



MCC CLUB XI CRICKET COMPETITION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SEASON 2011/12

ADVERSE WEATHER

Clubs are requested to ignore Cricket Victoria's wet weather telephone information service and report directly to grounds unless advised by the competition convenor.

Clubs are requested to advise the competition convenor and the opposing club as early as possible when it is known that a ground will be unavailable for play due to adverse weather.

A ground shall only be considered unfit for play when it is likely no play is possible before 3.30pm. Note: Any match starting late shall be played with reduced overs applying.

Clubs are encouraged to lay covers whenever possible.

The umpires shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.

The umpires shall consider the ground as unfit for play when it is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fieldsmen of the power of free movement or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between wickets.

Play should not be suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet.

In the absence of umpires, the captains of the competing teams shall determine the fitness of the ground regarding the commencement or continuing of play.

Extreme Heat

Exceptionally hot weather is not defined solely in terms of temperature. Humidity, air movement, the age of all participants, and other factors, should also be considered.

The Competition Convenor may cancel all matches of a Home & Away round if the metropolitan temperature is predicted to exceed 38 degrees Celsius.

In any match scheduled to be played on a day with high temperature and/or high humidity, the captains may agree, prior to the toss to:

- (i) reduce the number of overs for each innings, or
- (ii) abandon the match.

The appointed umpire(s) shall have the power to overrule any agreement made by both captains to reduce or not to reduce overs on a day of hot weather. In assessing hot conditions, umpire(s) shall consider the temperature, humidity, air movement, the age of the participants, and any other relevant factors. The umpire's decision before the match on the number of overs to be bowled shall be final.

AFTER MATCH

The home team is encouraged to provide some form of after match refreshments for both teams at the close of play.

AFTERNOON TEA INTERVAL

The home team is to supply afternoon tea for both teams.

The MCC will provide the afternoon tea for the finals.

Clubs are to recommence the game promptly at the conclusion of the afternoon tea interval.

ATTIRE

All players must be correctly attired in cream or white coloured clothing.

Headwear is restricted to club caps or white floppy caps only.

Shorts are not permitted.

Player umpires must wear distinctive clothing, including shirts, even on hot days.

AGGREGATES & AVERAGES

Each club shall supply to the competition convenor within 14 days of the conclusion of the season details of the club's teams leading run scorer together with the aggregate and average and the leading wicket taker together with the amount of wickets taken and average for the regular season.

BALLS

The bowling team shall supply the balls that must be of a type approved by the competition convenor when bowling.

A new ball shall be used in each first innings.

The MCC will supply the balls for the Finals matches.

BYES

The team receiving the bye in each round will be automatically be awarded four points. However, in the event the whole round is subsequently washed out then the team who received the forfeit will be awarded 2 points that is, the maximum number of points awarded.

BONUS POINT

(a) The team that wins the match and achieves a run rate of 2.0 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point, that is, the team shall receive a total of **5 points** (4 points for win, and 1 bonus point).

(b) A team's run rate will be calculated by the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced, or, where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.

(c) The winning team shall be eligible for a bonus point even though the number of overs have been reduced to less than 40 overs.

CAPTAINS

The captains or in their absence the vice-captains must toss for choice of innings at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of commencing play.

The captains or in their absence the vice-captains must confirm that the scorebooks agree at the close of play each day.

The captains or in their absence the vice-captains of the competing teams are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their players during the course of a match.

However, it is the responsibility of everyone involved in the competition especially the players, to ensure that the game is played in the correct spirit with regard to the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Clubs must advise the competition convenor whenever there are alterations to the contact details including postal address, email address and telephone numbers including after hours telephone numbers of the President, the Secretary and the Team Captains.

CLUBS WITH TWO TEAMS

Clubs with 2 teams are not permitted to play a player who has played in one team, to play in the other team, in the same round.

Players may interchange between teams during the regular season but must play a minimum of 3 games in the same team in the regular season to be eligible for finals selection.

