

# **Nepean District Cricket Association**

Incorporated 13 December 1990

## **Constitution**

### **1. NAME**

The name of the Association shall be the "Nepean District Cricket Association Incorporated", ("the Association").

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- (a) The promotion and management of the game of cricket within the area covered by Penrith City Council and Blue Mountains City Council.
- (b) To conduct and manage cricket competitions between member clubs of the Association.
- (c) The entry of teams to represent the Association in competitions organised by other cricket controlling bodies.
- (d) To arbitrate and legislate on all disputes among member clubs and members of the Association relating to cricket activities.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

In these rules except in so far as the context of subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;

Words importing one gender include any other gender;

"The Act" means the Association Incorporation Act, 1984;

"The Department" means the NSW Department of Fair Trading;

Secretary" means the person holding office under these rules as Secretary of the Association;

"Property" includes real and personal, any estate or interest in a property, real or personal, any debt, anything in action, and any other right or interest, whether in the possession of the Association or not;

"Special general meeting" means a general meeting of the Association other than an annual general meeting;

"Official Umpire" means an umpire who is a financial member of and appointed by the Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association Inc to officiate at matches conducted by the Association;

"Life Member" means a person who has been granted Life Membership of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and is not liable for any fee or subscription;

"Playing Member" means a registered and current financial member of a member club who participates in matches conducted by the Association;

"Club Delegate" means the persons selected by each member club to represent its interests at general meetings.

### **4. ASSOCIATION COLOURS**

The colours of the Association will be green and gold.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Subject to these rules the members of the Association shall be comprised of the member clubs of the Association together with those persons who have been elected to life membership.

(b) Membership is open to all persons in addition to the existing member clubs and life members who accept the objects and agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.

(c) Members shall consist of the following classes:

(i) Member clubs, comprising those clubs which apply for membership of the Association with a view to participating in the competition organised by the Association. All registered and current financial playing members, financial non-playing members and life members of such member clubs shall be deemed to be members of the Association.

(ii) Active members shall be persons who are non-playing members who are not affiliated with a member club and directly apply for membership of the Association.

(iii) Life members being those persons who have been elected as life members of the Association and who shall have such rights and privileges of the Association as referred to in these rules.

(d) Except in the case of life members, application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and shall be in such form and contain such information as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee to be essential.

(e) As soon as practicable after receipt of an application for membership, such application shall be considered by the Management Committee who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant. The Management Committee shall on request give its reasons for rejecting any application for admission.

(f) Both member clubs and active members shall pay such membership fees as are determined, from time to time, by the Management Committee. In the case of active members the membership fee shall not exceed an amount equal to the amount levied on member club divided by fourteen.

(g) Membership shall cease upon resignation or expulsion. In the case of active members the membership fee shall be payable upon acceptance by the Management Committee. Active membership shall commence from the date that the membership fee is paid.

(h) Member club membership fees fall due for payment at the first (1st) delegates meeting held in September. Where such fees are not paid within fourteen (14) days following this meeting then the member club will not be eligible to be included in the competition for that season.

(i) Member clubs with scheduled competition matches on turf wickets shall be liable for the payment of turf wicket fees as determined by the Management Committee

(j) Member clubs which participate in competition matches, semi finals or finals, where an official umpire is provided, shall be liable for umpires fees as determined by the Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association Inc.

(k) The refund of membership fees shall be permitted in the following circumstances:

(i) A member club which withdraws a team by way of written notice, forwarded to the NDCA Secretary, by the Thursday prior to the commencement of the first competition round shall be entitled to receive a full refund of registration fees paid.

(ii) A member club which withdraws a team by way of written notice, forwarded to the NDCA Secretary, after the commencement of the first competition round but prior to the Thursday before the commencement of the third competition round, shall be entitled to receive a fifty percent refund of registration fees paid.

## **6. LIFE MEMBERS**

The Association shall have the power to elect life members, with a maximum of two being elected in any given year. A member who meets the criteria as stated in Section 6(a) or (b) shall be eligible for nomination as a life member of the Association.

(a) A member of the Management Committee who has contributed meritorious service for a minimum of ten (10) years.

(b) A playing member of the association for a minimum of twenty five (25) years who, in the opinion of the Management Committee, has displayed superior conduct and made a significant contribution to cricket in the district.

(c) Life members shall only be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

(d) Nominations for life membership shall be made by either a member of the Management Committee or by the Secretary of a member club and shall include information, which is not more than two hundred and fifty words in length, in support of such a nomination

(e) Nominations for life membership shall be forwarded to the NDCA Secretary prior to the second Monday in May of any given year.

(f) Nominations for life membership must be approved by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee at its May meeting.

(g) A nomination for life membership approved by the Management Committee shall be proposed and voted upon at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Such a nomination shall be approved should two thirds of the delegates in attendance and entitled to vote support the nomination.

(h) A nomination for life membership which fails to be approved by a two-third majority of the Management Committee shall be deemed to have lapsed for that year.

## **7. MEMBER LIABILITY**

The members of the Association shall have no liability to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs and charges or expenses of the winding up of the Association except to the amount of any unpaid membership fees.

## **8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(a) The activities of the Association shall be controlled and managed by a Management Committee, consisting of the Executive Committee and a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) other persons, all of whom shall be either a member of a member club, an active member or a Life Member.

(b) The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Competition Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Association in the case of an emergency. Any action taken shall be reported at the next Management Committee meeting for its notification.

(c) The membership of the Management Committee shall also include one (1) representative from the Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association Inc not otherwise represented on the Management Committee.

(d) The membership of the Management Committee shall also include one (1) grounds manager as elected by the Management Committee.

(d) The members of the Management Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

(e) Nominations for all positions on the Management Committee, except those defined under Section 8 (c and d), must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Where insufficient nominations are received the remaining vacancies shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy, occurring in the Management Committee, may be filled by a member appointed by the Management Committee and such member shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

(f) Members of the Management Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the conclusion of the immediate following Annual General Meeting.

(g) Retiring members of the Management Committee are eligible for re-election.

(h) A person who is not a member of a member club, active member, or life member, as defined in Section 5(c), is not eligible for election to the Management Committee.

(i) Subject to the Act and the Regulations made there under, to these rules, and to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, the Management Committee:-

(i) may exercise all functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those functions that are required by these rules or the Act to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the Association;

(ii) has power to perform all such Acts and do all such things as appear to the Management Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper control and management of the affairs of the Association.

## **9. DELEGATES**

The Management Committee shall at its first general meeting after the Annual General Meeting elect delegates to represent the Association at other bodies with which the Association is affiliated.

## **10. MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - PROCEDURE**

(a) The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to conduct the business of the Association, but in any event not less than once every two (2) months. Such meetings unless otherwise determined shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of the Month.

(b) The quorum for meetings of the Management Committee shall be six (6).

(c) In the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the members of the Management Committee, the remaining members may continue to act, but if the number of remaining members is not sufficient to continue a quorum at a meeting of the Management Committee they may act only for the purpose of appointing new members of the Management Committee to at least the number of members to constitute a quorum.

(d) At a meeting of the Management Committee:

(i) the President shall preside as Chairman of the meeting; or

(ii) if the President is absent or unwilling to act as Chairman, the Vice President shall preside as Chairman of the meeting.

(e) Questions arising at any meeting of the Management Committee shall be decided by the majority of votes of those members of the Management Committee present. In the case of an equality of votes the person presiding as Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(f) Any person may attend a meeting of the Management Committee at the invitation of any office-bearer or at the invitation of the Management Committee.

## **11. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - VACATION OF OFFICE**

The office of member of the Management Committee shall become vacant if the member:

- (a) Dies;
- (b) Ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (c) Becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the relevant State code;
- (d) Resigns office by notice in writing to the Secretary;
- (e) Becomes of unsound mind or a person who is or whose estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health;
- (f) Is absent from three (3) successive Management Committee meetings without reasonable excuse or without the approval of the Management Committee.

## **12. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - REMOVAL OF MEMBER**

The Association, in a general meeting, may by resolution remove any member of the Management Committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office in lieu of the member removed until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.

