



**SOUTHERN CRICKET
ASSOCIATION**

RULES AND BY-LAWS

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SOUTHERN CRICKET ASSOCIATION RULES

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.0 Authority

- (a) These rules are made by the SCA Committee, pursuant to the SCA Constitution.
- (b) These rules are made in conjunction with the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code) and except to the extent that anything expressed or implied in these Rules is inconsistent with the Laws of Cricket, then the Laws of Cricket shall apply.
- (c) Any decision under these Rules required to be made by the Association may be made by the SCA COM.

2.0 Scope

These Rules shall apply to the management of all matches under the control of the SCA Committee.

3.0 Interpretation

In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears –

“**SCA**” means Southern Cricket Association

“**SCA COM**” means the SCA committee who are elected in accordance with the Constitution.

“**SCA Executive Committee**” means the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician (if appointed).

“**CA**” means Cricket Australia

“**CT**” means Cricket Tasmania

“**Club**” means a Cricket Club that have been admitted to play in the Southern Cricket Association competition.

In relation to administrative duties, “**Commencement of the Season**” refers to the first (1st) day of October

“**Home Club**” means a Club whose home ground is schedule for the match, or the team first listed on the fixture.

“**Laws of Cricket**” means the Laws of Cricket (2017 edition) and any subsequent amendments

“**Southern Cricket Association**” means the competition described in the constitution.

“**Season**” means a cricket season

“**Secretary**” means the secretary of the SCA COM

‘**Limited Overs**’ means SCA 50-Over and 40-Over matches

PART 2 – CLUBS

4.0 Affiliation and Disaffiliation

4.1 Affiliation

- (a) The Committee of Management (COM) may, at its discretion and applying such criteria as it considers appropriate, either accept or refuse an application by a cricket club for admission to the SCA Competition. The decision of the COM shall be final and binding.
- (b) When a club is admitted, it shall remain in the SCA competition from season to season unless or until it is disaffiliated and, it shall be deemed to have agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the COM in relation to the SCA competition Rules and conduct.
- (c) A Cricket Club that are seeking affiliation to play in the SCA shall lodge an application to the SCA Committee, which shall include:
 - (i) A copy of an alphabetical list of names and addresses of all financial members of the cricket club;
 - (ii) Such other information as the COM may require or which the cricket club considers relevant as outlined in the downloads section of the SCA website, however;
 - (iii) New clubs are unlikely to be approved entry into the SCA unless their application complements the 8 grade, 8 team model and the proposed club has access to a ground of a standard satisfactory to the SCA COM
- (d) **Affiliated Clubs and Colours**

The SCA COM requires affiliated clubs to present newly designed clothing to be presented to the SCA COM for approval, in one of the below formats.

 - Mock up design via email or other electronic means, or;
 - Shirt, Pant, Vest and Jumpers to be presented to the SCA COM.

The SCA COM will approve uniforms or make recommendations to gain approval as soon as possible.

4.2 Disaffiliation

- (a) The SCA COM may disaffiliate a club from the Association at any time if:
 - (i) A club fails to pay any annual fees, affiliation fees or other monies owing to the SCA and such failure has continued for a period of not less than 14 days after the due date; or
 - (ii) The club fails to comply with any reasonable requirement of the SCA in relation to these By-Laws or Playing Conditions; or
 - (iii) The COM, at its sole and absolute discretion considers it in the best interest of the SCA competition or the SCA generally that the club be disaffiliated; or
 - (iv) The club breaches conditions of lease of grounds used by the SCA.
 - (v) A club advised by the SCA COM's intention to disaffiliate it will be provided with procedural fairness with right of reply.

5.0 Fees

- (1) Each Club shall play the following fees each season, as determined by the SCA COM prior to the commencement of the season;
 - (a) Affiliation Fees Per Club
 - (b) Administration Fee (Club Levy) Per Team
 - (c) Ground Hire Fee (if not negotiated by Club individually through respective councils/LGA's)
- (2) The affiliation fee and the time for payment shall be fixed from time to time by the SCA COM, and shall be notified in writing to Clubs.
- (3) Apart from any other resource the SCA COM has, it may impose a penalty on a club/s that fail to pay the annual affiliation fee by the due date. Penalties may include the loss of match points until the club is deemed financial, or have entered a payment plan to the satisfaction of the SCA COM.
- (4) The SCA COM, at its sole and absolute discretion may impose an administration fee to any new clubs wishing to join the SCA Competition which has not been a member of the SCA within the preceding five (5) seasons

PART 3 – SCA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

6.0 Southern Cricket Association Committee of Management (SCA COM)

The appointment of a Community Cricket Officer in 2017 to assist with the administration of the SCA has seen a reduction in the workload of some office holders, therefore the appointment of Office Bearers should be considered on a season by season basis.

- (1) There shall be a Southern Cricket Association Committee of Management consisting of:
 - (a) Office Bearers shall include:
 - President;
 - Vice President;
 - Secretary (or Public Officer); and
 - Treasurer
 - (b) Office Bearers may include:
 - Statistician
 - Registration Officer
 - Umpire Advisor
 - Umpire Support Officer
 - Sufficient committee members to enable appropriate input by clubs; and
 - (c) An Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician may be appointed by the Committee of Management (COM) as required.
 - (d) The COM shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician (if appointed), Registration Officer (if appointed), any other appointed Office Bearers plus committee members

- (e) The Umpiring Board, if constructed, shall consist of President, Vice-President, Umpires Advisor, Umpire Support Officer and one COM member.

The Umpires Advisor and Umpire Support officer will not have a casting vote where a conflict of interest arises between SCA COM roles and their management of umpires.