In finals, the interchange of players is not permitted and players must decide before the elimination and semi final games which team of the club they will represent in the final series of games.

COMPETITION CONVENOR

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COMPETITION NAME AND CONTROL

The competition shall be called the MCC CLUB XI CRICKET COMPETITION operating under the control of the MCC Cricket Sub-committee.

The competition name shall not be altered whilst the MCC continues to support the competition.

The MCC shall appoint a competition convenor who shall be responsible for the administration of the competition.

The MCC may levy clubs for costs incurred in administering the competition.

If the MCC is not involved in supporting or administering the competition, the delegates shall be empowered to change the name of the competition and appoint a competition convenor.

COVERS

Clubs are encouraged to lay covers whenever necessary and such covers should be removed by 12.00 am on the day of the match, weather permitting.

Covers should always be laid during a semi final or final match.

Once a match commences, both teams are responsible for the laying and removal of the covers.

DECLARATION

Neither side shall be permitted to declare its innings closed.

DELEGATES

Each club shall be entitled to nominate two delegates per team entered in the competition to attend general meetings of the competition.

Delegates are encouraged to ensure that the club is represented at each general meeting of the competition.

DISPUTES

If there is any dispute resulting from these rules and regulations, the competition convenor is empowered to be the arbiter of such disputes, if of a minor nature, or refer the dispute to the MCC Cricket Sub-committee, if of a major nature.

If the competition convenor resolves the dispute, clubs and or players shall have the right to appeal to the MCC Cricket Sub-committee, whose decision shall be final.

If the MCC is not involved in administering the competition, the competition convenor shall arrange for a sub committee consisting of three delegates who are not connected with the dispute, to be formed to hear and resolve the dispute.

The competition convenor shall be the convenor of this sub committee.

The decision of this sub committee shall be final.

Clubs are encouraged to contact the competition convenor immediately should there be any concern with the interpretation of these rules and regulations.

DRINKS BREAK

One drinks interval shall be allowed in each innings, but on days of high temperature, captains can agree to an additional drinks interval.

The batting team shall be responsible for the supply of drinks at each drinks break.

Clubs are encouraged to recommence the match promptly at the conclusion of each drinks break.

ELIMINATION AND SEMI FINAL MATCHES

The teams finishing in the top SIX positions on the premiership list at the end of the regular season shall compete in elimination final (3 v 6 and 4 v 5) and semi final matches with first playing the winner of 4 v 5 and second playing the winner of 3 v 6.

Net run rate: If two or more teams have an equality of points, team rankings shall be determined by net run rate.

A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by the team, the average runs per over scored against the team.

If a team is all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

The home team shall be the team finishing in the higher position on the premiership list at the conclusion of the regular season and shall be responsible for all the duties associated with being the home team.

The elimination final matches shall be scheduled to be played on the Saturday after the Home and Away fixtures whenever practicable.

Should a result not be obtained in an elimination or semi final match, or the match ends in a tie, the winner shall be the team finishing in the higher position on the premiership list at the end of the regular season. Should both teams have equal points and an identical net run rate, then the team that won in the regular season will be deemed the winner.

Covers should always be laid in a semi final match.

Once the match commences, both clubs are responsible for the laying and removal of the covers.

The umpires shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.

Players must have played in 3 matches in the regular season to be eligible for selection in an elimination or semi final match.

ENTRY OF TEAMS

Clubs should advise the competition convenor the number of teams each club desires to enter in the competition by the 31st August each year.

The competition convenor is then empowered to determine which of these teams will compete in the competition in the coming season.

GRAND FINAL MATCH

The winners of the two semi-final matches shall play a One-Day Grand Final match scheduled over two days, the second day being a reserve day.

The Grand Final match shall be scheduled to be played on the home ground of the team finishing the Home & Away fixtures in the higher position. The same team will get first choice to play the match on their home ground should this match be played on the reserve day.