## **13. GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) The quorum for general meetings of the Association shall be sixteen (16) persons entitled to vote.
- (b) Except where the nature of the business to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, serve on each member a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) Where the nature of the business proposed to be conducted at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary shall, at least twenty one (21) days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting serve a notice on each member specifying in addition to the information required under Clause (b) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (d) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except in the case of an Annual General Meeting.
- (e) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.
- (f) If within half an hour after the appointed time for commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned).
- (g) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for commencement of the meeting, the members present [being not less than twelve (12)] shall constitute a quorum.
- (h) The President shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Association.
- (i) If the President is absent from a general meeting or unwilling to act as Chairman, the Vice President shall preside as Chairman of the meeting.

(j) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting.

(k) Where a general meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more the NDCA Secretary shall give written notice of the adjourned meeting to each member club of the Association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

(l) A resolution arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands.

#### **14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual general Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than the 8th of August in each year at such place and time as the Management Committee shall decide. The order of business at each Annual General Meeting shall be:

(a) The reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

(b) Consideration of the Annual Report of the NDCA Secretary and the Treasurer's financial statement and balance sheet.

(c) Election of members of the Management Committee, Patrons, and Auditor.

(d) Such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the rules of the Association.

#### **15. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Special general meetings shall be held whenever the Management Committee directs or (within twenty eight (28) days) upon a written request received by a member club Secretary and signed by at least ten (10) members of the Association. In the latter case, the subject for calling such meetings shall be clearly stated in the requisition, and business shall be confined to that subject.

#### **16. DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS**

##### **16.1 Tribunal Formation and Structure**

(a) The Management Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Tribunal, as the need arises and at any time, which shall be responsible for hearing alleged breaches of the NDCA Competition Rules.

(b) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall be comprised of a Chairman and two (2) additional members. Such members of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be drawn from persons deemed suitable by the Management Committee to serve on the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(c) Quorum for a meeting of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be the Chairman and two (2) additional members.

(d) The Disciplinary Tribunal will provide a written report detailing all matters which it has heard during the preceding year. Such a report shall be included in the NDCA Annual Report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

##### **16.2 Evidence**

(a) All disciplinary matters shall be heard as soon as practicable provided that the accused and their Club Secretary have received written notification of the charges three (3) days prior to the hearing.

(b) The person reporting the offence is to provide a written report to the NDCA Secretary detailing the alleged offence as soon as possible to when the incident occurred. It does not require the match to be concluded for this to occur, eg. on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of a two (2) day match. This report should endeavour (but is not essential) to include:

- (i) when and where the alleged incident happened.
  - (ii) the nature of the alleged incident.
  - (iii) which teams were allegedly involved (Club and Grade).
  - (iv) the name(s) of the alleged offender(s).
  - (v) the names, addresses and phone numbers (if possible) of any witnesses so that their version of events may become available to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (c) The NDCA Secretary shall raise the matter of the written report received at the next available Management Committee meeting, where a Disciplinary Tribunal will be selected.
- (d) The Disciplinary Tribunal may, at its discretion, accept the written report of the complainant or witness without the necessity for the individual to appear in person.
- (e) The complainant and any witnesses are to be provided with the outcome of the Disciplinary Tribunal decision.

### **16.3 The Accused**

- (a) The accused is to attend the hearing at a time and place convenient to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (b) The accused and his Club Secretary are to be informed of the charge brought against them and which aspect of the MCC Laws, Local By Laws or Code of Conduct has been breached.
- (c) The accused may provide one (1) advocate to put forward their position at the hearing.
- (d) This advocate may substitute for the accused in their absence.
- (e) The hearing may proceed in the absence of the accused or their advocate.
- (f) The Accused may elect to provide a written submission from themselves or from their advocate.

### **16.4 The Hearing**

- (a) The Disciplinary Tribunal is to make their decision based upon the balance of evidence both written and oral.
- (b) Any two (2) to one (1) majority vote of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be sufficient for a decision.
- (c) The procedure for the hearing shall be:
  - (i) the evidence against the accused shall be considered.
  - (ii) the defence of the accused including a rebuttal shall then be considered.
  - (iii) the Disciplinary Tribunal shall ascertain/clarify any issues pertinent to the charge.
- (d) The Disciplinary Tribunal will then consider the matter of guilt or innocence.
- (e) If the accused is found guilty then the submission of mitigating circumstances or previous good conduct may be considered prior to sentence determination.
- (f) The outcome of all matters brought before the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be forwarded to the NDCA Management Committee who will accept the Disciplinary Tribunal's recommendation. However, the penalty recommended by the Disciplinary Tribunal may be adjusted by the NDCA Management Committee if deemed appropriate.

(g) The NDCA Secretary will notify the accused, and the Secretary of their club, of the determination within seven (7) days of the NDCA Management Committee review of the Disciplinary Tribunal's recommendation.

(h) The guilty party, and the Secretary of his club, will be advised of the decision in writing and their appeal rights. This communication will include which aspect of the MCC Laws, Local By Laws or Code of Conduct was breached by the guilty party.

### **16.5 Sentencing**

In addition to any suspension, the Disciplinary Tribunal may impose fines upon an individual, team or club and recommend deduction of competition points from a team or club to the Management Committee.

### **16.6 Appeals Committee**

(a) A written appeal must be received by the NDCA Secretary within seven (7) days after notice of the resolution is served on the member or Member club otherwise the right to appeal will lapse. This appeal must also include the grounds for the appeal.

(b) The Management Committee shall appoint an Appeals Committee, as the need arises and at any time, which shall be responsible for the reviewing of appeals lodged by parties found guilty by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(c) The Appeals Committee shall comprise three (3) members. Such members of the Appeals Committee shall be drawn from persons deemed suitable by the Management Committee to serve on the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee cannot include a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal relating to the matter being appealed.

(d) The Appeals Committee shall hear such an appeal at its earliest possible convenience.

(e) The Appeals Committee has the right to vary the sentence as determined by the Disciplinary Tribunal. This may include reversing the decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal, increasing or decreasing the sentence handed down.

(f) A further right of appeal to the NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc is available to member clubs. An appeal must be received by the NDCA Secretary, within seven (7) days of the decision of the Appeals Committee, and must include the grounds of appeal. Such an appeal shall be forwarded by the NDCA Secretary, within seven days (7) of it being received, to the NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc for its determination.

(g) The appellant will be unable to participate in the competition matches, semi finals, finals or representative matches until the appeal is heard by the NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc.

## **17. SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

A special resolution must be passed by a majority of not less than seventy five per cent (75%) of voting members of the Association present at a general meeting of the Association to effect the following changes:

- (i) an alteration to the Association's name;
- (ii) an alteration to the Constitution and Rules;
- (iii) an alteration of or an addition to the Association's objectives;
- (iv) an alteration of the Association colours;
- (v) an amalgamation with another incorporated or unincorporated Association or club to voluntarily wind up the Association and distribute its property; or
- (vi) to apply for registration as a company or a co-operative society.



## **18. INSURANCE**

(a) It shall be a function of the Management Committee to effect such insurance and to ensure that the Association maintains such insurance either in its own account or by a policy held by another incorporated Association with which the Association may affiliate.

(b) In addition to the insurance under Clause (a) the Committee may effect and maintain such other insurance as it deems necessary.

## **19. FUNDS**

(a) The funds of the Association shall be derived from membership fees, turf wicket fees, fines imposed by the Management Committee, donations, subsidies, grants and such other financial sources as determined by the Management Committee.

(b) All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as possible in any account opened in the Association's name.

(c) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two (2) of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(d) The financial year of the association shall be from 1st July to 30th June of the following year.

## **20. AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS**

The Treasurer must present a report of the previous month's income and expenditure at each meeting of the Management Committee.

## **21. SERVICE OF NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS**

(a) For the purpose of these rules, a notice or document may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member or member club personally, sending it by post, email, facsimile, or by delivering it to an address obtained for the member.

(b) Where a notice or document is sent to a member or member club by post, email or facsimile, the notice or document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purpose of these rules to have been served on the member at the time at which the notice or document would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post, email or facsimile.

## **22. MINUTES**

The Assistant Secretary shall record the minutes of any and all meetings of the Association and shall send by post or email a copy of the minutes of such meetings to the members of the Management Committee. In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall act on behalf of the Secretary and perform such duties as may be required by the Management Committee.

## **23. KEEPING CUSTODY AND INSPECTION OF BOOKS**

(a) The Treasurer shall ensure that the correct books of accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association. Such records shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time by any member and shall be kept in the custody of the Treasurer.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all records, books and other documents relating to the Association. Such records, books and other documents shall be open to inspection free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable time.

