

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the SMCA General Meeting 28 May 2018



## **PRESENT:**

**Executive:** Graham Santich, Scott Knight, Paul Speering, Graeme Ashley, Ian Hale, Ray Howe, Mario Baeli, John Griffin (Minutes)

**Clubs:** As per attendance list

**APOLOGIES:** Gary Hartman

**Meeting Opened at 7pm with Graham Santich presiding**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade were not able to drop players to any of their one day grades. This Amendment removes the ambiguity that has arisen.*

**Decision: Agreed**

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#### 41. Qualifying for end of season finals

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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: Agreed**

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#### 47. Clearances

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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 playing with their SMCA club as required.*

**Decision: Agreed -**

**Hilton Palmyra CC in raised the matter of senior players playing with their SMCA club when not selected for their WACA club. Other Associations allow this to occur with WACA Clubs. Matter to be referred to the AGM.**

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: Agreed – Attendees were also advised that Clubs can submit names of unfinancial players to the SMCA Administrator as per by law 46 (h).**

## 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: Agreed**

## **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 recommended 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.**

**Energetic discussion occur on this item and it was AGREED that:**

**1. When there is an Official umpire, Any ball that is bowled by the bowler 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.**

**2. When there is NO Official umpire any ball that is bowled by the bowler above waist height with the batsman at the crease, it is to be called a no ball and if the bowler bowls further full toss deliveries above waist height, these are to be called No balls.**

**Action: The By laws to be amended.**

## **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 recommended that the Association introduce 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:** Agreed

#### **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:** Agreed

#### **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 recommended that the Association withdraw its remaining two teams (Seniors and Veterans) from the Cricket West Competition.**

**Discussion:** Graham Santich advised that he had recently attended a Cricket West meeting where it was proposed that a single weekend carnival be held for inter-association competition be held. Each Association would play two four matches over the Weekend, with the final to be played at the WACA between the top two teams. It is thought that this format maybe attractive to the better players in the Association.

General discussion followed with player incentives and availability raised. Given that the WACA had been involved the general consensus was the SMCA to participate in this format for the 2018/19 season. This format for is for the seniors team. The format for veterans is yet to be decided.

**Decision:** It was agreed that the SMCA participate in the Cricket West inter association competition on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. There would be no fixtured SMCA matches on that weekend.

**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 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:** Agreed

**ITEM 7 - Playing dates for next season.**

The draft playing dates for the 2018/19 season were circulated.

**Discussion:** Given that it was agreed that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 would be allocated to Cricket West Fixtures and that the final round of 2018 would be played on Saturday 22 Dec 2018. All grades would resume on Saturday 12 Jan 2019 and a **BYE** would be scheduled for all one-day grades on Saturday 26 Jan 2019.

**Decision:** The 2018/19 Season fixtures as circulated, agreed to with the following amendments:

1. All grades resume on Saturday 12 Jan 2019.
2. A general BYE to be applied to all one-day grades for 26 January 2019.

**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).

**Discussion:** Meaningful discussion occurred on this item with a number of suggestions/solutions provided. Discussion also included the timeframe for which a club has to submit a dispute over a player ID. An error/dispute in this regard is usually discovered by a club when entering opposition dismissals into My Cricket – Player Scores, which is not till later during the week after the match. The current timeframe for reporting match issues is not conducive for Clubs to submit a dispute in regard to player ID.

The issue of clubs failing to submit player scores by the required deadline (By law 7c -8 pm on the Sunday after the days play) was also raised. It was also mentioned that player scores for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade mid-season one-day final and the 2016/17 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Grand Final have not been completed by Kelmscott CC despite being requested to do so by the Executive. As this matter was not an Agenda item, it was agreed that the Executive review the By law and

present a suitable amendment at the AGM.