7.0 Procedure at SCA COM Meetings

- (1) The President shall preside as Chairperson over all meetings. In his or her absence the Vice-President shall be Chairperson. In both their absences a Chairperson may be elected from those present.
- (2) A quorum shall consist of 50% of the COM.
- (3) The retiring President shall preside over the AGM until a successor is elected.
- (4) Each Office Bearer (COM) or club delegate (SGM or AGM) shall have one vote with the President having a casting vote only.
- (5) Before the election of a new committee at the AGM the following shall occur:
 - (a) The President shall give a report on the past year to the meeting;
 - (b) The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial position of the association including an exact amount of the honorariums paid to each COM member for the past year;
 - (c) The Secretary shall present to the meeting a list of items that the incoming committee will need to attend to. This list shall be determined in the committee meetings prior to the AGM; and
 - (d) The Umpires Advisor shall give a report on the past year to the meeting.
- (6) After the election of the new Office Bearers the outgoing COM members shall hand over to the incoming COM all correspondence, paperwork and financial information along with any assets (including petty cash) that belongs to the Association at the AGM.

8.0 Functions, Duties and Powers of the SCA Committee of Management

- (1) The SCA COM shall;
 - (a) Manage the Southern Cricket Association competition and any other matches and competitions conducted by the Association for clubs or players.
 - (b) Deal with and rule as required in relation to disputes arising out of these Rules, By-Laws and Playing Conditions
 - (c) Hear and determine appeals made in relation to any matters arising out of these Rules and By-Laws
- (2) The SCA COM is authorised to impose automatic penalties for any breach of these Rules/By-Laws
- (3) Where the SCA Com is required to rule on a matter, it shall, in the absence of any specific provision contained within these Rules, resolve the matter observing at all times any relevant principals of natural justice

- (4) The SCA COM shall regulate its own procedures and will provide its decision in writing to all relevant parties within 48 hours of any hearing.

PART 4 – PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

9.0 Registration

To be eligible to play or officiate in the SCA Competition, a player or official must be registered with a specific club (or association) in accordance to these rules.

- (1) If a player is under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of applying for registration, a parent or guardian must sign or approve the registration with the player's registered club in the required manner
- (2) Registration of players and officials must be completed on **MyCricket prior to 9:00pm on the eve** preceding the commencement of the match in which the player/official intend to participate in. Furthermore, in line with the Association's Public Liability insurer, player details that need to be entered in MyCricket include:
 - (a) Players/Officials date of birth and;
 - (b) Individual email address (not a club email)
- (3) Once a player is registered with a club, that registration shall remain effective for that season only, and will cease at the conclusion of the SCA Finals (Limited Overs)
- (4) By registering to a SCA Club via the prescribed format, everyone (whether a player/non-player) agrees to abide by:
 - (a) The SCA Constitution;
 - (b) By-Laws and Playing Conditions and;
 - (c) SCA Media Policy (Appendix D)
- (5) The Executive Committee has the power to deny any player registration request by any club on the following grounds:
 - (a) The registration of the player/s would unfairly influence the result in any one game;
 - (b) The mass registration of player/s for one round for one club and;
 - (c) Any other reason deemed unacceptable by the Executive Committee.
- (6) A player wishing to change clubs during a season must receive clearance from their club prior to requesting a move and shall proceed in accordance with By-Law 10.
- (7) If a player is in breach of any of the terms of By-Law 9, the SCA COM shall impose such penalty on the player and/or Club of that player, as the SCA COM considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- (8) Club Secretaries must lodge a list of unfinancial players from the previous season to the SCA Secretary, by **no later** than June 1 of the current season. These players are considered not financial/suspended from the previous season. Unfinancial players shall not have their registrations accepted until they have finalised their existing accounts or have not played for 14 months with any affiliated club. This rule applies to all players from all cricketing bodies within Tasmania.

10.0 Clearances

- (1) Applications for clearances from one SCA affiliated club to another shall only be considered for registered players up until January 31 of that current season. Applications for clearance for players from other competitions may occur throughout the season. Participation in finals may be affected for applications for clearance for players received late in the season.
- (2) Any registered player requiring a clearance shall apply for a clearance through the Competition Management System (MyCricket).
- (3) The club shall have seven (7) days to reply through the Competition Management System (MyCricket) to the applicant's request stating their decision to grant or refuse the clearance. Clubs are expected to grant clearances as soon as practical (i.e. within 48 hours) where no issues are identified.
- (4) If the club does not respond to the clearance application through the Competition Management System (MyCricket), within the time constraints referred to in By-Law (10)(3), the applicant shall be deemed cleared in accordance with the application.
- (5) Clearances after standing out of cricket
 - (a) A player who **was** registered with an SCA club but submits a declaration to the SCA COM that they have not played in any other competition in the preceding fourteen (14) months is not required to apply for a clearance with/to another SCA member club. The player however does need the registration of their new club to be approved by the SCA COM
- (6) If a club denies a player's application for a clearance, the player may appeal the decision to the SCA COM. In the case of an appeal, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The appeal must be lodged with the SCA COM within thirty (30) days of receipt by the player of the decision being appealed.
 - (b) The SCA shall notify the player and the Club concerned of their right to attend the meeting of the SCA COM at which the appeal is to be dealt with.
 - (c) The SCA shall notify the player and the club concerned of their right to attend the meeting of the SCA COM at which the appeal is to be dealt with
- (7) Refusal of Clearance
 - (a) A player is deemed to have failed to obtain a clearance if they receive a formal notice of a denial
 - (b) A player can only be denied a clearance on the following grounds
 - (i) If the player has an existing contract with the original club;
 - (ii) If the player owes property to the original club, or;
 - (iii) If the player is financially encumbered to the original club.
- (8) Any unfinancial player listed with the Secretary of the SCA in accordance with By-Law (9)(8) shall be ineligible for a clearance within the Southern Cricket Association until the debt has been deemed settled.
- (9) A player who obtains a clearance or registration by using false/incorrect information, or whom in any other way plays contrary to By-Laws 9 & 10 shall

be dealt with as the SCA COM deems appropriate.