## **24. AUDIT**

The Auditor or Auditors appointed by the members of the Association, shall, prior to the Annual General Meeting each year audit the books, accounts and records of the Association and report the result of such audit at the Annual General Meeting.

## **25. PLAYING RULES**

(a) The Management Committee shall have the power to amend the playing rules at any time during the competition in emergency situations.

(b) Playing rules altered by the Management Committee during the course of the competitions conducted by the Association shall be submitted for ratification to the Member Clubs prior to the commencement of the following season.

(c) Ratification of changes to the rules made by the Management Committee or alterations and changes by Member Clubs shall be adopted provided a majority of member clubs being entitled to vote do so at a meeting of Member Clubs called for that purpose.

## **26. VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

(a) Member clubs of the Association shall be entitled to have club delegates attend any general meeting and each club delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings. The number of club delegates representing each member club shall be determined as follows:

<b>Number of teams</b>	<b>Number of delegates</b>
One, two or three teams	Two delegates
Four or five teams	Three delegates
Six or more teams	Four delegates

(b) Life members shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any general meeting of the Association.

(c) Active members shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any general meeting of the Association except where the matter to be decided affects the playing rules governing the competitions conducted between the Member Clubs when they will have no entitlement to vote.

(d) Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

## **27. SURPLUS PROPERTY**

(a) In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, all surplus property of the Association shall be vested in the NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc.

(b) The NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc. shall as far as is practical hold the property of the Association until it is satisfied that the property can be handed to a properly constituted body whether incorporated or not which adopts similar objects to the defunct Association.

**Note: Constitution last amended by the AGM of NDCA Member Club Delegates on Monday 4 August 2008.**

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Incorporated 13 December 1990

## **Competition Rules 2008/09**

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### **Preamble**

All penalties set down in the rules are the maximum and the Management Committee may use its discretion when applying same.

To this end all decisions made by the Management Committee, a member of the Management Committee or any persons empowered by the Nepean District Cricket Association can be appealed.

All Laws of the M.C.C Laws of Cricket 2003 have been adopted, with the exception of all references to five run penalties excluding Laws 41.2 and 41.3, or where Nepean District Cricket Association rules are applicable.

### **1. TEAM AND PLAYER NOMINATIONS**

**1.1** The competition shall be open to all Member Clubs affiliated with the Nepean District Cricket Association Incorporated (NDCA) and will be managed by the NDCA.

**1.2** The Management Committee may rescind, refuse or reject membership to the NDCA by any Member Club, Team or Player for whatsoever reason it so determines.

**1.3** \*The Secretary of each Member Club must submit a NDCA Team Registration Form no later than the Annual Delegates meeting with not less than eleven (11) players for a team. The form must be completed fully and be submitted with the proposed grade of the team(s).

\* May be subject to change at the Management Committee's discretion.

**1.4** Should the Team Registration Form not be completed correctly, it may be returned to the Member club for completion and resubmission.

**1.5** In the event of any Member Club having two (2) teams in the same grade, the teams are to be registered separately and player registration is to conform to RULE 1.3

**1.6** Additional Player registrations are to be lodged with the Competition Secretary in writing, on a fully completed Additional Player Registration Form, no later than 6.00pm on Friday prior to the commencement of the competition round in which the player wishes to participate. The additional players are not permitted to participate in any match until the registration is processed and accepted by the Competition Secretary. Any contravention to this rule to be dealt with under RULE 3.8

**1.7** NDCA Member Club's Team Registration Fees for the Cricket Season fall due for payment at the first (1st) Delegates meeting held in September. Where fees are not paid within seven (7) days following this meeting then the Member Club may not be eligible to be included in the Competition for that season.

**(a)** The Management Committee at its discretion may accept lodgement of Registration Fees at a later date, but no later than the start of the competition.

**(b)** May be varied at the Management Committee's discretion

**1.8** Where debts to NDCA are still outstanding after the third (3rd) Monday in April, following the completion of the season's competition, then:

**(a)** the offending team shall be penalised. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties); and

**(b)** the Management Committee may also decline the nominations of any team(s) by the offending Member Club for any subsequent season.

**1.9** If a player attempts to participate in a match under an assumed name, then the Member Club will be subject to a penalty. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties).

**1.10** If an unregistered player and this includes a substitute fielder attempts to participate in a match, then the Member Club will be subject to a penalty. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

## **2. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS**

**2.1** Registered players shall not represent more than one (1) Member Club during the season in competition, semi-final and final matches without the permission of the Management Committee.

**2.2** A registered player cannot participate (bat/bowl or keep wickets) in more than one (1) match on any given day for matches governed by the Competition Rules of the NDCA.

**2.3** A registered player who has participated in any international, interstate or competition match controlled by the NSW Cricket Association, NSW Districts Cricket Association, NSW Country Cricket Association, Sydney Cricket Association or equivalent associations in another state or territory, shall not be allowed to play in the NDCA competition until he has been graded and obtained a permit from the Management Committee.

**2.4** All applications for permits must be submitted on official registration forms, showing the previous Clubs, Associations, and grades played and grading. The application must be accompanied by player batting and bowling statistics for their most recent season.

**2.5** Permits may also be issued by the NDCA to restrict players' movement to lower grades as provided by Rule 4.6, if it is considered that such an action would be unfair and outside the spirit of the game.

**2.6** The Management Committee will issue or refuse permits based on the information provided in RULE 2.4. Member Clubs may appeal player permit decisions to the NSW Districts Cricket Association Inc.

**2.7** A registered player shall not, except with the permission of the Management Committee, be eligible to play in a semi-final or final if he has participated in three (3) or more competition matches in a higher grade during the season, with:

- (a) application for permission to be forwarded to the Secretary, supported by batting and bowling statistics; however
- (b) if the player has played seven (7) or more matches in a grade no lower than his personal grade or the grade he nominated and was accepted into, he does not need to obtain permission; and
- (c) all applications must be received by the Secretary no later than 6.00pm on the Monday immediately following the completion of the last competition round.

**2.8** A registered player must have been nominated and participated in at least three (3) competition matches, in order to be eligible to play in the semi-final or final matches. Any team, which includes a registered player in contravention of this rule, shall lose the match in which the player participates.

**2.9** Member Clubs with defaulters shall:

- (a) notify NDCA in writing by 31 July each year, as defaulters will not be accepted after this date; and
- (b) be responsible for notifying the NDCA of the full name, address and the amount of monies owing by each defaulter.

**2.10** A listed defaulter on the NSW Cricket Association Defaulters List cannot participate in any match until a written clearance from the defaulted Club's Management Committee is received by the NDCA. The Member Club playing the defaulter will be subject to penalties. (See RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

### **3. DISTRICT COMPETITION**

**3.1** The Management Committee shall arrange the nominated teams into grades consisting of eight (8) teams (where possible) in each grade. The teams shall be drawn by lot and placed in order according to the draw.

**3.2** The competition conducted by the NDCA shall be comprised of fourteen (14) matches, with seven (7) one (1) day matches and seven (7) two (2) day matches. Each team shall be drawn to play each other team in its grade in two (2) matches which shall consist of a one (1) day match and a two (2) day match unless otherwise directed by the NDCA Management Committee.

**3.3** The Management Committee shall endeavour to have eight (8) teams in a grade, but where there are insufficient or too many entries in a grade, then the Management Committee might need to vary the number of teams in a grade, and:

- (a) if a grade has seven (7) or nine (9) teams, then there shall be a bye; or
- (b) if a grade has only six (6) teams or less, the Management Committee will endeavour to structure the competition so all teams will play the same amount of match's.

**3.4** A team desiring to forfeit a match must notify the Competition Secretary, Secretary or President of the NDCA by 6.00pm on the day prior to the competition round, however:

- (a) If a team withdraws from the competition before the first round, and the NDCA cannot replace that team in the draw, then the position in the draw will be declared as a bye and no points will be allocated to those games.
- (b) If a team withdraws after the commencement of the competition, then all games thereafter involving the withdrawn team, will be forfeit and the opposition will receive maximum points for the round in that grade.
- (c) failure to give the required notice may result in a penalty (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties); and

(d) if the team forfeiting is scheduled to play on a turf wicket, then they are required to pay the turf wicket fees for both teams. Unless the team was scheduled to play and the team so wishing to forfeit playing on a turf wicket does so to all turf match's so drawn before the completion of the second round then no such penalties will be incurred by those teams.