If the home ground of the team finishing higher in the Home & Away fixtures is unavailable, then the other Grand Finalist shall have the option to host the match.

If the home grounds of both Grand Finalists are unavailable, then the Grand Final shall be scheduled at Fawkner Park, Oval CT4, unless one of the other participating teams is prepared to host the match.

Fawkner Park Oval CT4 is the oval nearest Commercial Road. Car parking is available at the rear of 505 Commercial Road.

Covers should always be laid during the Grand Finals matches.

Once a match commences, both Clubs are responsible for laying and removal of covers.

For the Grand Final match, the MCC will

- supply the balls
- provide the afternoon tea
- appoint and pay the umpires

Players must have played in three matches during the Home & Away series to be eligible for selection in the Grand Final matches.

If lost time occurs during the second side's innings and when the match cessation time is reached the second side has not received its full entitlement of overs, the winner of the Grand Final match will be the side having the higher run rate per valid balls received, provided the side batting second has batted for 25 full overs or more.

If the side batting second has batted for less than 25 full overs, then the result shall be a draw and the match will restart as a new match on the Reserve Day.

A team's run rate will be calculated by the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced, or, where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.

The winning team shall be presented with the Hector Donahoe Memorial trophy at the conclusion of the match and shall be entitled to retain the trophy during the following season until its return is requested by the competition convenor.

The trophy always remains the property of the MCC.

FIXTURES

All matches shall be One Day matches.

Matches may be scheduled on a Saturday or a Sunday depending on ground availability.

The competition convenor shall be responsible for arranging the fixture draw making due allowance for any specific club fixturing requests.

When the fixtures are released, clubs must immediately check the fixtures for accuracy and correctness and confirm with the competition convenor within 14 days.

Clubs must not alter the fixtures without the consent of the competition convenor.

If play in games scheduled on a Saturday is not possible due to adverse weather, play in games scheduled on a Sunday shall commence, if possible, and the result of any Sunday match shall be declared valid.

Likewise, if play in matches scheduled on a Saturday were completed and play is not possible in matches scheduled on a Sunday, the Saturday results shall be declared valid.

FORFEITS

Any match shall be deemed to be forfeited should a team be unable to produce 8 correctly attired players ready to commence play, weather permitting, by 2.00 pm on any day of a match.

Play must commence as soon as 8 correctly attired players are in attendance and ready to commence play, weather permitting, prior to 2.00 pm.

Teams must advise the competition convenor and the opposing team as early as practicable if a team is likely to forfeit a match.

Any team receiving a forfeit shall be entitled to supply a list of players who would have represented the team in the match, to the competition convenor by the Wednesday following the conclusion of the match.

The team receiving the forfeit shall receive the maximum number of points obtained by any team in that round of matches. However, in the event the whole round is subsequently washed out then the team who received the forfeit will be awarded 2 points as will the forfeiting team.

It is mandatory that the team forfeiting should contact the match convenor as soon as reasonably practical to provide reasons for the forfeit.

GROUNDS

Clubs should advise the competition convenor the availability of grounds as soon as advised by their respective schools.

The competition convenor will attempt to provide grounds should a club be unable to provide grounds on a particular day.

Clubs are requested to advise the competition convenor and the opposing club as early as possible when it is known that a ground will be unavailable for play due to adverse weather.

The team listed first on the fixture list shall be responsible for the supply of stumps, bails, boundary markers, etc. for the conduct of the match.

Clubs are encouraged to lay covers whenever possible.

Once a match commences, both clubs are responsible for the laying and removal of the covers.

Covers should always be laid during semi final or final matches.

When an appointed umpire is in attendance, the umpire shall be the sole judge before and during the play of the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather and light for play.

The umpires shall consider the ground as unfit for play when it is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fieldsmen of the power of free movement or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between wickets.

Play should not be suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet.