11.0 Player Eligibility

11.1 Finals Qualification (Limited Overs Competitions)

- (a) For the purpose of finals eligibility, SCA T20 Grade competitions and SCA Women's competitions are regarded as separate competitions to SCA Limited Overs Grade competitions.
- (b) Any player who has not played in five (5) roster matches for their **club** across respective grades (excluding T20 matches and finals) during the current season are ineligible to play in SCA finals in that season. Such player may apply to the SCA COM (or its nominee) for dispensation to play in finals due to extenuating circumstances.
- (c) The number of matches to qualify for finals as per By-Law 11(1)(b) may be changed by the SCA COM due to byes, washouts and forfeits during the season
- (d) A match deemed to be washed out (a match without a ball being bowled) **shall not** be considered a match when determining finals eligibility.
- (e) A player who has played **more than 50%** of their SCA Limited Overs roster matches in higher grade(s) may not play in lower grade Limited Overs finals.
- (f) Any club with teams participating in semi-finals, preliminary finals or grand finals in consecutive grades commencing with the club's highest grade, may, at their discretion, select players in any grade and not be subject to the restrictions of By-Law 11(1)(e).
- (g) With respect to By-Law 11(1)(e), in the event that consecutive grades commencing with a club's highest grade does not make the grand final (after having made a previous finals match), By-Law 11(1)(e) applies.
- (h) For the sake of clarity, BYE's are not considered a match in the SCA finals series
- (i) **For clubs that have a BYE in SCA 1st Grade and are in lower grade grand finals in Week 3 of the SCA finals series** - Any player (regardless of By-Law 11(1)(e)) who has participated in a SCA 1st grade finals match in Week 2 is permitted to participate in a SCA lower grade grand final. However, in doing so, the player is not permitted to participate in the SCA 1st Grade Grand Final in week 4.

Qualification of Matches for SCA Lower Grade Limited Overs Finals			
Games Played	Allowable number of games played in Higher Grades to be eligible for Finals in Lower Grade	Games Played	Allowable number of games played in Higher Grades to be eligible for Finals in Lower Grade
5	2	10	5
6	3	11	5
7	3	12	6
8	4	13	6
9	4	14	7

11.2 Finals Qualification (Twenty20 Competition)

- (a) For the purpose of finals eligibility, SCA Limited Overs grade competitions and SCA Women’s competitions are regarded as separate competitions to SCA Twenty20 grade competitions.
- (b) Any player who has not played in at least one (1) SCA Twenty20 roster match for their club across respective grades (excluding Limited Overs and Women’s Competitions) are ineligible to play in SCA Twenty20 finals matches.
- (c) A match deemed to be washed out (a match without a ball being bowled) **shall not** be considered a match when determining Finals eligibility.
- (d) A player who has played **more than 50%** of their SCA Twenty20 roster matches in a higher grade(s) may not play in lower grade Twenty20 finals.
- (e) Any club with teams participating in semi-finals, or grand finals in consecutive grades commencing with the club’s highest grade, may, at their discretion, select players in any grade and not be subject to the restrictions of By-Law 11(2)(d).
- (f) With respect to By-Law 11(2)(d), in the event that consecutive grades commencing with a club’s highest grade does not make the SCA Twenty20 Grand Final (after having made a previous finals match), By-Law 11(2)(d) applies.

Qualification of Matches for SCA Lower Grade Twenty20 Finals	
Games Played	Allowable number of games played in Higher Grades to be eligible for T20 Finals in Lower Grades
1	0
2	1
3	1

11.3 Finals Qualification (SCA Women's Competition)

- (a) For the purpose of finals eligibility, SCA Limited Overs grade competitions and SCA Twenty20 grade competitions are regarded as separate competitions to the SCA Women's competition(s).
- (b) Any player who has not played in at least one (1) SCA Women's roster match for their club) are ineligible to play in SCA Women's finals matches.
- (c) A match deemed to be washed out (a match without a ball being bowled) shall not be considered a match when determining finals eligibility.

11.4 Participation in Multiple Matches and Other Cricket Associations

- (a) A player is not permitted to represent the club in more than one (1) grade, one (1) round or one (1) association on any given weekend. Where a round goes over multiple weekends, a player must not represent a club in more than one (1) match during that round. For example, if 1st Grade round 10 is on the 1st March and 2nd Grade round 10 is on the 8th March, no player may play in both 1st Grade on the 1st March and 2nd Grade on the 8th March.
- (b) An SCA player is not permitted to play for any other Club or Association on the same weekend (excluding Twenty20 matches) in which they participate in an SCA match.

SCA Limited Overs Matches

- (c) A player selected to play in a two-day match that is played over two weekends in a different competition/association is ineligible to play in the SCA for both weekends the two-day match is played across regardless of whether that player plays in both weekends of the two-day match (including replacement players).
- (d) Once a player has been selected in a Two-Day or Limited Overs match for a club in a Tasmanian Premier Cricket Competition (including washouts but excluding Twenty20 matches), a player is then ineligible to play in any SCA Limited Overs match without the consent of the SCA COM.

SCA Twenty20 Matches

- (e) There are no restrictions upon SCA players in participating in Twenty20 competitions and matches in any other Association.
- (f) Tasmanian Premier Cricket Competitions deemed by the SCA COM include:
 - (i) Cricket Tasmania Premier League (CTPL) 1st and 2nd Grade.
 - (ii) Cricket North (formerly NTCA) 1st and 2nd Grade.
 - (iii) Cricket North West (formerly NWTCA) 1st and 2nd Grade

11.5 Underage Male & Women's Players

- (a) Registered underage male players who participate in other Association's competition or school competitions are automatically exempt from By-

Law 11(4)(b), as long the player is under eighteen (18) years of age as of 31st August at the commencement of the current season.