**3.5** A team forfeiting two (2) matches during the season may be fined and disqualified for the remainder of the season and will forfeit all rights and privileges of the NDCA unless a satisfactory excuse is forwarded to the Management Committee no later than seven (7) days after the second offence.

**3.6** If a team forfeits a semi-final or final match, then the opponent automatically wins the match.

**3.7** Seven (7) players of the fielding side must be present and ready to take the field at the commencement or recommencement of the match. A team may not commence or recommence a match with less than seven (7) players without the consent of the opposing Captain.

**3.8** Any team playing a player including a substitute not registered or under an assumed name or otherwise not qualified shall lose the match in which he played and receive no points, their opposition shall receive the highest number of points in that grade and competition round, and:

(a) in the case of a semi-final or final the offending team shall lose the match; and

(b) the Competition Secretary is to inform the Management Committee of the occurrence and the Management Committee shall determine any further penalty for the offending team.

**3.9** If a registered player participates in a match three or more grades lower than his official grading or grade he has been accepted into for the current season, then the Member Club will be subject to a penalty. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

**3.10** A registered player who is representing the NDCA or Penrith Grade Club in an approved representative match may be replaced on either day of a two day match in which he would have participated. This will allow the player to fulfil his club and representative commitments. The replacement can only take place on the day when a representative game is being played, with:

(a) the replacement player assumes the role of a qualified player, and has full entitlements to bat, bowl and field; but

(b) if the replacement player assumes the role of the representative player who has batted in the current innings, then the replacement player is not entitled to bat. However in the case of a second innings commencing on the day, the replacement player may bat; and

(c) the opposition team is to be informed that a replacement player will be used in the course of the match due to a player on representative commitments.

(d) the name of the replacement player will be added to the team nomination sheet as soon as it is possible.

#### **4. PLAYER GRADING**

**4.1** Each registered player is to be graded individually prior to the commencement of the competition, on their most recent batting and bowling statistics, irrespective of a team's grading.

**4.2** The Management Committee shall be able to regrade a registered player during the season, if deemed to be necessary or appropriate.

**4.3** A registered player is to be regraded at the end of the season to a higher/lower grade if he meets either of the following criteria:

## **Batting**

Runs - 250 - 399, average 25 to 39.99 - 1 grade higher  
Runs - 400, average 40 or better - 2 grades higher  
Runs - 150 or less - 1 grade lower (minimum 4 innings)

## **Bowling**

Wickets - 25 - 34, average below 19.99 - 1 grade higher  
Wickets - 35 or more, average below 14.99 - 2 grades higher  
Wickets - 15 or less - 1 grade lower (minimum 4 matches)

**(a)** A registered player who has played more than four (4) competition rounds, at the end of the season will be graded down one (1) grade if he has scored less than one hundred and fifty (150) runs or taken less than fifteen (15) wickets.

**4.4** A registered player will be graded on his performance in the grade in which he played the most matches. In the event of a player playing the same number of matches in two (2) or more grades, he will be graded on his performance in the highest grade played.

**4.5** A registered player who is graded higher than he wishes to play must be nominated on the original Team Registration Form prior to team grading, if the Management Committee accepts the team in that grade, he will be permitted to play in that grade and his grading will be reviewed at the end of the season. An \* besides the player's name on the annual grading list indicates the lowest that player can play without Management Committee permission. If the Management Committee allows a player to be graded down, that player cannot then play lower than that grade.

**Example** - A 2<sup>nd</sup> graded player nominated for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and accepted by the Management Committee cannot play lower than 4<sup>th</sup> grade (the 2 grades lower principle does not apply for a down graded player so he is unable to play 6<sup>th</sup> grade).

**4.6** A registered player may be permitted to play in a lower grade but no more than two (2) grades below their individual grading. See examples below:

- a 2nd grade player, may play no lower than 4th grade
- a 4th grade player may play no lower than 6th grade.

**4.7** Registered players who have previously been graded, but have not played for two or more seasons, shall be regraded one (1) grade lower than their previous grade and then a further grade for each subsequent year

A player two (2) years absent, was graded 2<sup>nd</sup> grade now to be graded 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Three (3) years absent 4<sup>th</sup> grade four (4) years absent 5<sup>th</sup> grade and so on.  
Note: Players who have missed one (1) season, maintain their last grading.

The lowest grade you can be graded will be one grade below the lowest grade played for current season. Note: Players who have missed one (1) season, maintain their last grading.

**4.8** The Competition Secretary may, if unsure of a player's eligibility, refer the matter to the Management Committee for a decision. In this instance a player may not play until a decision has been made by the Management Committee.

**4.9** Registered players playing their first season out of the junior competition will not be graded until the end of their first season.

**4.10** Registered players who are under sixteen (16) years of age as of the first of September in each season cannot be graded when playing in a senior competition.

## **5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

**5.1** The Code of Conduct applies to:

- (a) all registered players, office bearers and members of Member Clubs that participate in or are in attendance at any match or event which has been approved and/or organised by the NDCA; and
- (b) all officials, office bearers and members of the NDCA and Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association (NDCUA).

**5.2** The code of conduct shall apply to the persons mentioned in RULE 5.1(a) and (b) above for any period in which the registered player, office bearer and members of Member Clubs are affiliated with NDCA and NDCUA.

**5.3** If the "Code" applies to a person, he or she must not:

- (a) assault or attempt to assault an umpire, another registered player, official of the NDCA, or spectator; or
- (b) abuse, either orally or physically an umpire, another registered player, official of the NDCA or spectator; or
- (c) engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to an umpire, another registered player, official of the NDCA or spectator in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's sexuality, race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin; or
- (d) dispute, as distinct from question an umpire's decision or react in any obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an umpire, the umpire's decision or generally following an umpire's decision; or
- (e) use crude and abusive language or engage in any form of conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute; or
- (f) use crude and abusive signals or gestures; or
- (g) refuse to give his or her name; or
- (h) consume alcohol at the ground while participating in that match.

**5.4** The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws "MCC LAW 42.1". The Captain of a team may be held responsible for any breaches of the "Code" by any player in his team and may be reported for failure to control his team.

**5.5** In any instance where a registered player is found guilty of an offence related to the Code of Conduct and is suspended from participating in any fixture approved by the NDCA, the Captain of the team may also receive a suspension equal to half that of the suspended player.

**5.6** The Umpires are sole judges of fair play as per "MCC LAW 42.2".

**5.7** The Umpires and Captains are to concern themselves with the "code of conduct" which is attributable to the teams that are contesting the match. (This does not diminish their reporting options available under RULE 5.8)

**5.8** A breach of the "Code" may be reported by:

- (a) any person as defined in RULE 5.1(a) and (b); or
- (b) any person who sees or hears the conduct that breaches the "Code".



**5.9** A breach of the “Code” may be reported to the NDCA Secretary and must be received by the NDCA Secretary within seven (7) days of the scheduled completion of the match in which the breach occurred or it may be deemed to have lapsed.

**5.10** The Management Committee may investigate all reports of breaches received within the above time frame.

**5.11** If a registered player attempts to participate in a NDCA controlled match while he is under suspension, then the Member Club will be subject to a penalty. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

## **6. DRESS REGULATION**

**6.1** All registered players in the first three (3) grades shall wear an approved shirt with collar and long trousers, both to be white or cream. In other grades, shirts, shorts or trousers shall be white or cream. Football or designer shorts shall not be permitted.

**6.2** Clothing and footwear may display the brand name and/or logo of the manufacturer.

**6.3** Coloured shirts may be worn upon written application to the Management Committee and subsequent receipt of written approval by the Management Committee. Any team who has such approval must have all players similarly attired in that approved shirt when taking the field.

**6.4** Footwear in all grades is to be predominantly white. Football socks are not to be worn with shorts. If football socks are worn with long or cream trousers, they must remain inside the trouser leg at all times.

**6.5** In competition, semi-final and final matches conducted by the NDCA the officiating umpires or in their absence the captains are empowered to determine the correct uniform of the participating players.

**6.6** Players shall not use metal or synthetic sprigs, spikes or cleats on their footwear in competition matches played on synthetic wickets. It is preferable, but not mandatory, for players participating in matches played on turf wickets to have at least half of their footwear covered in metal or synthetic sprigs, spikes or cleats when batting, bowling or wicket keeping.

**6.7** Teams in contravention of RULE 6.1 – 6.6 may lose points gained in that match or be liable for a fine or suspension.

