

2023-24 Season Handbook

WA PREMIER CRICKET

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COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Governance

WADCC governs the Male Premier Cricket Competitions with administrative support from WA Cricket.

<u>WAFCC</u> governs the A & B Grade Female Premier Cricket Competitions with administrative support from WA Cricket.

WA Cricket governs and administers the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competitions.

WA District Cricket Council (WADCC)

WADCC Vision Statement

To deliver an environment for the State's best cricket talent, management, coaches, facilities & officials.

Objectives & Strategy

The objects of the WADCC are to:

- Develop, organise, promote and administer the Competition with the support of the WA Cricket in accordance with the Cricket Council Rules in force from time to time;
- Provide an established pathway for players who participate in the Competition to be selected in State or National representative squads or teams;
- Encourage increased participation by both players and volunteers in the Competition;
- Administer the functions, powers and responsibilities that may be delegated to it from time to time by the Board of WA Cricket; and
- Provide leadership to and encourage relationships with all associations affiliated with the WA Cricket and all other persons, groups and associations involved in the playing or administration of Cricket.

The WADCC Constitution can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

The WADCC signs an affiliation agreement with WA Cricket annually that establishes WA Cricket's financial & administrative support of WADCC as an independent affiliate body. All clubs also sign an annual Membership Agreement to retain membership of the WADCC, which gives them benefits & privileges under the constitution, including participation in the competitions, access to grants & resources, administrative support and voting rights in council administration.

The WA Premier Cricket Strategy is currently under review by the WADCC Management Committee and will be released during the 2023-24 Premier Cricket Season. Once completed, a Premier Cricket Strategy Action Plan is actioned, reviewed and updated by the Management Committee on a monthly basis.

WADCC Management Committee

The Management Committee is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day management of the competition in accordance with the WADCC Constitution & affiliation agreement with WA Cricket for both senior & junior competitions. The Management Committee is also responsible for creating strategy & policy for the Council, providing reports to WA Cricket & clubs for strong, well-balanced cricket competitions and financially viable best quality cricket clubs in Perth metropolitan area. All Management Committee members shall be delegates of the WADCC. The Management Committee consists of:

Chairperson Christian Bauer Vice-Chairperson Mark Calverley
Treasurer Brendan Reid Secretary Daniel Howes
Committee Member Ross Leipold Committee Member Ben McCulloch

WADCC Premier Club Delegates

Membership of the Council is open to each Premier Cricket Club. Each member club is represented at the District Cricket Council by a member of the relevant club that acts as a Delegate. Each delegate is entitled to a vote at all Annual General Meetings & Special General Meetings. The delegate is also expected to attend quarterly full-council meetings and represent the club in all matters relevant to operation of the competitions.

All club delegates for the 2023-24 season can be found here.

WADCC District Junior Competitions Committee Delegates (DJCC)

The District Junior Competitions Committee (DJCC) is a sub-committee of the WADCC that reports to the full-council or the Management Committee at their meetings. The DJCC's main role is to provide recommendations to the WADCC for changes in rules or policy for junior competitions and any matters relating to junior players in the WADCC competition.



Detailed information about the delegates, responsibilities, objectives & processes can be found in the Terms of Reference on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

WA Female Cricket Council (WAFCC)

Objectives & Members

The objects of the WAFCC are to:

- provide strategic leadership on female cricket for Western Australia;
- encourage female participation in cricket in Western Australia at a playing, coaching, umpiring and volunteering level, and as administrators, fans, spectators and viewers;
- appoint a representative on the WA Cricket Statewide Game Development Committee;
- represent the interests of the Competition and its cricketers:
- oversee and, as appropriate direct (with the support of resources of WA Cricket), the administration of the WA Female Premier Cricket Competition including playing conditions, rules and by laws; and
- make recommendations on persons associated with female cricket for WA Cricket related or community honours.

The WAFCC Constitution can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

See below a list of the 2023-24 WAFCC Members:

Chairperson Angele Gray Deputy-Chairperson Sabrina Del Rosso
Treasurer Emma Jamieson Secretary Jordan Brock
Committee Member Avril Fahey Committee Member Simone Northcott

Premier Cricket Delegates Committee (PCDC)

The Premier Cricket Delegates Committee is a sub-committee of the WAFCC. The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for the WAFCC, WA Cricket and clubs to develop, review and evaluate the female club competition. The Terms of Reference for this committee can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

The key functions of the Committee are to:

- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the competition such as the Rules & Playing Conditions, current policies and objectives of the WAFCC
- Provide feedback and recommend improvements to the competition regarding its structures and procedures, such as Rules & Playing Conditions and Fixturing to benefit the wellbeing of the competition as a whole

Delegates are appointed by Clubs who have one or more teams participating in the Female Premier Cricket Competition. Each club appoints one delegate, who will share one vote.