- (b) If a player is under the age of 18 at the time of applying for registration, a parent or guardian must sign or approve the registration form in the required manner.
- (c) Registered women's players who participate in any other Associations competitions, women's competitions or school competitions are automatically exempt from By-Law 11(4)(b).

12.0 Downgrading

- (1) Players are not eligible to drop more than one (1) grade in which their club is represented in consecutive rounds (including byes and washouts) that the player intends to play in without the SCA COM approval. Example – a player may drop from 1st Grade to 3rd Grade in a club where their only teams are in 1st and 3rd Grade
- (2) Players under the age of eighteen (18) as at 31st August in the current season are eligible to drop more than one (1) grade in consecutive round for their club (permission from the SCA COM is not required).
- (3) Downgrade Restrictions for SCA 1st – 5th Grades (50 Over Matches)
 - (a) If the SCA COM grants an approval of a player to drop more than one (1) grade to play in SCA 1st – 5th Grade, that player will be restricted from batting in the top six (6) batting positions and will not be permitted to bowl before the completion of the 25th over.
- (4) Downgrade Restrictions for SCA 6th – 8th Grade (40 Over Matches)
 - (a) If the SCA COM grants an approval of a player to drop more than one (1) grade to play in SCA 6th – 8th Grade, that player will be restricted from batting in the top six (6) batting positions and will not be permitted to bowl before the completion of the 20th over.
- (5) Exemption from Restrictions Request
Clubs are eligible to apply for an exemption from restrictions that otherwise automatically apply when a player drops more than two grades between rounds. Examples where clubs may apply for exemptions from restrictions include where lower grade players are selected for a higher grade as a fill-in (due to player unavailability) and apply the following week to return to their normal, lower grade side.
- (6) For a downgrade, or exemption from restrictions to be considered, clubs are to apply via the SCA Downgrade or Exemption from Restrictions Online Request form via the SCA website by 12noon Friday prior to the match outlining the number of matches played in each grade, and to include all relevant details. Applications received without the provision of all essential information will not be considered.

13.0 Playing Ineligible Players

If a club fields a player who is ineligible under any of the competition By-Laws and Playing Conditions, the result shall be awarded to the opposition team who shall

receive the same match and bonus points equal to the highest gained in that round within that grade. This includes circumstances where clubs enter more than 11 players on the selected side on MyCricket (without identifying substitute players).

14.0 Umpire Duties

- (1) Umpire reports are required to be entered on MyCricket by 12noon Tuesday following the completion of each match. This includes the following:
 - (a) Report on the Match
 - (b) Spirit of Cricket Votes for respective teams
 - (c) Player Votes for Association awards (best player and fielder)
- (2) Reports must be received by the SCA Secretary (or another SCA COM member) no later than 10:00am within two (2) business days following the completion of the match.
- (3) Failure to complete any of the assigned tasks in By-Law 14 will result in the SCA in withholding umpire payments until the tasks have been completed.

PART 5 – THE SOUTHERN CRICKET ASSOCIATION COMPETITION AND OTHER MATCHES

15.0 Structure and Scheduling

- (1) The SCA COM shall compile and make available to all Clubs a roster for each season
- (2) The roster shall provide for the competition to be played in such grades as the SCA COM may determine and shall specify the duration and location of all matches, and any special conditions to finals.
- (3) The SCA COM may at any time make such changes to the roster as it thinks necessary or desirable
- (4) The SCA COM is authorised to vary playing times if it considers there are special circumstances
- (5) In this part, 'roster' includes finals.

Note – Also refer to By-Law 28 - Wet Weather and Cancellations

16.0 Record Keeping

It is the duty of the SCA COM to maintain an up-to-date record of points scored by each club in the competition, and a ladder showing the relative positions of the teams as the season progresses.

17.0 Allocation of Points

(1) Southern Cricket Association Ladders

After each match, points shall be allocated as follows;

Limited Overs Matches

Win	6 Points
Tie	3 Points Each
No Result (including abandonments)	3 Points Each

Bonus Point Allocation

The following Bonus Point System will be applied to SCA Limited Overs grade competition ladders. The bonus points will not be included in SCA Twenty20 or Women's competitions respectively

- (a) The team that wins the match and achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point; i.e. the team shall receive a total of 7 points (6 points for win, 1 bonus point).
- (b) The team that wins the match and achieves a run rate of twice that of the opposition shall be awarded an additional 1 bonus point, which is in addition to the bonus point achieved in (a); i.e. the team shall receive a total of 8 points (6 points for win, 1 bonus point and 1 additional bonus point).
- (c) A team's run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced.
- (d) Where matches are shortened and targets revised using the Average Run Rate calculation under PC 9(3), 26(3) and 43(3), bonus run rates and defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score (less one run) and maximum overs.
 - (i) Teams batting second will receive 1 bonus point for achieving the runs required to win the match before the **end** of eighty percent (80%) of the maximum allowed overs. **Example - In a 50 over match, this would be at the completion of the 40th over. In a 25 over match, this would be at the completion of the 20th over.**
 - (ii) Teams batting second will receive 2 bonus points for achieving the runs required to win the match before the **end** of fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowed overs. **Example - In a 50 over match, this would be at the completion of the 25th over. In a 25 over match, this would be after the 3rd legal delivery in the 13th over.**
 - (iii) Teams bowling second will receive 1 bonus point for restricting or bowling teams out for **less than** eighty percent (80%) of the target score, less one run.
 - (iv) Teams bowling second will receive 2 bonus points for restricting or bowling teams out for **less than** fifty percent (50%) of the target score, less one run.
 - (v) The umpire(s) must write the target amount in both scorebooks prior to the commencement of play in the second (2nd) innings of the match. Failure to do so by an appointed Match Umpire may incur a penalty fine.