## **7. ENDORSEMENT OF SPONSORS**

**7.1** The Management Committee has laid down the following guidelines:

(a) sponsors names or emblem may appear on the front of the shirt, on or above both pocket area and on the sleeve; and

(b) lettering must not be more than fifteen (15) millimetres high; with

(c) endorsement on the rear of the shirt no bigger than A4 size but must be endorsed by the Management Committee; or a member of the Management Committee and

(d) all other intended additional sponsorship name, emblem or design to be placed on players clothing, shall be submitted to the Management Committee for approval prior to usage.

## **8. HOURS OF PLAY AND CONDITIONS**

**8.1** These Rules apply to all competition, semi-final and final matches.

**8.2** All teams must assemble at the ground allocated in the draw, irrespective of weather conditions, whereupon the Captains shall decide on the fitness of the wicket, playing area and weather conditions. Refer RULE 14.1.

**8.3** Play in one (1) day competition matches shall be from 1.00pm to 7.00pm with a twenty minute break between innings, and:

(a) both teams must be ready to start at 1.00pm; and

(b) a team may claim a forfeit when the opposing team is not ready to start at 1.10pm.

**8.4** Play in two (2) day competition matches shall be from 1.30pm till 5.45pm. (except when there is no play on the first (1st) day where RULE 11.6 will apply). A tea break of fifteen (15) minutes duration will be taken at the end of the over in progress at 3.30 pm unless varied by RULE 11.10 or RULE 11.11, and:

(a) players of both teams must be ready to start at 1.30pm; and

(b) a team may claim a forfeit when the opposing team is not ready to start at 1.40pm.

**8.5** Play in semi-final and final matches shall be from 1.00pm till 7.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. A tea break of twenty (20) minutes duration will be taken at the end of the over in progress at 3.50 pm unless varied by RULE 12.11 or RULE 12.12

**8.6** A drinks break may be taken midway through each session of play. Additional drink breaks may be taken under exceptional circumstances, eg. excessive heat, or by mutual consent of the Captains.

**8.7** A team batting in their first innings must bat for a minimum of one (1) hour before a declaration can be made.

**8.8** The batting team may declare its innings closed at any time during the match except under the provision of RULE 8.7 above.

**8.9** A team which leads by seventy five (75) runs on the first innings shall have the option of making the opposition team follow on.

**8.10** An over shall consist of six legally delivered balls.

## **9. ONE DAY MATCHES**

**9.1** The innings of a one (1) day match shall consist of forty five (45) overs. The team batting first shall deem their innings closed at the completion of the forty fifth (45) over.

**9.2** No outright result shall be possible in any scheduled one day matches.

**9.3** Where a team has not bowled the required number of overs at 3.50pm, then:

(a) the team shall continue bowling until they have bowled forty five (45) overs, unless they bowl the opposing team out prior to the completion of forty five (45) overs being bowled.

The score for the team batting first shall be the score recorded at the conclusion of the forty fifth (45) over;

(b) while the side batting second shall only be entitled to receive the same number of overs as was in the process of being completed by them at 3.50pm; then

(c) the team with the greater score shall be declared the winner.

**9.4** Each bowler shall be entitled to bowl a maximum of ten (10) overs, with the batting Captain and the scorers having the ultimate responsibility to ensure this limit is not exceeded. if a bowler exceeds his/her 10 overs the moment this is noticed then over is to be called regardless of how many balls have been bowled, the over is then to be completed by another eligible bowler and will count as part of his/her 10 overs.

**9.5** Where the side batting first receives forty five (45) overs, the side batting second must receive a minimum of thirty (30) overs to constitute a match, unless the team is dismissed prior to receiving thirty (30) overs.

**9.6** In a match starting late due to weather, fitness of ground or serious injury with up to 2 hours lost, then:

- (a) the team bowling first must bowl a minimum of thirty (30) overs in their allotted time; but
- (b) should this fail to happen, and provided there has been no further stoppages in play due to weather, fitness of the ground or serious injury, then they shall continue to bowl until they have completed thirty (30) overs, or bowled the opposition out, whichever comes first; then
- (c) under these circumstances there will be a ten (10) minutes break before the team batting second commences their innings.

**9.7** The team batting second shall only receive the same number of overs as they had completed in their allotted bowling time as indicated in RULE 9.7.

**9.8** Where the team bowling second does not bowl the required number of overs, both scorebooks shall be submitted to the NDCA for the awarding of points.

**9.9** Thirty (30) overs shall constitute a match.

#### **10. ONE DAY MATCHES WHERE ONE OR BOTH TEAMS ARRIVE LATE**

**10.1** If, after the scheduled starting time of 1.00pm and before 1.10pm, a team does not have the minimum of seven (7) players ready and available to commence play then (other than RULE 8.3 forfeiture in one (1) day matches), then:

- (a) the offending team, if they bat first, shall only bat until 3.50pm or receive forty five (45) overs, whichever occurs first; or
- (b) the offending team, if they bowl first shall be compelled to bowl forty five (45) overs or bowl the batting side out, whichever occurs first; and
- (c) the offending team shall only receive the same number of overs as they had bowled at 3.50pm; and
- (d) the offending team (if batting first) shall be compelled to bowl their forty five (45) overs.

**10.2** Where both teams arrive late, then the match shall be played on a split time basis.

**10.3** In all of the above the interval shall remain at twenty (20) minutes.

#### **11. TWO DAY MATCHES**

**11.1** In a two (2) day match a team batting throughout the first day shall deem its innings closed at the completion of the over in progress at 5.45pm, and:

- (a) during their innings they should have received a minimum of sixty (60) overs bowled to them; and
- (b) on the second day where there is no interruption to play, the team batting second shall only receive the same number of overs as was bowled by them.

**11.2** A team which does not bat throughout the first day and receive sixty (60) overs or more shall:

- (a) still be required to bowl a minimum of sixty (60) overs on the second day

**11.3** In a two (2) day match where the side batting first loses batting time exceeding 15 minutes due to fitness of ground/weather, light or serious injury, they shall be entitled to continue to bat on day two (2) for half the available time less five (5) minutes, and:

(a) providing the side batting first is not all out they shall be required to bowl only the same number of overs as they received; or

(b) if the side batting first is bowled out in their allotted time they shall bowl (if required) until 5.45pm at a minimum rate of fifteen (15) overs per hour.

**11.4** In two (2) day matches played prior to the start of daylight savings time, where there is no play on the first day, the second day play shall be from 1.00 pm till 5.30 pm with a twenty (20) minute tea break to be taken at the conclusion of the innings of the team batting first, with:

(a) players of both teams must be ready to start at 1.00 pm; and

(b) a team may claim a forfeit when opposing team is not ready to start by 1.10 pm; but

(c) the team bowling first must bowl a minimum of thirty (30) overs prior to 3.05 pm. If this fails to happen, then they shall continue to bowl until they have bowled thirty (30) overs, or bowled the batting side out, whichever occurs first. The score of the team batting first shall be recorded as at the conclusion of the thirtieth (30th) over; then

(d) a twenty (20) minute tea break will then be taken; and

(e) the team batting second shall then be entitled to receive the same number of overs as was in the process of being bowled by them at 3.05 pm; with

(f) the team with the greatest score shall be declared the winner, ie Team "A" bats first and there are twenty eight (28) overs bowled at 3.05 pm and team "A" scores one hundred and fifty (150) runs off their allocated thirty (30) overs, then team "B" must score more than one hundred and fifty (150) runs off twenty eight (28) overs required to be bowled to them for team "B" to win the match; but

(g) under these circumstances twenty eight (28) overs shall constitute a match.

(h) under RULE 11.4 there will be no restriction on the number of overs permitted per bowler.

**11.5** Where a team bowling second does not bowl their required number of overs, both scorebooks shall be submitted to the NDCA for the awarding of points.

**11.6** In a two (2) day match played prior to the start of daylight savings where there is no play at all on the first day and play does not commence at the appointed time on the second Day, there shall be no limitation of batting time for the team batting first.

**11.7** In a two (2) day match played during daylight savings where there is no play on the first day, the match shall revert to a one (1) day match and played as described in RULES 9.1 to 9.12. There will be no restrictions on the number of overs allowed per bowler.

