

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting 2 August 2021



Held at Atwell Reserve.

Paul Speering declared Meeting open at 7m and welcomed the attendees.

PRESENT: Paul Speering, Michael Beer, Mario Baeli, Ian Del Rosso, Mark Ianello, Norm Harris, Graham Santich, Peter Anderson, John Griffin

Clubs: as per attendance list

APOLOGIES: Ian Hale, Gary Hartman, Clifford Joseph, Perth Tamils

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 17 August 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mario Baeli Seconded Mark Ianello CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Paul welcomed all attendees to the meetings and summarised the season that was.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mario presented the 2021/2022 draft budget. Due to losses incurred over the past few years club affiliation levy to be increased to \$1,000 and team nomination levy to \$500 per team (includes the \$100 umpires for semi-finals levy). Energetic discussion occurred with some clubs opposed to the increases.

Moved by Mario Baeli that the 2021/2022 budget be accepted - Seconded by John Griffin

MOTION CARRIED – 15 votes for to 4 against.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Norm Harris provided an overview of the umpires. Umpire numbers have increased to approx. 50 with 20 having attained level 2 accreditation.

Umpire payment rates – are currently \$130 per day and are set by Cricketwest. Umpire payments by the SMCA will continue with clubs being invoiced fortnightly. If the named umpire does not officiate at a match, clubs are to notify the Umpires advisor and the Secretary.

CRICKETWEST:

1. Cricket West Inter Association Cup – to be played weekend 8/9 January 2022 with the final at the WACA on a date to be decided. Clarification to sought from Crickwest regarding Saturday 8 January 2021.
2. The Beltup Cricketwest club community cup 20/20 semi finals to be played on Sunday 12 December 2021 and final to be played Sunday 19 December 2021.

3. Crickwest Forum now likely to be held on 22 September 2021 at the WACA. All clubs are required to be represented.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Paul Speering then declared all positions listed vacant and called for nominations.

Graham Santich assumed the position of chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Patron: Brian Waterer was nominated by John Griffin and seconded by Ian Del Ross as Patron.

President: Paul Speering was nominated by Mark Iannello for the Presidents position. Seconded by Clifford Joseph. There were no other nominations for President

Paul Speering elected as President.

Senior Vice President: Michael Beer was nominated by Peter Anderson for the Senior Vice Presidents position. Seconded by Mark Iannello. There were no other nominations for Senior Vice President

Michael Beer was elected as Senior Vice President.

Junior Vice President: Peter Anderson was as nominated Mark Iannello for the Junior Vice Presidents position. Seconded by Matt Watson. There were no other nominations for Junior Vice President

Peter Anderson was elected as Junior Vice President.

Executive Committee: The following were nominated and elected unanimously to the Executive Committee:
Ian Del Rosso – nominated by Peter Anderson, seconded by Mario Baeli
Mark Iannello – nominated by Paul Speering, seconded by Peter Anderson
Graham Santich – nominated by John Griffin, seconded by Mario Baeli
Clifford Joseph – nominated by Paul Speering, seconded by Peter Anderson

Auditor: Ron Pursey was nominated as Auditor by John Griffin as Auditor, seconded by Mario Baeli

Paul Speering then resumed as Chair of the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

From the SMCA Executive:
1. Bylaws - 47 Clearances

By law 47 has been updated –refer to attachment 1.

Action: Updated Bylaw 47 to apply from now on.

2. Helmets

Compulsory Helmets - Bylaw – 53/54 – The WACA have recommended that all batsman wear helmets along with wicket keepers standing at the stumps regardless of the bowlers bowling speed. This will cause some frustration amongst older players who don't wear helmets. Player safety is priority and to ignore the advice from the WACA could compromise insurance etc.

Helmets will be compulsory in season 2021/22 for batsman and suitable wording to be developed. There would be no exemptions.

Energetic discussion occurred on the compulsory helmets requirement. Some opposition to this requirement.