Twenty20 Matches

Win	6 Points
Tie (only if Super Over not possible)	3 Points Each
No Result (including abandonments)	3 Points Each
Loss	0 Points

SCA Women's Competition Matches

Win	6 Points
Tie	3 Points Each
No Result (including abandonments)	3 Points Each
Loss	0 Points

18.0 Ladder Positions

18.1 SCA Limited Overs Grade Competitions (1st – 8th Grade)

- (a) The ladder shall rank all teams from highest to lowest in accordance to match points accumulated to date.
- (b) Teams that are equal on match points will be separated by quotient and will be calculated thus;
 - (i) Divide the total number of runs scored by a team by the total of number of wickets lost by that team
 - (ii) Divide the total number of runs scored by a team by the total number of wickets lost by that team
 - (iii) Divide the former (i) by the latter (ii)
 - (iv) The team which has the highest quotient shall be considered to have the better performance
- (c) For the purpose of calculating percentages, a batter that is retired hurt is deemed to be not out, and a team is all out with less than the full quantity of players/dismissals, is deemed to have lost only the number of wickets fallen.
- (d) If a match has commenced that is later abandoned with no result, the team score will be included with quotient calculations and individual scores included in all statistics.

18.2 SCA Twenty20 Grade Competitions (1st – 8th Grade)

- (a) The ladder shall rank all teams from highest to lowest in accordance to match points accumulated to date
- (b) In the event of teams finishing equal on points, the order of the ladder shall be determined by
 - (i) Teams with the most number of wins
 - (ii) The team with the highest Net Run Rate. Refer By-Law 18(4)

18.3 SCA Women's Competition

- (a) The ladder shall rank all teams from highest to lowest in accordance to match points accumulated to date
- (b) In the event of teams finishing equal on points, the order of the ladder shall be determined by

- (i) Teams with the most number of wins
- (ii) The team with the highest Net Run Rate. Refer By-Law 18(4)

18.4 Net Run Rate

- (a) A team’s net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.
- (b) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of over, 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
- (c) Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculations. Where the result of a match is achieved under Average Run Rate (ARR), for net rate purposes Team 1 will be accredited with Team 2’s par score on abandonment, of the same number of overs faced by Team 2. Where a match is concluded but with ARR having been applied at an earlier point in the match, Team 1 will be accredited with 1 run less than the final Target Score for Team 2 off the total number of overs allocated to Team 2 to reach the target.

19.0 Qualifications for SCA Finals

19.1 SCA 1st Grade Competition (Limited Overs)

The teams to play in the SCA 1st Grade finals series shall be those occupying in the top five (5) positions on the ladder at the end of the roster series. Finals matches will be played as follows:

Week 1	Match 1	QF	Second v Third
	Match 2	EF 1	Fourth v Fifth First BYE
Week 2	Match 3	SF	First v W1
	Match 4	EF 2	L1 v W2
Week 3	Match 5	PF	L3 v W4
Week 4	Match 6	GF	W3 v W5

19.2 SCA 2nd – 8th Grade (Lower Grade) Competitions (Limited Overs)

The teams to play in the SCA lower grade finals series shall be those occupying in the top four (4) positions on the ladder at the end of the roster series. Finals matches will be played as follows

Week 1	Match 1	SF	First v Second
	Match 2	EF	Third v Fourth

Week 2	Match 3	PF	L1 v W2
Week 3	Match 4	GF	W1 v W3

19.3 SCA 1st – 8th Grade Twenty20 Competitions

The teams to play in the SCA 1st – 8th Grade Twenty20 finals series shall be those occupying in the top two (2) positions on the ladder in each pool at the end of the Twenty20 roster series. Finals matches will be played as follows.

In the event of the teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the final match or series will be decided by the most wins in the roster matches, or, when teams have both equal wins and equal points, the team which was the winner from the roster match(es) (played between them) will be placed in the higher position, or, if still equal, the higher Net Run Rate in the roster matches will be declared the winner. In a match declared by a no result, run rate is not applicable.

Match 1	SF 1	First (Pool A) v Second (Pool B)
Match 2	SF 2	First (Pool B) v Second (Pool A)
Match 3	GF	Winner of Match 1 v Winner of Match 2

Note – Grand Final venues for respective grades will be the determination of the SCA COM.

19.4 SCA Women’s Competition (if any finals)

The teams to play in the SCA 1st Grade finals series shall be those occupying in the top two (2) positions on the ladder at the end of the roster series

20.0 Finals Results & Venues

20.1 Result - 1st – 8th Grade Competition Qualifying, Elimination Semi and Preliminary Finals (Limited Overs)

No Result or Tie

Should there be a no result, or a tie, the team finishing highest on the ladder at the end of the roster matches, or the highest placed team during the finals series will be declared the winner of all matches concerned. This includes qualifying finals, elimination finals, semi finals and preliminary finals.

20.2 Result - 1st – 8th Grade Competition Grand Finals (Limited Overs)

Tie

In the event of a tie in SCA Grand Finals (Limited Overs), the team finishing highest on the ladder, or the highest placed team during the finals will be declared the winner.

No Result (after play has commenced)

Should there be a no result after play has commenced, the team finishing highest on the ladder at the end of the roster matches, or the highest placed team during the Finals series will be declared the winner of all Grand Finals matches concerned.

No Result (washout without a ball being bowled)

If no play is possible for SCA Grand Final (Limited Overs), the match shall be replayed on the reserve date if scheduled. In the event of a no result in the final (including any Reserve Day(s)), the team finishing highest on the ladder, or the highest placed team during the finals series will be declared the winner.

