

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION



Minutes of General Meeting held at Leeming Club Rooms
on Monday 5th May 2014

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

PRESENT Graham Santich [Chair], Graeme Ashley [Minutes],
Ray Howe, Clubs as per attendance register

APOLOGIES Gary Hartman, Forrestdale CC

ABSENT Bicton-Attadale, CBC, Perth Tamil, Southern River

BUSINESS

By Law Amendments

Clubs were advised the By Law amendments listed below, having been previously circulated to Clubs, have been approved by the Executive. The majority of these amendments relate to updating and/or clarifying existing By Laws.

Code of Conduct

4 Should a player be reported and a P&D convened, the player's captain is required to attend the P&D along with the player/s involved.

Level 1 offences: amend one (1) match ban to read a two (2) playing date ban – amend two (2) matches to read four (4) playing date ban.

Level 2 offences: amend three (3) matches to read six (6) playing dates – amend six matches to read twelve (12) playing dates.

Level 3 offences: amend six (6) matches to read twelve (12) playing dates - amend six (6) matches to read twelve (12) playing dates – ADD – Threatening or intimidating behavior towards an umpire, including a fieldsman leaving his position in the field to approach an umpire for any reason.

3a. AMEND “ten” to read fifteen (15)

5.1 Declaration -

1. ADD after “At any time during a”: two day

2. ADD: In one-day matches a team cannot declare its innings closed. A match may be called off if a result has been achieved and both captains agree.

7. Match Results

7d. ADD: and a further \$10 fine for each week the report remains outstanding.

7e. ADD: No change shall be made to the listed team members once the match has been deemed “Official”. Penalty will be forfeiture of the match in which the list was changed.

11 Dropping players to lower grades

ADD: Preamble: This 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.

11c1. ADD after "playing days": except a player who last played in a one day only grade can play in a one day only grade on the other day.

11d. ADD: 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.

12. Procedure for notice of forfeit

12a. Amend ... to read by text message,
Move from By Law 68.

A Club forfeiting a match shall be fined \$50 for a first offence, this amount doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$100.

Failing to meet the 9pm deadline will incur a fine of \$100 and the Club shall pay any umpires costs, this amount doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$200.

A failure to notify of a forfeiture shall incur a fine of \$200 and the Club shall pay any umpires costs, this amount doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$400.

12c. Where a team forfeits two matches consecutively or three matches in any one season in any grade, the Association may order the withdrawal of the team from the competition, the Club will be fined \$100.

19. Weather and other effect games – two-day fixtures

Second day – ADD after "extending play": up to a maximum of one hour.

20. Fitness of ground, weather and light

vi. ADD: Ground lights are not to be used.

33. Qualification for Mid Season One Day Final

ADD: Preamble: This rule is intended to apply to matches played in one day fixtures only, including fixtures played in one day only grades.

33a. ADD after "one-day games": including one day only grades.

33b. ADD after "qualification for one day finals": Qualification for the one day mid season final shall only apply to matches played in a one day fixture, including one day only grades. No days played in any two day fixture shall be considered.

33c. DELETE all after "played in that grade".

33e. ADD: Clubs are encouraged to submit any players whose qualification may not be certain to the Association Administrator for a ruling as to eligibility. A ruling made by the Administrator under this rule shall be binding and final on all parties.

33f. ADD: There are no permits in finals; if a player does not qualify that player cannot play.

41. Qualifying for end of season finals

41e. ADD: Clubs are encouraged to submit any players who qualification may not be certain to the Association Administrator for a ruling as to eligibility. A ruling made by the Administrator under this rule shall be binding and final on all parties.

41f. ADD: There are no permits in finals; if a player does not qualify that player cannot play.

46. Registration

46e. ADD after “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.

47. Clearances:

47.c.i. ADD: Players from other affiliated competitions are not permitted to play on a temporary basis. Clearance requests will be denied under these circumstances.