A full list of the 2023-24 Female Club Delegates can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

WA Cricket High Performance Staff

General Manager – High Performance Kade Harvey

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Head of the WA Cricket High Performance Department, leads strategic direction of the Male & Female elite programs including WA Men's & Women's State teams and the Perth Scorchers.

High Performance Programs Manager Liz Chetkovich

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Oversees the strategic direction for development of Premier Cricket, coaching, umpiring, cricket operations, and both male & female high-performance talent development pathways and programs.

Cricket Operations Unit

Competitions & Operations Manager Luke Douglas

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Oversees the administration & operations of the Premier Cricket Competitions (Male & Female), drives strategic direction of Premier Cricket and Match Officials to develop best-practice competitions, governance & management in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders.



Cricket Operations Coordinator (Male)

Ahmad Khan

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Coordinates the operations of the Premier Cricket Competitions in the male senior & junior pathways through administrative support to Competitions & Operations Manager and other stakeholders in all relevant matters.

Cricket Operations Coordinator (Female)

Michael Denney

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Coordinates the operations of the Premier Cricket Competitions in the female senior & junior pathways through administrative support to Competitions & Operations Manager and other stakeholders in all relevant matters.

High Performance Umpire Coordinator

John Sherry

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Oversee recruitment & retention and administer day-to-day operations & appointments of match officials in all Premier Cricket Competitions.

High Performance Umpire Coach and Talent Specialist

James Hewitt

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Designs, and delivers the training and development program of the WA State Umpire Group, WA Development Umpire Panel and WA Youth Umpire Academy. Supports the progression of the members of these umpire panels. Manages and coordinates broader training of all WA Premier Cricket umpires.

Coaching & Talent

Coach & Talent Development Manager (Male)

David Fitzgerald

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Talent development systems; management and operation of underpinning talent programs & State Teams; interface between WA Cricket & Premier Cricket clubs; talent identification & player progression; development of Premier Cricket Club Academies.

Coach & Talent Development Manager (Female)

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Talent development systems; management and operation of underpinning talent programs & State Teams; interface between WA Cricket & Premier Cricket clubs; talent identification & player progression; development of Premier Cricket Club Academies.

Pathway Coach (Male)

Brian Shields

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Coach education & assistance for Premier Cricket coaches with a focus on joint preparation of State Team players for U17 National Championships. Provide direction as the Head coach for the overall development of players within the Youth Academies whilst providing support into the Senior Academy Program

Pathway Coach (Male)

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Coach education & assistance for Premier Cricket coaches with a focus on joint preparation of State Team players for U17 National Championships. Provide direction as the Head coach for the overall development of players within the Youth Academies whilst providing support into the Senior Academy Program

Pathway Coach (Female)

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Coach education & assistance for Premier Cricket coaches with a focus on joint preparation of State Team players for U15 National Championships. Provide direction as the Head coach for the overall development of players within the Youth Academies whilst providing support into the Senior Academy Program



Premier Cricket Information – Quick Links

<u>Club Information</u> <u>Club Grounds Pitch Ratings</u>

<u>Fixtures</u> <u>Ladders</u>

Statistics

All competition information above is also available in the PlayCricket app available for download on Android or iOS systems. Select Association as 'WA Premier Cricket'.

Digital Media

FACEBOOK - Like & Follow WA Premier Cricket for regular content & engagement.

INSTAGRAM - Follow <u>@wa premiercricket</u> for all the latest content & updates.

TWITTER/X - Follow @WAPremCricket for relevant club info.

WEBSITE - Log into the WA Premier Cricket Website for all competition info & articles.

Premier Cricket Circular

A Premier Cricket Circular is distributed weekly by the Cricket Operations Unit to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates. The email includes all updates for both the Male and Female Premier Cricket Competitions along with other key notices.