20.3 Result - 1st – 8th Grade Competition & Finals (Twenty20 Competitions)

Tie

If, at the end of the match that scores are tied (for both roster and finals matches), the Super Over procedure as outlined in Appendix B' shall apply

No Result

If no result is achieved in the Grand Final on the scheduled day of play, the match shall be replayed on the reserve date if scheduled. In the event of a no result in the final (including any reserve day(s)), the winner will be decided by most wins in the roster matches, or, when teams have equal wins and equal points, the team which was the winner from the roster match(es) (played between them) will be placed in the higher position, or, if still equal, the higher Net Run Rate in the roster matches will be declared the winner.

20.4 Result – Women’s Competition Finals & Grand Final

Tie

In the event of a tie in SCA Women’s finals & Grand Final(s), the team finishing highest on the ladder, or the highest placed team during the Finals will be declared the winner.

No Result (after play has commenced)

Should there be a no result after play has commenced, the team finishing highest on the ladder at the end of the roster matches, or the highest placed team during the finals series will be declared the winner of the Grand Final concerned.

No Result (washout without a ball being bowled)

If no play is possible for the SCA Women’s Grand Final, the match shall be replayed on the reserve date if scheduled. In the event of a no result in the final

(including any reserve day(s)), the team finishing highest on the ladder, or the highest placed team during the finals series will be declared the winner.

21.0 Finals Venues (Limited Overs, Twenty20 and Women's Competitions)

- (1) All finals venues shall be nominated and approved by the SCA COM, or its nominee. Finals venues will endeavour to select venues within proximity to teams who are the highest ranked team in that final.
- (2) The SCA COM reserves the right to reschedule a match away from any venue if the SCA COM has reasonable cause for concern that the venue will not meet a satisfactory standard.
- (3) A club that have more than one (1) team in finals in respective grades and are the highest ranked team in each grade/competition will be invited to nominate their preference of a finals venue.
- (4) Criteria for Finals Venues (Qualifying, Elimination, Semi and Preliminary Finals)
 - (a) With respect to By-Law 21, minimum standards/requirement to host finals matches include the following;
 - Fielding Restriction Circle (30yards)
 - Adequate size boundaries, and;
 - Adequate change rooms facilities and amenities.
- (5) Criteria for Grand Final Venues
 - (a) With respect to By-Law 21, minimum standards/requirement to host finals matches include provisions in By-Law 21(4)(a) and the following;
 - Canteen and bar facilities
 - Smoking areas defined
 - Liquor sales permit
 - Adequate parking and;
 - any other criteria specified by the SCA COM

22.0 Nomination of Teams & The Toss

- (1) The minimum number of players required to constitute a match is seven (7). Should a team not be able to field seven (7) players at any point during the match, they will forfeit the match. In the SCA Women's competition, the minimum number of players to constitute a match is five (5) players.
- (2) The nomination of teams shall be made in accordance with the Laws of Cricket 1.1, 1.2 & 1.3 plus the requirement of dates of birth is required to be included on the team sheet for all players under 19, 17, 15 and 13 years of age. (refer to By-Law 23(5))

The Toss

The toss will take place as per Law 13.4 of the Laws of Cricket.

23.0 Team Sheets

- (1) Team captains are responsible for completing the declared team sheet for all matches played.
- (2) Team sheets must be prepared from the MyCricket website, with two (2) copies to be prepared, one (1) for the umpire(s) and one (1) for the opposition team.

- (3) If a team sheet is disputed by the umpire/s or teams, captains are to retain the teamsheets for a period of seven (7) days prior to disposal.
- (4) In the event of late changes and/or substitutes playing, handwritten amendments to the team sheet is permitted.
- (5) As per By-Law 23(2), captains must ensure that the date of birth for all players is included (and correct) for all players under 19, 17, 15 and 13 years of age. Captains who fail to do so will be issued a yellow card (warning)
- (6) As per By-Law 22(2), teams failing to prepare team sheets off MyCricket may be fined \$25.00 for the first offence, and \$50.00 for a second offence. Third, or subsequent offences will be at the discretion of the SCA COM.

24.0 Competition Management System (MyCricket)

- (1) SCA 1st Grade (Limited Overs and Twenty20 Matches)
 - (a) Team selections must be entered in MyCricket by 9:00pm Friday prior to the commencement of match
 - (b) Match scores must be entered within 60mins of a conclusion of a day's play
 - (c) Player scorers (including ensuring the correct 11 players and substitutes are selected/edited in MyCricket) must be entered within 90mins of a conclusion of a day's play.
 - (d) Any team failing to comply with any part of By-Law 24(1):
 - (i) For the team's first offence - a loss of one (1) match point from that match, which will be suspended on the condition that there are no repeats throughout the season.
 - (ii) For the team's second offence – a loss of two (2) match points will be deducted from that match
 - (iii) The team's third offence will be the at the discretion of the SCA COM.
- (2) Other Grades (Limited Overs and Twenty20 Matches)
 - (a) Team selections must be entered in MyCricket by 9:00pm Friday prior to the commencement of the match
 - (b) Match and player scores (including ensuring the correct 11 players and substitutes are selected/edited in MyCricket) must be entered by Monday 12noon following the conclusion of the round.
 - (c) Any team failing to comply with any part of By-Law 24(2):
 - (i) For the team's first offence - a loss of one (1) match point from that match, which will be suspended on the condition that there are no repeats throughout the season.
 - (ii) For the team's second offence – a loss of two (2) match points will be deducted from that match
 - (iii) The team's third offence will be the at the discretion of the SCA COM.