**Action: By law 53 and 54 to include clause on the compulsory wearing of helmets.
SMCA to seek further advice from the WACA and Marsh Insurance.**

3. Prescribed Penalties

Prescribed Penalties -bylaw 65- This is still Work in Progress. The Bylaw needs to be strengthened by at the addition of a clause stating:

“ If a player elects to take the prescribed penalty to a P&D (Tribunal) the penalty will be increased when the prescribed penalty is upheld. ”

Action: Agreed.

4. Protests and Disputes

Nominations for the P&D (Tribunal) members to be called for at the AGM. For a number of years SMCA Committee members are not usually members of a P&D. In recent years it has become difficult in finding volunteers to sit on the P&D as the third person. The concept of a roster between the clubs is to be discussed at the AGM.

Nominations for the 2021/22 P&D (Tribunal) were called for. The following nominated and were endorsed:

Ron McDonald, David King, Shamez Rashid and Steven Kemp.

5. Draft Playing Dates for season 2021/22 – Refer to Attachment 2

The draft playing dates are subject to change (COVID, AFL etc). Updates will be provided as the information is received.

6. Team Gradings for 1st and 2nd grade

SMCA GRADINGS 2021-2022

1st	2nd
Leeming	Roleystone/Karragullen
SJ Blues	Hilton Bicton
CBC	Jandakot Park
Cockburn	Thornlie

Phoenix	Kelmscott
Piara Waters	Maddington
East Fremantle*	Riverton Rostrata
Willeton*	Kwinana

Promoted

Relegated

* To have two x two day teams in 2021-22

Promotion/Relegation criteria that applied for season 2020-21

1. 1st and 2nd Grade: the team that finishes last in 1st Grade will be relegated to 2nd Grade and the team that finishes on top of 2nd Grade at the end of the regular season will be promoted to 1st grade.

2. 2nd Grade: the team that finishes last in 2nd second grade will be relegated to 4th Grade and if Kardinya Lakes finish in the top two of 3rd Grade they will be promoted to second grade. The eligible team that finishes on top in 4th Grade will only be promoted to 2nd Grade if Kardinya does not finish in the top two of 3rd Grade.

Discussion on the Two-day grade competition grades occurred. Kwinana CC informed the meeting that they were in re-building phase due to a significant loss of players and based on their ladder positions in 2nd grade and 4th grade last season requested relegation from 2nd Grade.

This was supported and Kardinya Lakes CC were asked to replace Kwinana in 2nd grade. This was accepted subject to confirmation from the Kardinya CC.

The composition of the remainder of the two day grades would be subject to team nominations.

Action: Kardinya CC to replace Kwinana CC in 2nd grade

7. Feedback from Presidents and Captains Meeting - Refer to attachment 3

Energetic discussion on this concept occurred. There was opposition to this meeting has club captains may not be presenting the views of their club committee. It was generally agreed that this was a good forum and that any recommendations/suggestions from this forum would need to be considered by the SMCA Committee and SMCA AGM.

Grading Structure - Discussion occurred on the proposed grading structure.

It was **AGREED** that the grading structure as proposed would be trailed. This will require a change to the By law 11 – dropping players to lower grades. Given this change Team nominations will be required by the end of August, to allow the Fixtures and Gradings Sub-Committee to finalise the tem gradings.

Actions:

- i). **Presidents and Captains meeting to continue with Minutes and attendees to be recorded.**
- ii) **Grading structure to be changed**
- iii) **Team and Ground nominations to be received by the end of August/first week of September**

8. Restructuring the penalties/disciplinary process – Refer to Attachment 4

This was agreed to.

Paul Speering - President

1. Formalisation of the Presidents and Captains Forum – refer to Agenda item 7.
2. Movement of the AGM to a time closer to the end of the season

This was generally agreed to with the SMCA AGM to be held in mid-May.

John Griffin – Secretary

1. SMCA Constitution – Clause 27 Committee Members

Add new sub clause (1) (c) - no more than Two (2) representatives from each member club.

