administrator by email or SMS within 24 hours of the completion of the match. If the offending person or their team captain is unavailable, then their club is responsible for notifying the offending player.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 17 – Change of content to By-Law 64b, c and d.

64. Cautions

b. The umpire shall notify the captain, club official or the player at the time of the offence. The umpire shall request the notified person to sign the Player Caution Form to signify his notification of the caution. **The charges and By-laws will be listed on the Caution Form.**

c. Refusal to sign the Player Caution Form will invoke an immediate four **(4)** playing dates

suspension on the player cautioned and **the offending player's** team captain.

d. **The umpire shall submit the Player Caution Form to the Umpires Advisor by email or verbal notification before 9pm on the day of play. The Umpires Advisor shall advise the Association Administrator who will register the caution and confirm to the offending players club of that registration.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 18 – Change of content to By-Law 65 and b.

65. Prescribed penalties

a. Any player offered a Prescribed Penalty may elect to accept the penalty for the offence which that player is reported. Should a player wish the matter to be heard by the P&D, notification should be made to the Association in the manner prescribed at the commencement of each season prior to 9.00pm on the day of play in which the player was reported. A lack of notification to the Association by the deadline will invoke the penalty for the offence, which that player was reported for.

This does not dilute the right of the association to reject this acceptance and have the matter heard by the P&D if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.

b. Reportable offences and penalties:

- (i) using to give name to an umpire - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (ii) No action taken by captain to control players after being requested by an umpire - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (iii) Dissent towards an umpire's decision, **Minor Dispute** - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (iv) Throwing bat, gloves helmet or other equipment in an aggressive manner - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (v) Kicking or knocking stumps over deliberately - Two (2) playing dates ban,
Deliberate time wasting - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (vi) Fieldsmen making disparaging remarks about a batsman's ability - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (vii) Batsman making disparaging remarks about a bowlers or fieldsmen's ability - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (viii) Persistent sledging of opposition players - Two (2) playing dates ban,
- (ix) Fieldsmen making ridiculous appeals - Two (2) playing dates ban,**
- (x) Misconduct – Two (2) playing dates ban.**
- (xi) Changing the condition of the ball - Two (2) playing dates ban.**
- (xii) Minor Inappropriate physical contact between players - Two (2) playing dates ban.**
- (xiii) Fieldsmen directing batsmen off the ground by gestures or words – **Two (2)** ~~Four (4)~~ playing dates ban,
- (xiv) Disputing of an umpires decision by gestures or words – **Four (4)** ~~Six (6)~~ playing dates ban,

(xv) Abusing or swearing at an opposition player, teammate or spectator - **Four (4)** ~~Six (6)~~ playing dates ban,

(xvi) **Medium Inappropriate physical contact between players – Four (4) playing dates ban**

(xvii) Intimidating an umpire by gestures or words - Six (6) playing dates ban,

(xviii) Abusing or swearing at an umpire - Six (6) playing dates ban.

Discussion - Agreed – While item was agreed to, the Clubs requested clarification and guidelines on Minor and Medium terminology. Note – Prescribed Penalties are awarded by Official Umpires appointed by the Association.

Item 19 – Change of lettering to headings

67. Appeals Tribunal

Any person or club affected by a decision of the Protests, Disputes and Appeals Board shall have the right of appeal back to that Board provided one of the following applies:

Discussion - Agreed

Item 20 – Change of content to By-Law 69 part 6.

69. Fines

6	Playing an unregistered, uncleared or unqualified player (per player)	\$50 & loss of match and points
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Discussion - Agreed

Item 21 – Change of content to By-Law 71

71. – Fairest and Best Award - Jim McKenna Medal

The Fairest and Best Award is presented to the person adjudged as the fairest and best player in the First Grade competition. Votes are allocated by the umpires on a 3, 2 and 1 basis. Any player who incurs a match suspension or prescribed penalty during the season is ineligible for the Fairest and Best award.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 22 – Change of number from 71 to 72

72. Individual awards

The Association Administrator shall determine the winners of individual trophies from the information entered on MyCricket. The onus is on the clubs to make sure it is correct.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 23 – Change of number from 72 to 73 and content

73. Batting averages and aggregates

To qualify, batsmen must have played at least eleven (11) **playing days** in that grade and have scored a minimum of two hundred (200) runs.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 24 – Change of number from 73 to 74 and content

74. Bowling averages and aggregates

To qualify, bowlers must have played at least eleven (11) **playing days** in that grade and have taken a minimum of twenty (20) wickets.