**Decision: The following was agreed**

1. **Player ID** -Team sheets/lists for each match are to contain the player's MyCricket ID Number, their full first name and full surname ie 107567 John Smith. The Score books are to contain the batsman's full name in the batting column ie John Smith and bowler's full name in the bowling column ie James Smith. There is to be no exceptions on this requirement. By law number 7 to be amended accordingly.
2. **Disputes** – the timeframe for clubs to submit disputes regarding player ID is to be amended to “by midnight on the Thursday after the conclusion of the match”. By law 7 to be amended.
3. **Incomplete Player Scores** – the Executive to review By law 7 c and d and appropriate penalties including loss of points and financial penalties.

**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.

**Discussion:** Solid discussion occurred on this item. The Association does not have enough umpires to provide an umpire for each match. Ultimately the Clubs are responsible to eradicate cheating from the game.

**Decision:** It was Agreed that this Item is a club matter and all clubs must take ownership and provide the necessary leadership and culture within a club to ensure that this matter is removed from the game.

**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.

**Decision - Agreed - 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**

**ITEM 12 - From Leeming Spartan CC**

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 17<sup>th</sup> on either the Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) before or the Sunday after (25<sup>th</sup>). 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.

**Discussion:** Cockburn CC advised that they were willing to assist the Leeming Spartan CC request where possible and subject to team numbers and fixturing. Until Team Nominations are received and fixtures and grading done, the outcome of this will not be known.

**Decision:** The Association will endeavour to meet Leeming Spartan CC request subject to team nominations and ground availability.

**ITEM 13 From Cockburn Cricket Club**

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.

**Discussion:** Discussion indicated that while the proposal has merit the current grading system of having 16 different clubs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade gives the opportunity for developing and rebuilding clubs the opportunity to get promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. The promotion and

relegation system has been used since the adoption of the 8 team grade composition in season 2010/11. Since then the number of one-day teams has increased at significantly compared to the number of two-day teams. The mirroring system used in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was agreed to by the clubs last season.

**Decision:** The proposal was not supported for the 2018/19 season. The proposal to be considered by the Clubs and discussed at the AGM for the consideration for the 2019/20 season.

#### **ITEM 14 From Cockburn Cricket Club**

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.

**Discussion:** Attendees were advised that the grading criteria used for the one day grades was:

1. One Day A – for clubs with one or two teams
2. One day B and C – for clubs who are in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> One day team for these clubs
3. One day D – for clubs not in One Day A to B.
4. One day E and below – subject to team numbers, grounds and other influences.

Last season One Day E and below were 35 over grades and it is intended that this will continue for the 2018/19 season.

**Decision:** It was agreed that One Day A to D grades would remain as 40 over grades.

#### **ITEM 15 From Cockburn Cricket Club**

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

**Discussion:** The six team grades playing 10 One-dayers and 5 two day matches has been used before.

**Decision:** Agreed to subject to team nominations.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Kardinya Lakes CC – KLCC** raised the matter of first past the post results in the lower one-day grades. In some matches teams are getting smashed and this is not conducive to player retention.

**Discussion.** It was generally felt that calling off a match once a result had been achieved while suitable for the losing team is not suitable for the winning team. In addition bonus points for batting and bowling are used in the grade ladder positions.

**2. Thornlie CC** – Thornlie CC raised the matter of dropping players to lower grades when a club as a BYE in a higher grade and there may have been contraventions of the relevant By law last season.

**Discussion.** It was unfortunate that last season that there were BYES in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and later on One Day B and E following team withdrawals.

**CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.**

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

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

Attachments:

1. Club Attendance List
2. Playing dates for 2018/19

**The following Clubs were represented the General Meeting**

ARMADALE	BICTON ATTADALE
CHAMPION LAKES	COCKBURN
HILTON PALMYRA	JANDAKOT PARK
KARDINYA LAKES	KENWICK
LEEMING SPARTAN	KWINANA
MADDINGTON	PHOENIX
RIVERTON- ROSTRATA	SJ BLUES
SOUTH BETRAM	THORNLIE

**The following clubs were Absent**

CANNINGTON TIGERS	CBC
EAST FREMANTLE	FORRESTDAL
KELMSCOTT	PERTH TAMIL
PIARA WATERS	SAFETY BAY
WILLETTON CROWS	