Revised Clause 27 (1) The committee members consist of_

- (a) the office holders of the Association;
- (b) at least one ordinary committee member; and
- (c) no more than Two (2) representatives from each member club.

This item was not supported – no further action.

From Kenwick CC

The Kenwick CC would like to a number of agenda items- refer to Attachment 5. It should be noted that each of these items is proposed on a trial basis.

This item was not supported – no further action.

From Thornlie CC

As a club we would also like to see the introduction of the field restrictions for all One Day Games. The main reason for this is that far too often we have played where in the last few overs teams will have everyone on the boundary which is not what we really want to see in our game.

So what we are proposing is that a circle be marked for all one day games. However, where there is not an official umpire officiating the game the batting team's umpire is not allowed to call a no ball but can ask the opposition captain to comply with the rules.

This was agreed to.

Action –Relevant bylaw to be updated. By law 29 c -Fielding Restrictions will apply to all one-day matches (regardless of grade).

General Business

Matt Watson (Cockburn CC)

Matt asked that coloured clothing and white balls be introduced for all one day games.

This was generally supported, however given the season start was only 8 weeks away, there was insufficient time for implementation. To be considered for season 2022/23.

CLOSURE:

NEXT MEETING: Monday 6 September 2021 – 6.00 pm SMCA Committee Meeting – Melville

Attachments:

1. Bylaw 47
2. Draft Playing dates for season 2021/22
3. Feedback from Presidents and Captains Meeting
4. Restructuring the penalties/disciplinary process
5. Kenwick Agenda Items

Attachment 1

Bylaw 47

By-Law 47- Clearances

Clarification: It is the joint responsibility of the new Club and the player to get the clearance issue correct. The player's details must be correct whether or not previous details were correct or not. Where possible player ID numbers and identification documents should be used. Players are required to inform the club they are requesting a clearance to, which club they last played for and when.

All due diligence must be adhered to, and any irregularities should be directed to the SMCA Secretary.

Players who have not played for any other Club the past three calendar years:

a In all cases, a player who has not played for any other club in the past three calendar years does not require a clearance from their former Club. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to their SMCA affiliated Club.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with Cricket West – other than the SMCA.

b Notwithstanding By-Law 47a, a player transferring from any Association affiliated with Cricket West must provide a clearance from the club in which they last played. The clearance must be finalised, using 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.

Players who last played for a club not affiliated with Cricket West

c. A player joining a club affiliated with the SMCA directly from an Association not affiliated with Cricket West does not need a clearance to their new club. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to their new SMCA affiliated Club.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with SMCA

d. Notwithstanding By-Law 47a, a 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. 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.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with WACA

e. Players playing with a WACA club who do not get selected for a fixtured WACA match may be selected to play with their immediate former SMCA club. A clearance is not required when this selection criteria is applied. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to the SMCA. A player in this category may play in any grade for their former SMCA club subject to By Law 11 where that player has already played for the SMCA club during that same season

The closing date for clearances of a player shall be prior to the commencement of the last two-day qualifying fixture.

f. 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.

g. The only grounds on which a player can be refused a clearance by a club are

- i. the financial (owes registration and ball fees), status of the player;
- ii. has club property,
- iii has club intellectual property.

Any dispute of the above, should be forwarded by email to the Association Secretary for consideration by the Association P&D, who shall forward their decision back to the Association Secretary by email. The decision of the P&D shall be final.

h. Any member of an un-financial club on the books of the Association requiring to register with any other Associated Club will be accepted together with a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) except in the case where the club has been disbanded for more than three (3) years, such player will be permitted to play without the lodgement of any fee.