65b Prescribed Penalties

Reportable offences: amend one match ban to read “Two (2) playing date ban.” – amend three match ban to read “Six (6) playing date ban”.

68. Financial By-Laws

68g. DELETE – “Where a team forfeits two games consecutively or three games in any one season in any in one grade, the Association may order the withdrawal of the team from the competition, and the Club will be fined an additional one hundred dollars (\$100). AMEND: one hundred dollars to read “fifty dollars (\$50.00).

69, Fines

14 DELETE all and re-number items 15-18.

70 Pennants

70a. DELETE after “awarded”: the official Association trophy - DELETE after “particular grade”: Association trophies so awarded shall be held and retained in safe custody by the winning club until the completion of the qualifying rounds of the following season.

70b. DELETE all.

74. Club Championship

DELETE after “First Grade”: in seniors – DELETE after “winner of the”: Senior and DELETE all after “Club Championship”.

2c. Extreme Weather Policy - ADD at 2c

SMCA rules for its Competitions in extreme heat situations are as follows:

(i) In exceptionally hot weather, Law 56a may be modified so that drinks breaks may be scheduled as frequently as required subject to the overall minimum period of play between two drinks breaks, or between a drinks break and the start or conclusion of an off-the-field interval, being 35 minutes.

(ii) On days where the temperature is extremely hot or forecast to be extremely hot at midday the SMCA will consider abandoning play and will notify Clubs through the SMCA Administrator.

These general considerations apply to the SMCA Competition:

(a) The welfare of players and umpires is paramount.

(b) The primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of individual participants are the individual players and Clubs.

(c) Individuals have a responsibility to withdraw from participating if their particular circumstances place them at an unacceptable level of risk. Clubs also have a responsibility in this regard.

(d) On days of extreme heat players, umpires and officials should be aware of the possible risks and carefully monitor all players and umpires. If any show signs of distress from the heat, swift and appropriate action should be taken.

(e) Special attention should be given to junior players, as they are more susceptible to heat injury and may have played in junior matches on the same day.

(f) Ensure there are sufficient shaded areas at grounds for both players and spectators where possible.

Given there was no objections from the clubs the above items shall become part of the Association By-Laws

After discussion it was decided that any proposed changes to By Law 4.2 are to be re-worded by Executive.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM CLUBS

Kardinya Lakes

- 1) Limiting invoices send to Association – Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.
- 2) Grading issues – referred to Fixtures and Gradings Committee.

Riverton Rostrata

- 1) AGREED By Law 3a should be amended to make the toss fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 2) Split player rule matters – Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.

- 3) One day grading – agreed it was desirable to have a maximum of one grade between teams in each Club – Fixtures and Grading Committee will take this into consideration when assessing gradings.
- 4). Suspect bowling action – following discussion it was agreed the Association need to formulate a policy regarding this matter. To be looked at by the Executive with a view to having a policy in place for the coming season.

Phoenix

- 1) Proposals for one day cricket - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.
- 2) General bye for Perth Test Match – noted this would result in additional Sunday fixture
- 3) Team selections – Agreed the Association would encourage Clubs to upload teams onto My Cricket prior to the match
- 4) Split player option - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.
- 5) Extension of time to notify forfeit – suggested 12noon Friday should be nominated time to advise forfeit - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.

Maddington

- 1) Proposed a system of points/run rate as against bonus points for one day only grades - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.
- 2) Possibility of extending split player option to 10A/10B - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Mid Season One Day Final - Clubs agreed the current situation was satisfactory.

One Day Only Grades – to play 35 over matches – Agreed to trial this proposal in the bottom half of the One Day Only Grades.

One day matches – leg side wides – discussion on umpiring in regard to leg side wides for one day matches – Agreed the need for correct pitch markings to assist in this matter and that it is desirable for captains to agree on ruling prior to start of match where there is no official umpire.

CLOSE The President thanked Clubs for their attendance and involvement in the meeting. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.