**11.8** Nothing stated above shall prevent an outright result. (Including RULE 11.7)

**11.9** In a two (2) day match, afternoon tea shall be taken on each day except where otherwise provided herein.

**11.10** There shall be no afternoon tea interval if:

(a) play does not commence before 2.30pm; or

(b) there is no play on the first day and play does not commence at the appointed time on the second day due to light, fitness of pitch, ground or weather conditions, or serious injury.

**11.11** In either of the circumstances set out in the following clauses, the commencement of the afternoon tea interval on any day shall be varied as prescribed by:

(a) if by the end of the over in progress at 3.30pm the batting side has lost nine (9) wickets, then play shall continue until the conclusion of the over in progress at 3.45pm or until the final wicket falls, whichever occurs first; or

(b) if there is a cessation of play, other than an interval between innings, which causes the players to be off the field at 3.05pm, the afternoon tea interval shall commence at 3.05pm and further, if for any reason whatsoever the players are required to leave the field after 3.05pm the afternoon tea interval otherwise provided shall take place from the time of the cessation of play.

**11.12** Thirty (30) overs per side shall constitute a match or if a team is bowled out or declares prior to the thirtieth over.

**11.13** In no circumstances must play continue beyond the over in progress at the appointed finishing time.

## **12. SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS**

**12.1** At the conclusion of the competition rounds, the teams in all grades shall be placed in order according to the number of points accumulated during competition rounds. The four (4) leading teams in each grade shall play semi-final matches and the winners of the semi-finals will play a final match. The semi-finals to be played thus:

(a) ONE (1) plays FOUR (4); and

(b) TWO (2) plays THREE (3).

**12.2** Any Club with outstanding fines, turf wicket fees or any other debts notified by the NDCA in writing under the cover of e-mail, or post shall not be entitled to participate in semi-final or final matches unless such debts are paid. Payment must be made to the Competition Secretary no later than 6.00pm on the Friday before the semi final is scheduled to commence.

(a) If a team or teams are disqualified for a breach of Rule 12.2(a), then said team(s) will be replaced in the semi finals by repositioning the qualifying order according to the number of points accumulated during the competition rounds.

**12.3** A first innings of a Semi-Final and Final shall consist of a maximum of eighty-five (85) overs per team, with a ten (10) minute break between innings.

**12.4** A team batting throughout the first day shall deem its innings closed if:

(a) at the completion of the eighty-fifth (85th) over, or at the completion of the over in progress at 7.00pm if eighty-five (85) overs have not been bowled; and

(b) under these circumstances, on the second day where there is no interruption to play, the team batting second shall only receive the same number of overs as was bowled by them.

**12.5** If a team is dismissed in less than eighty-five (85) overs, or:

(a) receives their allocated eighty-five (85) overs prior to 6:50pm on the first day, a ten (10) minute break will be taken; then

(b) the team batting second shall then commence their innings and continue to bat on the second day and will be entitled to receive a total of eighty-five (85) overs; but

(c) under these circumstances, the first day's play will end at the completion of the over in progress at 7.00pm, or in accordance with MCC Laws if a wicket falls during the last over. (MCC LAW 16.5)

**12.6** Loss of play on the first (1st) day for a total time exceeding fifteen (15) minutes due to inclement weather or serious injury, entitles:

(a) the team batting on the first (1st) day to continue its innings on the second (2nd) day for half such period lost less five (5) minutes, or eighty-five (85) overs, whichever occurs first; and

(b) under these circumstances, there will be a ten (10) minute break before the team batting second commences their innings and they shall only receive the same number of overs as they had completed.

**12.7** Where there is no play on the first day, the available playing time on the second day will be divided equally after allowing for a twenty (20) minute interval between innings.

**12.8** A team batting throughout their allocated overs shall count their innings completed, if:

(a) its opponents bat throughout their allocated overs, then the team scoring the most runs shall be the winner, provided that they receive an equal number of overs in accordance with RULES 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6 and above; however

(b) if the team batting second does not receive an equal number of overs in their first innings and are not bowled out, then the match shall be declared a draw unless a minimum of forty (40) overs have been bowled to them. In this case a count back to the last completed over received by the team batting second will decide the result.

**12.9** None of the above shall prevent an outright result and there shall be no restrictions as to the number of overs for which a team can bat in a second innings.

**12.10** In semi-final and final matches, an afternoon tea interval shall be taken on each day of play, except as otherwise provided herein. An afternoon tea interval shall always be of a twenty (20) minute duration and this period shall, except as otherwise provided for in RULES 12.11 and 12.12 be computed from the termination time of the over in progress as at 3.50pm.

**12.11** There shall be no afternoon tea interval if play does not commence before 2.30pm on either day.

**12.12** In either of the circumstances set out in the following, the commencement of the tea interval shall be varied as prescribed if:

(a) by the end of the over in progress at 3.50pm the batting side have lost nine (9) wickets, then play shall continue until the conclusion of the over in progress at 4.05pm or until the termination of the innings, whichever occurs first; or

(b) if an innings ends at 3.20pm or less than 30 minutes remains before the agreed time for tea, then the tea break shall be taken immediately. It shall be for 20 minutes and shall include the 10 minute break between innings; or

(c) there is a cessation of play, other than an interval between innings, which causes the players to be off the field at 3.30pm, the afternoon tea interval shall commence at 3.30pm and further, if for any reason whatsoever the players are required to leave the field after 3.30pm the afternoon tea interval otherwise provided shall take place from the time of the cessation of play.

**12.13** A minimum of fifteen (15) overs shall be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the allocated number of overs has been bowled. The commencement of the fifteen (15) overs will be indicated by the umpire at the bowler's end and will coincide with the completion of the over in progress at 6.00pm. If there is an interruption in play during this period, the minimum number of overs to be bowled will be reduced by one (1) over for every complete four (4) minutes of time lost.

**12.14** Forty (40) overs per side shall constitute a match unless a team is bowled out or declares prior to the forty (40) overs.

**12.15** In the event of a tie refer to RULE 19.6.

### **13. GROUNDS AND WICKETS**

**13.1** All wickets and playing areas shall be subject to an inspection by a member of the Management Committee who shall declare a wicket or ground unfit for competition matches, semi- finals and finals.

**13.2** On unmarked ground, the Captains are to decide the position of the boundary, which may be marked by the use of flags or other such markers as deemed suitable. Where flags or markers are used the boundary shall be deemed to be in a straight line between such markers or flags.

**13.3** It is the responsibility of all teams to have available at all competition, semi-final and final matches a full set of six (6) stumps, four (4) bails and a minimum of fifteen (15) boundary markers which may be used by either team to commence or recommence a match. A breach of this rule may result in a fine or loss of points.

**13.4** The Management Committee shall, prior to the commencement of each season, appoint two Groundspersons for the district, with:

(a) the Groundsperson - Penrith shall be responsible for advising Member Clubs of all grounds closures within the area covered by Penrith City Council; and

(b) the Groundsperson - Blue Mountains shall be responsible for advising Member Clubs of all ground closures used by the NDCA within the area covered by Blue Mountains City Council.

**13.5** No alterations are to be made to wickets or fixtures set down to be played, without the consent of the Competition Secretary or relevant Groundsperson. If the Competition Secretary or relevant Groundsperson do not permit any alterations or if neither is available then no alteration will be allowed on that day. In the case of a one (1) day match the result will be deemed a draw. In the case of a two (2) day match then RULE 11.4 will apply.

**13.6** Once a match has commenced at an allocated ground, then the transferring of grounds can only be approved by the Competition Secretary and only in extreme circumstances such as vandalism or double booking. Inclement weather is not an acceptable reason to transfer the match.

**13.7** Any team which wishes to supply and use turf wicket covers in a semi-final or final match are:

(a) to make the covers available to the NDCA Management Committee or relevant Curator, no later than 6.00pm on the Friday prior to the match; and

(b) the covers will be used on the Friday and Saturday nights regardless of weather conditions; with

(c) covers supplied at the Member Club's own cost and NDCA Management Committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage which may occur.

**13.8** Where the NDCA provides covers from its own resources, the covers are to be used in the same manner as described in RULE 13.7.

### **14. FITNESS OF THE GROUNDS, WEATHER AND LIGHT**

**14.1** The two (2) Captains shall decide as to the fitness of the light for playing but during the actual match, the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for their Captain. If they disagree on any occasion, then one (1) and only one (1) appeal may be made to the umpires until such time as there is an interval or other cessation of play which involves the players leaving the field.

**14.2** Immediately upon the resumption of play after any such interval or cessation of play, the decision as to the fitness of light for playing is to revert to the hands of the Captains.