Attachment 2 – Draft Playing Dates – Season 2021/22

SMCA DRAFT PLAYING DATES - 2021/22 SEASON

FORMAT - 3 X 2D PRIOR TO XMAS BREAK - 4 X 2D PRIOR TO 2D FINALS

		Two Day Grades		One Day grades	
Day	Date	7 x 2 and 7 x 1		19 x 1	Comments
Saturday	2-Oct-21	Round 1	One day game	Bye	
Saturday	9-Oct-21	Round 2	One day game	Round 1	
Saturday	16-Oct-21	Round 3	2D	Round 2	
Saturday	23-Oct-21	Round 3	2D	Round 3	
Saturday	30-Oct-21	Round 4	2D	Round 4	
Saturday	6-Nov-21	Round 4	2D	Round 5	
Saturday	13-Nov-21	Round 5	2D	Round 6	
Saturday	20-Nov-21	Round 5	2D	Round 7	
Saturday	27-Nov-21	Round 6	One day game	Round 8	
Saturday	4-Dec-21	Round 7	One day game	Round 9	
Saturday	11-Dec-21	Round 8	One day game	Round 10	
Sunday	19-Dec-21	BELTUP CRICKETWEST FINALS- CLUB COMMUNITY CUP 20/20 Semi-Finals Charles Veryard			
Saturday	18-Dec-21	Round 9	One day game	Round 11	
Sunday	19-Dec-21	BELTUP CRICKETWEST FINALS- CLUB COMMUNITY CUP 20/20 Final - WACA- Charles Veryard			
Saturday	25-Dec-21	Christmas Weekend			
Saturday	1-Jan-22	NEW YEARS DAY			
Saturday	8-Jan-22	Round 10	One day game	BYE	Discussion required
Saturday	8-Jan-22	CRICKETWEST INTER ASSOCIATION CUP- TBC - Round Robin ??			
Sunday	9-Jan-22	CRICKETWEST INTER ASSOCIATION CUP- TBC		Round Robin	Seniors, vets and Colts?
Saturday	15-Jan-22	Round 11	2D	BYE	Ashes Test WACA 14-18 Jan 22 TBC

Sunday	16-Jan-22	CRICKETWEST INTER ASSOCIATION CUP- TBC	FINAL	Seniors, vets and Colts?
Saturday	22-Jan-22	Round 11 2D	Round 12	Labour day weekend
Sunday	23-Jan-21	Mid-season OD Final		
Saturday	29-Jan-22	Round 12 2D	Round 13	
Saturday	5-Feb-22	Round 12 2D	Round 14	
Saturday	12-Feb-22	Round 13 2D	Round 15	
Saturday	19-Feb-22	Round 13 2D	Round 16	
Saturday	26-Feb-22	Round 14 2D	Round 17	
Saturday	5-Mar-22	Round 14 2D	Round 18	
Saturday	12-Mar-22	Semi -	Semi- Finals	
Sunday	13-Mar-22	Finals		
Saturday	19-Mar-22	Grand -	Grand-Finals	
Sunday	20-Mar-22	Finals		

This format continues until there are two teams left, with the winner going through to the Beltup community Cup
semi finals on Sunday 12 December 2021

Notes

1. AFL GF 26 SEP 21-2:30PM
2. WAFL GF 2/3 OCT 21 – TBC
3. EASTER - 15-18 April 2022

Beltup community cup 20/20 - suggested format

It is suggested that a knockout comp played on Sundays be used as the criteria for the SMCA.

All Club teams that nominated play one match against another team on a selected Sunday afternoon.

The winning teams then advance to the next round, losers are eliminated.

This format continues until there are two teams left, with the winner going through to the Beltup community Cup semi-finals on Sunday 12 December 2021.

Attachment 3 - Feedback from Presidents and Captains Meeting

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.

Attachment 4

Paul Speering - Review of the SMCA Protests, Disputes & Appeals Process

As promised earlier, I have conducted a review of our current setup and compared it to many different systems across sporting codes and other associations. The whole process is complicated and messy, so I apologise in advance! I did list this in my Agenda items for inclusion, but it must have been left out by mistake.