HOME TEAM

The home team or the team listed first on the fixture list if playing at a neutral ground, shall be responsible for the supply of stumps, bails, boundary markers, etc. for the conduct of the match.

The home team is encouraged to supply a scoreboard for use during matches.

The home team is encouraged to supply some form of after match refreshments for both teams at the close of play.

The home team is encouraged to supply afternoon tea for both teams.

The home team shall supply to the competition convenor by the Monday following play over the weekend, details of the scores in the match together with individual scores of 30 runs or more and individual performances of 3 wickets or more for both teams.

INTERVALS

Clubs are encouraged to recommence play promptly following any scheduled interval or other break in play.

LATE STARTS

For all Home and Away matches the scheduled starting time is 1.00 pm.

For all Elimination Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final matches the scheduled starting time is 12.00pm

The captains should toss for choice of innings at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of commencing play.

Matches may be commenced earlier prior to the introduction of daylight saving summertime, by direction of the competition convenor.

Matches may also be commenced earlier by negotiation between the captains and then approved by the competition convenor.

Clubs are encouraged to commence matches on time.

Any match shall be deemed to be forfeited should a team be unable to produce 8 correctly attired players ready to commence play, weather permitting, by 2.00 pm on any day of a match.

Play must commence as soon as 8 correctly attired players are in attendance and ready to commence play, weather permitting, prior to 2.00 pm.

LAWS OF CRICKET

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2nd Edition – 2003) shall apply unless modified in these rules.

No Balls

A penalty of 1 run shall be awarded on the call of No ball.

A No ball shall not count as one of the over.

Dangerous and Unfair Bowling

The provisions of the dangerous and unfair bowling Laws, (42.6, 42.7 and 42.8), shall apply in all matches.

In addition to these Laws, a bowler shall be limited, in each over, to one fast, short pitched delivery above shoulder height of the striker. The umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No ball if a bowler exceeds this limit.

Wide Balls

A penalty of 1 run shall be allowed for each wide ball delivered and shall be additional to any other runs scored from that delivery.

Penalty Runs

Penalty Runs shall be awarded as provided in Law 24 (No ball), Law 25 (Wide ball), Law 41.2 (Fielding the ball) and 41.3 (Protective helmets belong to the fielding side).

MATCH RESULTS

The home team or the team listed first on the fixture list if playing at a neutral ground, shall supply to the competition convenor by the Monday following play over the weekend, details of the scores in the match together with individual scores of 30 runs or more and individual performances of 3 wickets or more in each team.

All match results and ladders will then be available on the MCC website each Tuesday.

The MCC website is accessed as follows -

www.mcc.org.au then Sporting Sections then Cricket then Club XI

Both teams shall supply a report of the match which must include total team scores and all individual performances together with a report on the umpires to the competition convenor by the Friday following the conclusion of the match.

Any team receiving a forfeit shall be entitled to supply a list of players who would have represented the team in the match, to the competition convenor by the Wednesday following the conclusion of the match.

MCC LEVY

The MCC may levy clubs for costs incurred in administering the competition.

MCC WEBSITE

The MCC website is accessed as follows -

www.mcc.org.au then 'MCC Cricket' then Cricket then 'Club XI Competition'.

NOMINATION OF TEAM

Teams should be nominated before the toss but at the latest by the afternoon tea interval on the first day of a match.

Substitute players may be allowed by negotiation between captains.

Substitute players should not replace a player who has already batted or bowled unless such player is a member of a Cricket Victoria club that also participates in the MCC Club XI Cricket Competition.

Cricket Victoria clubs are permitted to substitute players, without restriction, as a result of representative selection.

MCC Club XI Cricket Competition teams who are a team of a Cricket Victoria club are permitted to substitute players, without restriction, if the MCC Club XI Cricket Competition fixture draw does not coincide with the Cricket Victoria fixture draw.

Clubs with two teams are not permitted to play a player who has played in one team, to play in the other team, in the same round.