**14.3** At the commencement of a match, or prior to the resumption of play following a stoppage in play, the Captains shall decide as to the fitness in conditions for playing. Where they disagree and there is an official umpire present, then the umpire shall have the power to adjudicate.

**14.4** Where there is an official umpire present, then he shall have the power to stop play due to inclement weather. A drinks break does not constitute a stoppage in play.

**14.5** In the event of there being no official umpire present, then the two (2) Captains shall decide as to the fitness in conditions for playing. In the event of their disagreement, then the state of play existing immediately prior to such disagreement shall continue. A drinks break does not constitute a stoppage in play.

**14.6 Lighting Rule**

Play shall cease immediately in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later. Play shall not resume until 15 minutes after the last such lightning flash (this does not constitute a break in play for the purposes of the status quo rule).

**15. UMPIRES**

**15.1** Official umpires may be appointed, by the Nepean District Cricket Umpires Association Inc (NDCUA), to officiate at competition matches, semi-finals and finals.

**15.2** If an official umpire is not present at the specified starting time for the match, then the match shall proceed in accordance with these rules.

**15.3** Where no official umpire is present, the Captains of each team are to agree on umpires for the match. If they fail to agree then the umpires must be players participating in the match.

**15.4** If, in the opinion of the opposing Captains, owing to the condition of the ground due to rain, that it would be impossible to play up to 3.30pm then the Captains shall make a declaration to the effect. Official umpires in attendance shall be paid half the nominated fees.

**15.5** If either Captain requests the official umpire to remain at the ground after 3.30pm with a view to play, full umpire fees are payable. Umpires fees thus incurred will be the responsibility of the Clubs concerned.

**15.6** The Captain of each team is encouraged to complete a Captain's Match Report on:

(a) the official umpire's performance and the other teams umpire's performance; and

(b) the sportsmanship, behaviour and attire of the opposing team; and

(c) the condition of the pitch and grounds including toilets; and

(d) forward the Captain's Match Report with the Match Result Sheet and Declared Team List to the Competition Secretary by 6.00pm on the Friday following the completion of the round.

**15.7** Where a team fails to arrive for a scheduled match and where the team did not inform the NDCA then the offending team shall be responsible for the payment of all official umpires' fees, where applicable, for the day or days concerned.

**15.8** A non official umpire can be replaced, if the captain of the fielding team makes such a request to the captain of the batting team.

**16. LOCAL NO-BALL RULE**

**16.1** If a ball is pitched off the wicket by a bowler in a competition match played on a non turf wicket, then it shall be called a "Late No Ball" by the umpire.

**16.2** A short pitched delivery that passes over the head of a batsman batting in his normal stance shall be deemed a No Ball (This does not incur a warning).



## **17. TYPE OF BALL AND USE OF NEW BALL**

**17.1** All first grade matches are to use an approved four (4) piece ball.

**17.2** The ball to be used in competition, semi-final and final matches, dependant on the type of wicket, is to be a two (2) or four (4) piece ball, red in colour and of such quality as approved by the Management Committee, with:

(a) a team which uses a non approved ball in a competition, semi-final or final match shall lose the match.

### **Approved Balls**

<b><u>Two (2) Piece Balls</u></b>	<b><u>Four (4) Piece Balls</u></b>
Kookaburra Tuf Pitch	Kookaburra Regulation
Kookaburra Arrow Crown	Kookaburra Club Match
Kookaburra Red King	Kookaburra Senator
Kookaburra Special Test	

**17.3** After two hundred and fifty (250) runs have been scored or sixty (60) overs have been bowled, whichever occurs first, then the fielding team may demand a new ball except in a scheduled one (1) day game.

**17.4** MCC Laws of Cricket 2000 Law 5 - The Ball shall be varied by the suspension of the right of the Captain of the batting team to demand the use of a new ball at the commencement of the second (2nd) innings.

**17.5** No trial ball will be permitted in competition, semi-final or final matches unless previously approved by the NDCA Management Committee.

## **18. SCOREBOOKS AND RESULTS**

**18.1** Each team MUST use the NDCA approved scorebooks.

**18.2** Each team shall, where possible, supply their own scorer and ensure:

(a) scorers are to be seated together and both scorers keep batting, bowling and fielding analysis; and

(b) scorers record the score at the end of each over in the space provided from the first over, in all competition, semi-final and final matches.

**18.3** Official Declared Team Lists MUST be completed for each team and include:

(a) the First Name and Surname of all registered players that will be participating in the round; and

(b) The Declared Team List MUST be signed by the Captain of the participating team; and

(c) Each team shall be responsible for forwarding the opposition team's Declared Team List to the Competition Secretary by 6.00pm on the Friday following the completion of the round. For round 14 and semi final matches, this must be completed by 6.00 pm on the Monday following the completion of the round. Failure to do so may result in fines and penalties (refer to section 23.1 (f) and (g)).

**18.4** It is the responsibility of each Member Club to record the batting, bowling and fielding statistics of all registered players for each grade played during the season, on ResultsVault, at the end of each round. The opposing club must confirm or dispute the result by Wednesday, if possible, but no later than 6.00 pm on the Friday immediately following the completion of the round. For round 14 and semi final matches, this must be completed by 6.00 pm on the Monday following the completion of the round. Failure to do so may result in fines and penalties (refer to section 23.1 (f) and (g)).

**18.5** Failure to comply with RULE 18.3 and RULE 18.4 will result in a fine. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

**18.6** Scorebooks can also be called in at any time during the season by the Competition Secretary, President or Secretary for checking.

**18.7** Before the "Toss", each Captain shall give to the other Captain the Declared Team List of eleven (11) players with First Name and Surname and no alteration shall be made to this list without the consent of the opposing Captain. Declared Team Lists so exchanged shall be handed to one of the official umpires where there is an official umpire in charge of the match.

**18.8** Where there are two (2) or more players in a team with the same surname, then the batting and fielding, and bowling analysis, and team score sheet shall include the player's first name.

**18.9** In the event of a dispute as to the scores in the scorebook at the conclusion of a match, the umpire shall take charge of the score sheets and forward them to the NDCA Competition Secretary together with his comments. Both Captains must also submit a report along with the copy of the result sheet.

**18.10** Any team desiring to play a match under protest must notify the umpires, in writing, of their intentions. Once a protest is entered, it cannot be withdrawn. Umpires must forward such notification of protest to reach the NDCA Secretary not later than seven (7) days after the completion of the match.

**18.11** Other than the bowling analysis all information contained in the score books shall be used by the Management Committee for the basis for settling disputes.

**18.12** No-balls and wides shall be debited against the bowler in the bowling analysis in accordance with the MCC Laws of Cricket 2003.

**18.13** The Management Committee will determine the points allocation, if any, in all cases where a team or teams fail to log the score from the end of the first over, and the result of the match is in dispute.

## **19. COMPETITION POINTS**

**19.1** Competition points shall be allocated as follows:

<b>Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
Outright win for a team which leads on first (1st) innings	10
Outright win for a team led on first (1st) innings	6
First (1st) innings win	6
First (1st) innings win if beaten outright	4
Draw where no play is possible on both days or on the second (2nd) day of a two (2) day match or where fifteen (15) minutes or more is lost on the second (2nd) day of a two (2) day match	3
Draw due to other circumstances	3
Loss on first (1st) innings	0
Outright loss after being behind on first (1st) innings	0
Outright loss after a tie on the first (1st) innings	3
Outright win after a tie on the first (1st) innings	7
Tie on the first (1st) innings when a match is not played out	3
Tie on a match played out: -	7
(a) for a team leading on the first (1st) innings after two (2) completed innings of each team	
(b) for the opposing team	3
(c) for a tie on both first (1st) and second (2nd) innings	5

**19.2** A team receiving a forfeit shall: unless covered by Rule 3.4 (d)

(a) be awarded the maximum number of points gained by any team in that grade for that competition round; and

(b) the team forfeiting the match shall be penalised. (see RULE 23 - Fines and Penalties)

**19.3** In the event of two (2) or more teams being on equal competition points at the completion of the competition rounds, then the relative positions shall be determined by team averages obtained in all matches up to the last competition round.