There are several key issues that stand out. These include, but are not limited to, the below:

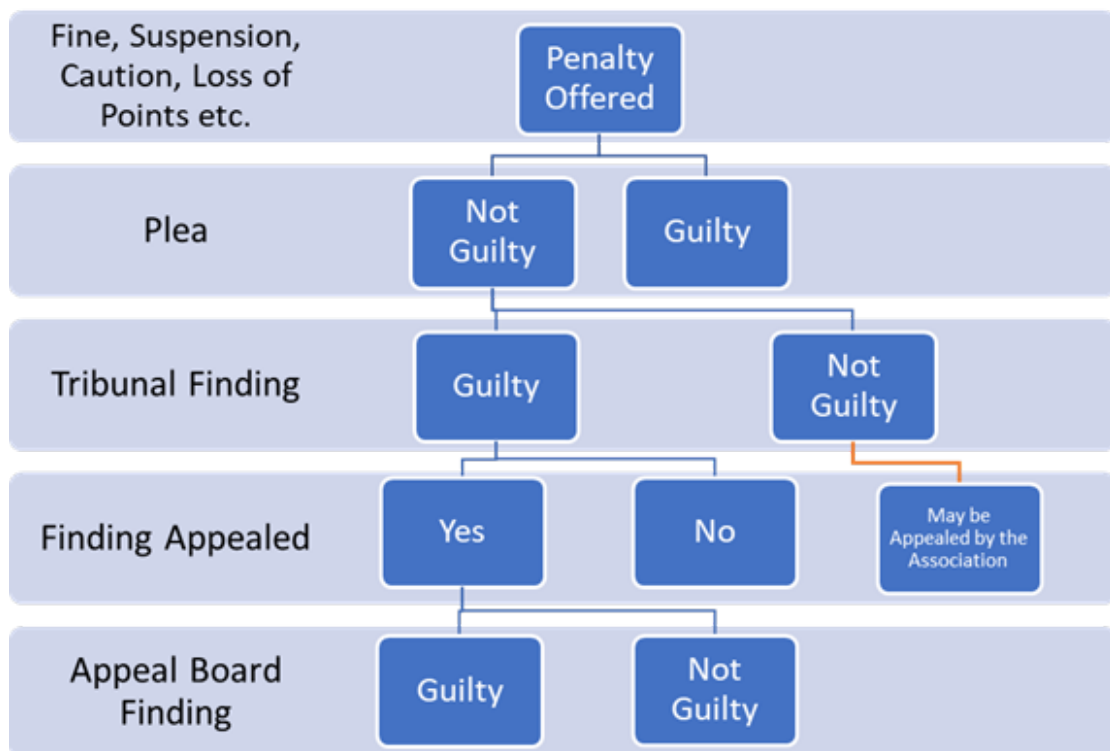
- *Consistency of language and terminology*
 - *With alterations made to the base By-Laws over the years it has become a bit of a mess, some areas are far too wordy, while others are not spelled out well enough*
- *Lack of adequately defined processes*
 - *With the lack of consistency mentioned above goes a poorly defined process, or set of processes, with too many By-Laws cross referencing other By-Laws*
- *Transparency*
 - *No decision of anyone on this Committee should be above review, and a robust appeals system is integral to this ideal, this suffers from both of the above mentioned items*

I am of the firm belief that we should rewrite the entire section titled 'SMCA Protests and Disputes By-Laws', to better communicate the disciplinary measures that we have in place. The title alone does not fit anymore ... perhaps a new heading of 'SMCA Disciplinary By-Laws' should be developed and made separate from 'SMCA Protest and Disputes By-Laws' which are quite different things. The nomenclature surrounding the 'Protests, Disputes and Appeals Board' needs to be redefined, and the many roles this 'Board' plays should be streamlined. To be honest, protests and disputes are few and far between (particularly if we move Appeals into the Disciplinary section). The current reading of the By-Laws suggests that 'Disputes' are between two clubs, or people from the same club; whereas a 'Protest' has no such clear definition, but is generally between a club and the Association, or a decision of the Association. Those two can be set aside for the moment, and should really be looked at in parallel with

the Constitution.