ONE-DAY MATCHES

1. Start of play

Matches commence at:

(a) All Home & Away matches: 1.00 pm.

(b) Elimination Final, Semi Final and Grand Final matches: 12.00 pm

If no play is possible before 3.30pm, the match shall be abandoned.

2. Tea interval

A 20 minute tea interval will be taken at the end of the first innings.

3. Cessation of play

Play will continue until a result is obtained.

If total lost time exceeds 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time of the second side's innings, then play will not continue beyond 7.00 pm, (beyond 6.30 pm during non-Daylight Saving

Time), and the match shall be declared a draw.

4. Compulsory closure - maximum overs

The innings of both sides shall be limited to:

- 40 overs (non-Daylight Saving Time)
- 40 overs (Daylight saving Time),
- 40 overs (Elimination and Semi Final and Grand Final matches)

In any match played on a day with high temperature and/or high humidity, the umpires have the discretion to reduce the specified number of overs for each innings.

5. Compulsory closure - reduced overs - lost time

(a) Except in the circumstances of (b) below, if the start of play is delayed, or, playing time is lost during the first innings, then the maximum number of overs to be bowled in each innings shall be reduced by one over for each complete 7 minutes of total time lost.

(b) Delayed start caused by one side

If one side is ready to play at the scheduled time for the match to commence, but the start of play is delayed by more than 5 minutes, then the side causing the delayed start shall have its entitlement to batting overs reduced by one over for every complete 3.5 minutes of playing time lost.

The umpire shall be the final judge in determining when both sides were ready to play and determining the number of the overs to be deducted from the defaulting side's batting innings.

6. Second side - compulsory closure

First side's innings compulsorily closed

The second side shall be limited to the same number of overs bowled to the first side. The match shall then finish.

First side's innings not compulsorily closed

The side batting second shall be entitled to bat for

- 35 overs (non-Daylight Saving Time)
- 40 overs (Daylight Saving Time)
- 40 overs (Elimination and Semi Final and Grand Final matches).

However, if lost time causes the overs limitation for the first side to be reduced, or, both captains have agreed to play a reduced number of overs, then the second side shall be limited to the same reduced number of overs.

7. Over limits for bowlers

Each bowler is limited to:

- 7 overs (non-Daylight Saving Time)
- 8 overs (Daylight Saving Time)
- 8 overs (Elimination and Semi Final and Grand Final matches).

If the overs limit applying to both sides innings is reduced prior to the match commencing, then the above limits for each bowler shall also be reduced by one over for each full 5 overs lost.

8. Fielding limits

Throughout an innings, the fielding side must have at least four fielders within 30 metres of the pitch at the time each ball is delivered..

If either umpire judges insufficient fielders are within 30 metres of the pitch, the

umpire may first direct the fielding captain to reposition the field.

If the umpire is not satisfied the request was complied with, then the umpire shall call and signal No ball at the instant of the bowler's delivery.

9. Winning team

The winning team is the team scoring the most runs, regardless of wickets lost.

OVER RATES

The Cricket Victoria standard is 3.5 minutes per over or 17 overs per hour or 100 overs per 6 hour playing day.

Clubs are encouraged to maintain these over rates standards.

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

The captains or in their absence the vice-captains of the competing teams are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their players during the course of a match.

However, it is the responsibility of everyone involved in the MCC Club XI Cricket Competition especially the players, to ensure that the game is played in the correct spirit with regard to the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship.

Examples of unacceptable player behaviour include -

The use of offensive language.

The questioning / disputing of the umpires decision.

The excessive number of frivolous and ridiculous appeals.

The use of offensive sledging / send offs.

The unnecessary actions of the dismissed batsman.

Any type of racial and / or religious harassment.

If any player or club is charged by an umpire or opposing club, the competition convenor shall arrange for a sub committee of 3 delegates who are not connected with the charge, to hear and resolve the charge.

The competition convenor shall be the convenor of this sub committee.

The decision of this sub committee shall be final.