25.0 Scoring & Electronic Scoring (MyCricket Live Score App or Total Cricket Scorer)

- (1) SCA 1st Grade

- (a) The home club/team must score electronically for all matches using the MyCricket Live Score App or Total Cricket Scorer, with the away team to use an approved scorebook.
 - (b) Any team failing to comply with any part of By Law 25(1):
 - (i) For the team's first offence - a loss of one (1) match point from that match, which will be suspended on the condition that there are no repeats throughout the season.
 - (ii) For the team's second offence – a loss of two (2) match points will be deducted from that match
 - (iii) The team's third offence will be the at the discretion of the SCA COM.
- (2) Other Grades
- (a) Clubs may score electronically for all matches using the MyCricket Live Score App or Total Cricket Scorer. In this instance, the opposition team must use an approved scorebook.

26.0 Scoresheets and Captains Reports

(1) Scoresheets

- (a) Team captains are responsible to ensure that scoring is carried out in a competent manner. All required details should be included and both copies of the scoresheets to be legible). Clubs require a record of the full detail of match score in preparation of transferring the information to MyCricket.
- (b) Scorebooks (including electronic) should be made available on the boundary to the umpire(s) at each drinks interval.
- (c) Captains are to ensure that the scoresheets are completed, checked and signed off by the umpire(s)
- (d) Completed scorebooks should also be available to the umpire(s) no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of each innings and have been signed by both captains) No alcohol is to be consumed by players, umpires and coaches in that match until all scoresheets are fully completed and signed off by both captains and umpire/s present.
- (e) Clubs failing to complete scoresheets to a satisfactory standard may be fined to the discretion of the SCA COM.
- (f) Match Disputes
For disputed matches only: completed scoresheets for both teams must be forwarded to the SCA COM (Statistician/Secretary) by no later than 12noon Wednesday after the completion of the match. This includes both roster and finals' matches.

(2) Captains Reports

- (a) Captains Reports for SCA 1st – 8th Grade and all finals' matches are to be lodged in MyCricket by Monday 12noon following the completion of the match.
- (b) Any team failing to comply with By-Law 26(2):

- (i) For the team's first offence - a loss of one (1) match point from that match, which will be suspended on the condition that there are no repeats throughout the season.
- (ii) For the team's second offence – a loss of two (2) match points will be deducted from that match
- (iii) The team's third offence will be the at the discretion of the SCA COM.

27.0 Code of Conduct for Club Officials, Players, COM Members, Coaches, Captains and Umpires.

Club Officials, COM members, each umpire, coach and captain (including fill-in or acting Captains) appointed within the SCA agree to comply with the Code of Behaviour, as well as the Code of Conduct requirements as articulated in Appendix 'E' and 'F' by virtue of being appointed to any of the above roles.

28.0 Wet Weather and Cancellations.

- (1) All players must attend their allocated matches irrespective of weather conditions, unless the SCA COM have cancelled the game/s or round.
- (2) In the event of a match being cancelled, the SCA COM publish affected match/es on the SCA website and social media channels (i.e. Facebook) from Friday 8am prior to the commencement of that round.

29.0 Boundary Distances and Markings.

For SCA 1st – 8th Grades, the aim shall be to provide the largest playing area, subject to no boundary exceeding 90yards (82.29 metres) from the centre of the pitch to be used (refer to Part 12 for SCA Women's Competition Playing Conditions)

30.0 Insufficient Players

A club which cannot field sufficient players for all grades in any one round shall forfeit however many matches necessary, commencing with the club's lowest grade playing that day and sequentially thereafter.

31.0 Use of Artificial Light

As per Cricket Australia Community Cricket Guidelines, the minimum standards of lighting for Community Cricket (Club – Home (Class III)) is 300lux (square) and 200lux (outfield).

Clubs are permitted to provide a certificate from respective councils/LGA detailing that the minimum standards have been met for use of artificial lights.

32.0 Forfeiture

- (1) When a team forfeits a match, the opposing team shall be awarded points, and bonus points equal to the highest number of points gained by any team in that round, within that grade.

- (2) Clubs must notify the SCA COM by 9pm Thursday prior to the commencement of that round if they are required to forfeit a match. After that that and until 6pm Friday, that match umpire(s) shall be awarded half of the match fee. Following 6pm Friday, match umpires shall be awarded full fees.
- (3) Any team that forfeits a match will be deemed to have lost 10 wickets and conceded 100 runs in Limited Overs matches.
- (4) A forfeit win shall be considered a match when determining finals eligibility with the team being submitted to MyCricket and is required to do so by Monday 12noon following the match.
- (5) A forfeit loss shall not be considered a match when determining finals eligibility, with the team being removed from MyCricket.

33.0 Failure to take the field.

Except in the case where the umpires delay the start or resumption of a match because of weather, light or playing conditions, the umpire shall invoke Law 16.3.2 of the Laws of Cricket and award the match to the other team. The team awarded the match shall receive match and bonus points equal to the highest gained in that round. An automatic penalty as per By-Law 32 shall apply to the team forfeiting.

34.0 Unfair Result

The SCA COM may decide, due to some irregularity or incident of unfair play, or where a team attempts to gain points in a match by a manner the SCA COM considers to be unfair to the other teams or clubs in the same competition, to amend points obtained in a match by either team. Any deductions applied may be greater than those gained in the match in question.

35.0 Competition Awards

The names of the players who have gained the best batting and bowling averages and aggregate in the Limited Overs roster matches during the season will be awarded the competition averages and aggregate awards.

- (1) Batting Average Awards - It is a pre-requisite that:
 - (a) 1st and 2nd Grade batter shall have 7 innings and scored a minimum of 400 runs
 - (b) 3rd - 5th Grade batters shall have 7 innings and have scored a minimum of 300 runs.
 - (c) 6th - 8th Grade batters shall have 7 innings and have scored a minimum of 250 runs
- (2) Bowling Average Awards - It is a pre-requisite that:
 - (a) 1st - 5th Grade bowlers shall have bowled a minimum of 65 overs
 - (b) 6th - 8th Grade batters shall have bowled a minimum of 50 overs
- (3) Player of the Year Awards
 - (a) For SCA 1st - 8th Grade limited overs matches, umpires shall collectively award 3, 2 & 1 votes
 - (b) In the event where there is no result, no votes shall be allocated.