Most of the comparable 'Disciplinary Systems' I've looked at over the last few months work on a version of a three tiered process. Here is a quick rundown, and I strongly suggest we move towards something like this:

- ***Penalty is offered and the party either pleads guilty or not guilty***
 - ***Failure to respond within a given timeframe is considered a guilty plea***
 - ***An incentive is often given to accept an early guilty plea and avoid the Tribunal process***
- ***If the party pleads not guilty, it goes to a Tribunal (not an Appeals board at this stage)***
 - ***The Tribunal has the ability to find the party guilty or not guilty of the offence and hand down the original penalty with any incentive removed***
 - ***It also has the power to find the party guilty or not guilty of any other offence, and hand down a penalty, as it sees fit (such as a lesser offence)***
 - ***For minor offences (such as fines), the Tribunal can be made up of members of the Committee and can be determined using written submissions***
 - ***I would strongly suggest that we build this particular 'clause' into our By-Laws***
- ***The Tribunal's decision can be appealed by either the party or the Association to the Appeals Board***
 - ***There are strict, but well defined, grounds for appeal (these vary quite widely)***
 - ***Generally speaking, appeals should proceed as it tests our rules and assists with the Transparency problem that I have mentioned above***
 - ***Costs/ disincentives are varied for Appeals but we should proceed very carefully here***
 - ***Members of the Appeals Board can include senior members of the Committee, but should not include anyone who sat on the corresponding Tribunal for obvious reasons***
 - ***Timeframes for Appeals varies and is usually dependant on the complexity of the matter***
 - ***An 'Intention to Appeal' is often enough to start the process, with written submissions to follow within an appropriate period***
 - ***All decisions of the Appeal Board are final***



Attachment 5

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Kenwick CC Agenda Items:

1. All one-day games (including those played within 2-day grades) will finish when the team batting 2nd passes the oppositions score (we're referring to this as "first past the post". There will be no "bonus points" awarded for runs scored / wickets taken. It is proposed that Net Run Rate will be used to determine ladder position, after wins/losses are considered. We feel that, although this may result in some games being ended early, it will encourage anyone who doesn't feel like they're getting a go into a 2 Day grade.
2. Kenwick CC requests that the One Day grades be split into a mixture of One Day games and T20 games. This is a similar concept to the 2 Day Grades being a mix of 2 Day and 1 Day games, with a Flag/Premiership being awarded for both formats within the same grade. However, it is requested that both the T20 and One Day ladders be separate. This would differ from the 2 Day grades, where the One day games contribute toward the overall ladder for the end of season finals.

We feel that this idea could work in either an 8 Team or 10 Team competition (as follows for example):

8 team comp:

7 x 1 week of One Day Games, 7 x 1 week of T20 games
= 14 weeks of home and away season (where everyone plays each other twice).

2 x 1 week of SF and GF for One Day Games,
2 x 1 week of SF and GF for T20 games
= 4 weeks of end of season finals.
= total 18 week season. This would allow byes throughout the season around key times/dates where 2 Day sides are difficult to fill (near Xmas/New Year etc.).

10 team comp:

9 x 1 week of One Day Games, 9 x 1 week of T20 games

= 18 weeks of home and away season (where everyone plays each other twice).

1 x 1 week for GF of T20, where top 2 sides play off (e.g. no semi-finals, like the current one day mid-season GF)
2 x 1 week of SF and GF for One Day games

= total 21 week season. This would align with the 2 Day grades.

This could be modified into 2 groups for the T20's, if the number of weeks of the season needed to be reduced.

3. Introduction of the lowest one day only grade being played on a fortnightly basis, on a "first past the post" basis.

Perhaps may keep older players in the competition longer, if they only had to play 10 games a year? May also be a good ground to introduce new players, who don't want to commit to a full Summer of cricket.