Discussion - Agreed

Item 25 – Change of number from 74 to 75 and content to 75b

75. Club championship – Brian Waterer Shield

On Completion of the qualifying rounds, each season, the Club Championship awards shall be decided in accordance with the following:

- a. To be eligible each club must have at least three teams participating in **the two- day competition** with one of those teams in either First or Second Grade. **Only points received in the two-day grades shall be awarded to the Clubs.**

Discussion - Agreed

Item 26 – Change of number from 75 to 76

76. Suspect Bowling Action

Discussion - Agreed

Following matter recommended.

Item 28 – Creation of new Executive Position

The SMCA recommends an additional position of Secretary to share some of the workload currently carried out by the Administrator.

Since the 2007/08 season this position was created which merged the responsibilities of Secretary, Registrar and Publicity Officer into a single role. The present incumbent, Gary Hartman has performed the duties associated with this position in an exemplary manner to the extent that fixtures are being generated and published well before the season with very little input required from other members of the Executive

However, the volume of effort required to undertake this role has taken its toll especially in view of the additional day to day administrative issues demanded by member clubs

At our Executive meeting on 6th February we discussed the possibility of creating an additional position of Secretary who would be responsible for some of the roles presently performed by the Administrator

It is suggested the following roles be allocated as follows:

Administrator

Fixtures

Acceptance of Team Nominations

Clearances and registrations

Website Maintenance

Receipt of Reports on Players

MyCricket Administrator
Notification of Forfeits
Fines Report
Trophy Winners Report

Secretary

General enquiries
Agenda and Minutes and Scheduling of Meetings Publicity Acceptance and Response to
Correspondence Ordering of Medals, Pennants and Trophies Organising personnel for P & D Cases
Annual Report

Discussion - Agreed

Item 29 – Heat Policy from Kenwick Cricket Club

The KCC wishes to seek clarity on was the SMCA's Heat Policy.

The rationale is that the SMCA talks about 'extremely hot' or 'exceptionally hot weather' in the By-Laws (2) but these terms are not defined. Given we are in an age of player welfare and that we are not professional athletes, we believe the SMCA should consider clearly defining these terms.

The KCC would like to know when the SMCA would consider invoking By-Law 2(b)(ii). Given that the SMCA advises that the primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of individual players rests with the players and clubs (By-Law 2(c)), we feel that it is time someone actually did take responsibility.

We feel as though there may have been occasions where the SMCA could have taken some leadership on this issue and cancelled a fixture or two in the 2016/17 season for 'extreme heat'. We all know other competitions in WA and other states have done so recently. We experienced a couple of instances where players suffered for several days after the game with heat related issues. At the end of the day we all have to continue after cricket and go to work on Monday.

We also cite the recent unfortunate event where a WAAFL player died after playing sport in the heat. The WAAFL have now created a heat policy where games must be finished before 10.30am or not started until after 4.30pm on hot days.

We propose that if the SMCA is not going to seriously address the issue, that we will do so at a club level and implement our own heat policy in line with their By-Law 2(c). We would propose that if a forecast temperature is for 40 degrees on the playing day, and it is still forecast at 11am on the playing day to be 40+ degrees, that the KCC will withdraw from the fixture by advising the SMCA and the opposing club. This would be done in interests of ensuring player safety and well-being.

In line with that proposal, and By-Law 2(c)(iii), we would expect that the SMCA would not penalise the club with fines or loss of points. If this were to be the case, we would seek confirmation on this point also.