**19.4** For the purposes of ascertaining averages, the following system shall be used:

(a) the batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost; and

(b) the batting average against such team shall be obtained by dividing the total of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken; and

(c) the former shall be divided by the latter; and

(d) the team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance; and

(e) in the computation of averages, a team declaring its innings closed shall be deemed to have lost the number of wickets that have actually fallen, and

(f) in the computation of averages, a team with all the available players out (ie all out) shall be deemed to have lost 10 wickets.

**19.5** In the event of a draw or tie between teams playing in a semi-final or final, then the highest placed team at the completion of the competition rounds shall be declared the winner.

**19.6** In scheduled competition matches, a result shall be obtained in those cases where the team batting second is not dismissed but does not receive the same number of overs or achieved their opponents score, providing the minimum number of overs have been bowled. At the conclusion of the match, a count back shall take place to the point where both teams received an equal number of completed overs, the score at that point shall be the basis for determining the result.

**19.7** The system set out in RULE 19.6 will only be used when time has been lost in match due to light, weather or serious injury. In matches where no time was lost and a clear result was not obtained and the allocated overs were not bowled, then the match result will be determined by the NDCA Management Committee along with the allocation of points awarded in that match.

**19.8** If a team loses points for not paying a fine on time or an administrative error (eg listing a name twice on Declared Team List), then the allocation of points for the match will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## **20. PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

**20.1** The winner of each premiership shall receive a trophy and be the holders of the following perpetual trophy for twelve (12) months:

(a) First Grade - Evans Memorial Shield

(b) Second Grade - Don Reay Memorial Trophy

(c) Third Grade - W & E Cammack Trophy

(d) Fourth Grade - Trevor Wholohan Trophy

(e) Fifth Grade - Darcy Smith Shield

(f) Sixth Grade - Howell Cup

(g) Seventh Grade - T. J. Rance Trophy

(h) Eighth Grade - Nepean Cup

(i) Ninth Grade - Jim Mason Trophy

(j) Tenth Grade - Jack Donlan Memorial Trophy

- (k) Eleventh Grade - W. Ball Trophy
- (l) Twelfth Grade - J. Maiden Trophy
- (m) Under 18 Grade - Jack Rattenbury Shield
- (n) Club Championship - Ray Jordan Shield

**20.2** The Member Club, which is the holder of the perpetual trophy, will be responsible for the upkeep of the trophy whilst it is in their possession. A Member Club will be liable for the replacement and/or repair of the trophy which is lost, stolen or damaged whilst in their possession.

**20.3** Trophies must be returned to the NDCA Secretary, President or Treasurer prior to the completion of the last competition round. Failure to do so will result in a fine (see RULE 23- Fines and Penalties).

**20.4** Perpetual Trophies remain the property of the Nepean District Cricket Association.

## **21. DISTRICT and PLAYER AWARDS**

**21.1** Annual District Awards shall be presented in recognition of a registered player's performance during competition matches for the season. These awards shall be for the following categories:

- (a) Batting Aggregate Award for each grade;
- (b) Batting Average Award for each grade;
- (c) Bowling Aggregate Award for each grade;
- (d) Bowling Average Award for each grade;
- (e) Wicket Keeping Award for each grade;
- (f) District Batting Aggregate Award for all grades;
- (g) District Bowling Aggregate Award for all grades.

**21.2** A registered player shall be eligible for the annual batting, bowling and wicket keeping awards specified in RULE 21.1(a) to 21.1(g), provided that:

- (a) the batting and fielding, and bowling analysis provided by members clubs in accordance with RULE 18.7. are provided correctly; and
- (b) the minimum criteria for each particular award, as stated in RULE 21.3 to 21.9, have been achieved.

**21.3** Eligibility for the Bowling Average & Aggregate Awarded in each grade will be based on the following criteria:

Unless otherwise stated the minimum qualification for all District awards are: -

### **Batting Aggregate**

The player must have had eight (8) innings in that grade; and scored a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) runs and for the average at 25 runs better.

### **Batting Average**

The player must have had eight (8) innings in that grade; and scored a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) at an average of twenty five (25) or better.

### **Bowling Aggregate**

The player must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) matches in that grade; and taken a minimum of twenty five (25) wickets

### **Bowling Average**

The player must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) matches in that grade; and taken a minimum of twenty five (25) wickets at a average of 20 or less

### **Wicket Keeping**

The player must have participated in a minimum of eight (8) matches in that grade; and taken a minimum of fifteen (15) dismissals

**21.4** Annual Player of the Year Awards shall be presented in recognition of an individual player's outstanding performance during competition and representative matches. These awards shall be for the following categories:

#### **Under 18 Player of the Year Award;**

The player's 18th birthday must not occur prior to the 1st of March of the current season.

#### **Representative Player of the Year Award**

The player must have participated in a minimum of three approved representative matches for the NDCA.

#### **Player of the Year Award for each grade;**

- (a) a registered player must have had eight (8) innings in that grade; and
- (b) score a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) runs.

**21.4** Eligibility for the Batting Average Award in each grade will be based on the following criteria:

- (a) a registered player must have had eight (8) innings in that grade; and
- (b) score a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) runs.

**21.5** All player awards will be calculated using the formula below by the Management Committee from the information recorded on ResultsVault excepting Representative awards where scorebook analysis will be used. Players must meet the criteria as listed in RULE 21.3 & 21.4 to be eligible.

#### **Formula**

- (a) 1 point for each run credited to the batsman
- (b) 15 points for each wicket credited to the bowler
- (c) 10 points for each dismissal credited to a fieldsman including wicket keeper

**21.6** A registered player shall be deemed ineligible to receive an award, as specified in RULE 21.1 and 21.10, in the season in which one of the following events occurs:

- (a) they are found guilty of breaching the NDCA Code of Conduct and suspended by the NDCA Disciplinary Tribunal; or
- (b) they fail or refuse to attend a hearing of the NDCA Disciplinary Tribunal, for which they have been requested to attend, and are suspended until they appear before such a hearing

### **22. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**22.1** An annual Club Championship shall be awarded at the end of each season.

**22.2** The award shall be based on the following criteria:

- (a) a Member Club must have a minimum of four (4) teams participating in the NDCA competition in order to be eligible for the Club Championship Award; and

(b) the number of competition points which each team accumulates during the course of competition matches shall be totalled; but

(c) for grades with a bye from the start of the competition season, the teams with a bye are to receive the maximum points for that round as their allocated points for the round; then

(d) a weighting is to be added to each grade at the rate of an additional 5% for each grade, (eg. if 10th grade was the lowest grade, they would receive no weighting, but 9th grade would receive 5% weighting, then 8th grade would receive 10% weighting, with each grade receiving a higher weighting until 1st grade received 45% weighting).

(e) the total number of points accumulated shall then be divided by the number of teams that a Member Club has participating in the NDCA competition; with

(f) the Member Club with the highest average number of points per team being awarded the Club Championship Award for that season.

### **23. FINES AND PENALTIES**

**23.1** Fines and penalties are to apply to the following breaches of the NDCA Competition Rules:

(a) Playing an unregistered player - loss of the game, then loss of 6 points and a fine of \$50.00

(b) Playing an ineligible player - loss of the game, then loss of 6 points and a fine of \$25.00

(c) Playing a suspended player - loss of the game, then loss of 6 points and a fine of \$50.00

(d) Playing a player under an assumed name - loss of the game, then loss of 6 points and a fine of \$100.00

(e) Forfeiting a match with insufficient notice as determined by the NDCA Competition Rules: Unless forfeited under Rule 3.4 (d)

- Loss of 6 points and a fine of \$50.00.
- The opposing team will be credited with 10 wickets and 200 runs

(f) Late lodgement of Match Results - fine of \$25.00

(g) Late lodgement of Declared Team List - fine of \$25.00

(h) Late lodgement of Team and Player Summary of Statistics

- (i) fine of \$100; and
- (ii) all players from the affected team will be automatically upgraded by two (2) grades where possible, and
- (iii) players will not be eligible for Player Awards; and
- (iv) the team will be excluded from the calculation for Club Championship.

(i) Late return of NDCA perpetual trophy - fine of \$100.00

(j) Outstanding debts after the third Monday in April - loss of up to a maximum of 12 points for next season nominated.

(k) Other fines may be imposed, for breaches of the NDCA Constitution or NDCA Competition Rules, at the discretion of the Management Committee, Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeals Committee.

**23.2** All fines must be paid to the Competition Secretary by 6.00pm of the date nominated in the Notice of Fine advice.

**Note: Rules last amended by the AGM of NDCA Member Club Delegates on Monday 4 August 2008.**