Clubs and umpires are encouraged to contact the competition convenor immediately should there be any concern with player behaviour.

POINTS

Allocation of match points

- Win or Win by forfeit 4 points
- Loss or loss by forfeit 0 points
- Tie 2 points each team
- Drawn or abandoned 2 points each team

A bonus point will be awarded where the team batting:

- a. first bowls the opposition out for 50% or less of their score or
- b. second wins the match in 50% or less of the overs allocated to them

The team which has the bye will automatically be credited with 4 points (unless all other matches in that round are washed out when 2 points will be credited).

PRESENTATION FUNCTION

A presentation function will be arranged each year preferably on an event day at the MCG.

Trophies for the competition's leading run scorer and leading wicket taker in the regular season will be presented at this function.

The MCC will supply the drinks and finger food up to the starting time of the event after which time a cash bar will operate.

The MCC will arrange ground entry tickets for the non-MCC members attending the function.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

A representative match may be arranged annually between the MCC Club XI Cricket Competition and another MCC representative team or the MCC XXIX Club. The match, depending on ground availability, would most likely be played on a Sunday at the Albert Ground.

SCOREBOARD

The home team is encouraged to supply a scoreboard for use during matches.

The batting team is responsible for operating the scoreboard.

SCORERS

Clubs are encouraged to appoint a permanent scorer for the season.

The captains or in their absence the vice-captains must confirm that the scorebooks balance at the close of play each day.

START TIME

The scheduled starting times of matches is 1.00pm.

The captains or in their absence the vice captains must toss for choice of innings at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of commencing play.

Matches may be commenced earlier prior to the introduction of daylight saving summertime, by direction of the competition convenor.

Matches may also be commenced earlier by negotiation between the captains and then approved by the competition convenor.

Clubs are encouraged to commence matches on time.

Any match shall be deemed to be forfeited should a team be unable to produce 8 correctly attired players ready to commence play, weather permitting, by 2.00 pm on any day of a match.

Play must commence as soon as 8 correctly attired players are in attendance and ready to commence play, weather permitting, prior to 2.00 pm.

SUB COMMITTEES

The competition convenor shall be empowered to arrange sub committees, as required, for the proper functioning of the competition.

Sub committees should comprise a minimum of 2 delegates and the competition convenor.

The competition convenor shall be the convenor of any sub committees that are formed.

The decisions of any sub committee shall be final.

UMPIRES

Each club shall be responsible for one half of the umpires' agreed fee **which must be paid prior to the completion of the tea interval.**

The competition will endeavour to recruit umpires if clubs are unsuccessful in nominating umpires.

Umpires, if available, shall be appointed to matches by the competition convenor.

If there is only one umpire appointed to a match, that umpire shall umpire from the bowlers end for the duration of the match.

Each club shall be responsible for one half of the umpires agreed fee.

- (a) An umpire attending the ground shall be entitled to the full agreed fee, unless (b) below applies.
- (b) An umpire attending the ground shall be entitled to \$20.00 if:
 - (i) play does not commence due to unfit conditions, or
 - (ii) play commences but the match is abandoned due to unfit conditions within ninety minutes of the scheduled starting time.

The MCC will appoint and pay for one umpire appointed for the elimination and semi finals with the participating teams paying half each for the second umpire. The MCC will pay both umpires in the final (best of three) matches.

If umpires are not appointed to a match, the batting team shall be responsible for supplying the umpires who should wear distinctive clothing including shirts, even on hot days.

In matches where the umpire at Square Leg is supplied by the club, this umpire must wear attire which clearly distinguishes him from the attire worn by fielders.

The umpires shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play.

In the absence of umpires, the captains of the competing teams shall determine the fitness of the ground regarding the commencement or continuing of play due to adverse weather.

The umpires or the captains in the absence of the umpires shall consider the ground as unfit for play when it is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fieldsman of the power of free movement or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between wickets.

Play should not be suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet.