Discussion Not Agreed: After some involved discussion on this matter it was generally agreed that the decision not to play a match in extreme weather is a team captains decision as there are too many weather variables across the SMCA area. Clubs/teams are encouraged to use the extreme

weather guidelines that have been published.

Item 30 – F15 from Kenwick Cricket Club

The KCC is able to facilitate **day/night games at Mills Park 2.**

Would the SMCA (and associated teams) consider holding any “Formula 15” games there during the 2017/18 season? (This may not be the right forum or time for this discussion and the executive may need to discuss the matter separately.)

Discussion - Agreed - On the proviso that Kenwick has a Formula 15 team.

Item 31 – Fixturing issue from Cockburn

Cockburn believe the mirroring system is flawed, inconsistently applied and not working. We believe all gradings should be done on merit, first and foremost. At the very least this should be applied in the two day competition. Promotion should go to the team that heads the table at the end of the season and teams that end up last should be relegated to the next grade the next season. The only exceptions to promotion and relegation should be when a team from the same club already exists in the other grades concerned. In that case then the next best performers or worst performers should be promoted or relegated respectively.

Cockburn were concerned that after having a team in 2nd grade at the request of the Association in season 16/17 they were under the impression that this arrangement would continue. After lengthy discussion it was generally agreed that where practical the ‘grade’ mirroring system is the preferred method in the two-day competition and that grading options continue to be considered. A number of Clubs at the meeting indicated that they were hoping to increase their number of two-day teams.

The Fixtures and Gradings Sub-Committee will endeavour to grade so that the difference in teams in each grade is as even as possible.

Item 32 – Club Championship issue from Cockburn

Cockburn believes the Club Championship qualification or points calculation needs changing again. Last year there was a change to totally exclude one day games in the points calculations and in all other respects to qualifying for the Club Championship. As a result though, we believe the interpretation laid down this year to the qualification criteria has been inconsistently applied with this intent to exclude all one day games from Club Championship calculations. The qualification criteria says you need to have 3 teams in the “relevant competition” to qualify for a Club Championship. Given the changes made to exclude all one day games from the qualification points calculations then the definition of “relevant competition” should only be related to the two-day competition in order to be able to win a Club Championship. If the only points that are used in the calculation is two day points and two day games then surely the “relevant competition” here is only the two day competition? It does not seem consistent that you would only include two day games in the qualification points calculation but include one day teams in the overall number of teams qualification. Alternatively to be consistent, the SMCA should include all the one day games played in the points calculations for all clubs but maybe weight them by 0.5 to reflect the fact that they are one day games in a one day competition. At least this way the club and team qualification rules seem more consistently applied with the qualification calculations.

Item considered under item 25

General Business

From Jandakot

1. Asked that pink balls be used in the F15 competition next season.

Discussion - Agreed – The Executive had already considered this item based on feedback from some of the clubs who played in the 16/17 F15 competition.

2. Requested that the Association pay for balls used in the F15 Competition.

Discussion – Not Agreed - Clubs to provide their own balls for the F15 competition. The Association will continue to pay for the umpires.

3. Requested that the Bylaws have a clause inserted prohibiting fast bowlers playing in lower one-day grades.

After some vigorous discussion and various examples this request was not supported and player selections is a Club matter with common sense to be used.

From East Fremantle

1. Asked that consideration that 'club umpires' be used at a clubs second and third grounds. Some club umpires would be happy to take up umpiring on the condition that they were rostered for a particular ground.

It was generally agreed that any former players who have an interest in umpiring should be encouraged to join the SMCA Umpires. The Umpires Advisor advised that locality is one of the considerations when allocating umpires to matches.

2. Thanked the Committee for their work.

From the Umpires Advisor

1. Advised the meeting that the MCC had revised the laws of cricket with effect 1 Oct 2017. At this time the major change that effects the SMCA is that 'substitutes' can now act as wicketkeepers in a match. A consolidated list of other changes will be provided once ratified.

MEETING CLOSED at 8.42 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 26th June 2017 – Executive Meeting – Leeming at 6pm

Tuesday 1 August – Annual General Meeting – Leeming at 7 pm