

Games shall be played under MCC Laws and Victoria and District Cricket Association Local Rules except where specified below.

1 The pitch

The standard size and markings shall be used except that:

- (a) There will be lines marked on either side of the wicket at thirty (30) inches and fifteen (15) inches from the centre stump, and
- (b) A line will be marked ten (10) yards behind each wicket.

2 Balls

Match balls will be supplied by the Committee. New balls will not be used.

3 Teams

Teams shall consist of six (6) players.

4 Batting Side

The batting side shall bat until the last man is out providing that the fielding side has not finished its allotted ten (10) overs.

5 Fielding Side

The fielding side shall bowl ten (10) six-ball overs. Each player (except the wicket-keeper) shall bowl two overs, and these may not be consecutive. The wicket-keeper must wear pads and gloves, and may not be changed during the game except in case of injury.

6 Bowlers

The bowler's run-up shall be limited to ten (10) yards.

7 Wide Balls

Any ball passing the wicket outside the 30-inch line on the off-side shall be counted as a wide. Any ball passing behind the batsman and outside the 15-inch line on the leg-side shall be counted as a wide. A penalty of four (4) runs shall be added to the batting side's score and an extra ball shall be included in the over. The ball will be considered "dead" after the call of wide – the batsman cannot be out and only four (4) runs will be awarded.

Note: This rule shall apply even when the striker plays at and misses the ball. Only if the ball is actually hit (or contacted) by the striker shall a wide not be counted.

8 No Balls

A no ball shall count as four (4) runs to the batting side and an extra ball shall be bowled. Runs scored from a No Ball (off the bat, byes or leg byes) will be credited, in addition to the four (4) runs for the No Ball.

The normal rules will apply to the call of "No Ball". If after delivery, the ball is then considered wide, the call of "No Ball" takes precedence and therefore the ball remains live.

Any ball which, after bouncing, passes the batsman above shoulder height in his normal stance, or would have passed him above shoulder height if it strikes the batsman's bat or body, shall be called a No Ball by either umpire.

Any ball which, having not bounced after leaving the bowler's hand, passes the batsman above waist height, or would have passed him above waist height if it had not struck the batsman's bat or body, shall be called a No Ball by either umpire.

9 Leg Before Wicket (LBW)

Appeals for LBW will be frowned upon.

10 Results

The team which scores the most runs in a match shall be the winner.

In the event of a tie the winner will be:

- (a) The side losing the fewer number of wickets; or
- (b) If both sides have lost the same number of wickets, the team with the higher scoring rate per over; or
- (c) If the result cannot be decided by (a) or (b) above, the side with the higher score (i) after 9 overs, or if still equal,
(ii) after 8 overs, or if still equal,
(iii) after 7 overs and so forth.

11 Points Scoring System

One (1) Point will be awarded to the team winning a match.

12 Round Robin Results

First place will be decided as follows:

- (a) The team with the most points;
- (b) If two teams are tied, the winner of the match between those two teams;
- (c) If three or more teams are tied, the team with the most runs per wicket in all round robin matches. Second, third, fourth places etc will be decided in the same way.

13 Captains

One player from each team will act as Captain for the duration of the competition, even though he may not necessarily play in each match.

Captain's responsibilities will be:

- Nominating six (6) players for every game of the team.
- Ensuring scorekeepers are informed of batting and bowling orders.
- Time keeping.
- Conduct of his team.
- Acting on the team's behalf in the case of disputes.

14 Time Keeping

Teams shall be ready to take the field of play when called. Captains should toss-up before the conclusion of the game PRIOR to their game and have batsmen / wicketkeeper suitably attired to take the field as soon as the previous game is completed. After the fall of a wicket, the incoming batsman must cross immediately onto the field of play.

15 Unreasonable Behaviour

Decisions by the umpires on the field of play, and the adjudicator in other matters, are final. Any player showing unreasonable dissent in the opinion of the umpires / adjudicator shall be disqualified from further play in the tournament following due and fair warning from the said official(s).

16 Disputes

The Organizing Committee shall have full power to settle any dispute which may arise during the course of the Festival. Their decision will be final. The Organizing Committee also reserves the right to amend the Rules at any time if it considers such action to be in the best interests of the competition.