- (4) The COM has the right to determine what other awards may be given by the SCA in each grade, including the following
 - (a) Most Catches;
 - (b) Best Fielder (umpires determine the best two fielders for each match) and/or;
 - (c) Any other awards as chosen by the SCA COM.

36.0 Playing Apparel & Equipment

(1) Clothing

In all matches, the competition teams shall only wear SCA COM approved coloured clothing and equipment.

(2) Helmets

- (a) It is compulsory that all players wear a helmet when batting or, except for any fielding position behind square of the wicket on the off side, when fielding within 10 meters of the batsman, regardless of what grade they are playing.
- (b) It is compulsory that all players wear a helmet when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling. The umpires are the sole judge of whether bowling is fast or medium-paced and will judge the pace of the bowling against what is considered “fast”, “medium-paced” or “slow” within the context of that match.
- (c) At all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps, the wicket-keeper must wear a helmet. Facemasks are not permitted.
- (d) Players 18 years of age and older as at the 31st August must, when fielding in a position closer than seven metres from the batsman’s position on the popping crease on a middle stump line (such as short leg or silly point), with the exception of any fielding position behind square of the wicket on the off side, wear a helmet.
- (e) The match umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn as required in this section and shall not allow the match to continue during any period in which a player fails to wear a helmet as required by these By-Laws.
- (f) It is recommended that players wear or purchase helmets that meet the British Standard. Players are also encouraged to purchase or wear helmets in club colours.
- (g) Players who remove the protective grill from their helmet will not be permitted to take further part in the match until the grill is added or helmet without the grill is replaced.

(3) Footwear

Rubber soles shoes shall only be used for all synthetic surfaces. The wearing of spikes (or sprigs) is not permitted for any SCA matches.

(4) The Bat

Law 5.7.2 shall be replaced by;

The width of the bat shall not exceed 4.25 in/10.8cm at its widest part

(5) Ground Inspections

In all grades prior to all matches days, game day checklists as part of the Cricket Australia National Club Risk Protection Programme must be completed by representatives of both teams in accordance with the instructions provided by Cricket Tasmania.

PART 6 – GENERAL

37.0 Changes to Rules and By-Laws.

The SCA COM, or committee or other person/s delegated by the SCA COM from time to time, may alter, rescind or replace and of these Rules and By-Laws.

When considering changes to these Rules and By-Laws, the SCA COM or other person/s delegated by the SCA COM, shall at all times consider the necessity for consultation with affiliated clubs. Where items/matters dictate the necessity for consultation, the feedback shall be taken into consideration prior to making changes.

38.0 Power of SCA COM

(1) Relegation/Promotion

- (a) The SCA COM shall, prior to the commencement of the season, have the power to promote and relegate teams from all grades.
- (b) The SCA COM expects from season to season that the SCA competition may vary the grade structure if team numbers permit. A redistribution of teams may occur to this change in grades.
- (c) Any SCA 1st Grade team must request in writing to be demoted at the time of, or prior to submitting their affiliation form, to be demoted to a lower grade.
- (d) Grand Finalists from Grades 2-8 inclusive can expect to be promoted to a higher Grade the following season. Teams finishing in the bottom two positions in Grades 1-7 can expect to be relegated to a lower grade the following season unless exceptional circumstances exist (such as the affected club already fielding a team in the grade the team would otherwise have been promoted or relegated to).
- (e) The COM reserves the right to impose restrictions upon any club requesting to have its highest team be demoted by more than one grade from which it last participated in.

(2) Representative Matches

- (a) The SCA COM may schedule from time to time representative matches between sides representing the SCA and other Associations.

- (b) The SCA COM may select, either directly or through an appointed sub-committee, the representative team from SCA players.
 - (c) Players choosing to make themselves unavailable to the SCA representative team without an acceptable reason may face an SCA suspension of the next roster match.
- (3) The COM shall have the power to decide on all questions arising out of club matches and any other questions not provided for in these Rules and Bylaws or Constitution set down by the COM. If however, no decision can be reached or there is a conflict of interest between both parties, the decision shall, if warranted go before Cricket Tasmania to review the process conducted, in which case their decision shall be final.

If the clubs wish to appeal the process of a decision made by the SCA COM or Tribunal decision, this must be done within 48 hours of the said decision by notifying the SCA Secretary. A monetary fee of \$250.00 will apply which will be refundable if found in the appellants' favour.

39.0 Serving of Notices

Any notice required to be serves under these Rules and By-Laws, except where otherwise specified, may be sent by fax, by email, or by ordinary mail, and in the case of ordinary mail shall unless otherwise be specified be deemed to have been received, unless the contrary is claimed, on the next business day following the day of posting.

- (1) Any communication required to be given, lodged or otherwise received under these Rules and By-Laws shall be deemed to be so given, lodged or received:
- (a) If it is sent by registered or certified mail to the address of the addressee, on the day it is sent;
 - (b) If it is sent by facsimile transmission to the facsimile number of the addressee, on the day it is so sent;
 - (c) If it is delivered personally to the addressee when it is so delivered;
 - (d) If it is sent by email, on the day it is so sent.
- (2) Any communication contemplated by By-Law 39 may be given, lodged or received by any other means, but in that event the onus of showing that it was so given, lodged or otherwise received lies with the person giving or sending the communication.
- (3) Any communication which is required to be given or sent to a club shall be deemed to have been given or so sent if it is given or sent in a manner contemplated by By-Law 39 to the secretary or president of that club

40.0 Association Communication

It is compulsory that clubs respond, within the time frame allocated, to all SCA correspondence and communication that requires response. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine of \$25.00 per late response.