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

Administration Guidelines

Pre-Season Tasks

- The 2023-24 Premier Cricket Season starts on 1st July 2023, with all players deregistered.
- Complete Club Return Forms, Membership Agreement & Financials for prior season and return by 14th August 2023.
- Submit the initial First Grade Player Points Cap Form for approval by 15th September 2023. Furthermore, submit any new player points throughout the season as required.
- Obtain Certificate of Currency from Marsh Insurance (see PlayHQ Administration below).
- Player Registrations & Transfers open. Clubs are required to set up 'Participant to Club' Forms for all competitions for self-registration of players.
- Send any new Uniform Designs for approval prior to ordering.

Australian Cricket Child Safety Framework

All club personnel involved in any junior teams or with junior players in an official capacity, including the Club President and other committee members, are required to hold a valid Working with Children Check. Additionally, The Child Safety Policy demonstrates WADCC's commitment to supporting parents & guardians in protecting and safeguarding children & young people.

Australian Cricket Child Safety Framework provides information and guidance about all relevant requirements and best practices to ensure a robust system is in place to create a secure environment for all children & youth.

Detailed information on the Policy & Action Plan can be viewed here.

PlayHQ Administration

Certificate of Currency

Below is a step-by-step process on how to set up your insurance and obtain your certificate of currency:

Step 1: Head to the Cricket Australia Marsh Insurance Website here.

Step 2: Enter your Club name and select WA as your state and hit search

Step 3: Select 'Please Complete' under Risk Management and complete the Online Risk Management Module

Step 4: Once completed, you will be able to download your Certificate of Currency

Player Registration and Allocation

Player Registrations and Transfers open on 1st July each year. Clubs can accept new player registrations or apply for transfers in PlayHQ from this date.

How to create a 'Participant to Club' Form



How to Self-Register (Player)

As part of the self-registration process, participants will need to link their existing CricketID (associated to an email address). This ID must be the same login email that the participant uses to log into the PlayCricket app (previously MyCricket) or cricket.com.au app. If a participant does not have a CricketID, they will be prompted to create one. This will need to be linked to the participant's PlayCricket/MyCricket profile.

CricketID - Profile Claiming

Once players have registered to the competition, the club is required to allocate players into relevant teams in various grades/competitions.

Allocate Participants to Teams

Player Transfers

Player Transfers can be applied for through the 'Transfers & Permits' page in the PlayHQ Admin site for any existing players. As this is the first year of Premier Cricket on PlayHQ, clubs must apply for a player transfer through the below form for any players new to the system.

Player Transfers Application Form

The Cricket Operations Unit will manage the interim process via emails between clubs. The Club will then be notified once a transfer application is finalised, allowing the player to be able to self-register for that club if approved.

Overseas Player Dispensations

All Overseas Players must obtain a <u>one-year dispensation</u> from the Competitions Manager to play in any senior matches. The dispensation is to be applied by the players' club of choice via the <u>Player Movement & Dispensations Form.</u> Cricket Operations Unit will review and process the application's accordingly. Once approved, the players will be required to self-register for their club.

An overseas dispensation will expire at the end of the season unless terminated earlier with the consent of the club. At expiry of the dispensation, the player will remain registered with the club and will either need to re-apply the following season to play for the club or require a transfer as per General Rules 6.3 to play for another club.

No club may play more than 1 overseas player in male competitions, or 2 overseas players in female competitions per match, unless prior written approval is obtained.

Team Lists Submission

For Male Premier Cricket, all clubs shall enter their team lists in PlayHQ no later than <u>10am on the Friday</u> prior to the start of a match.

For Female Premier Cricket, all clubs shall enter their team lists in PlayHQ no later than <u>5pm on the Friday</u> prior to the start of a match.

Teams must also be nominated in writing to the opposition team & umpires before the toss.

Player Movement Dispensations Male

Player Movement Dispensations apply to WADCC General Rules 5.3.5, 6.7 & 6.8.

A Representative Player may be replaced in a team list under Rule 5.3.5 if they are known to become available/unavailable on either day prior to the start of a match. They should be named on the team list along with the player that will be replaced. The Competition Manager should be notified via the <u>Player Movement & Dispensations Form</u> no later than 10am the day prior to start of the match. The captain shall notify the opposition & umpires prior to start of first day's play.

If a representative player becomes available/unavailable after start of play, a 'like-for-like' replacement/player movement may be named. The Captain shall notify the opposition & umpires prior to start of the day's play. Per Rule 6.7.1, unless approved by WADCC, no player who has played in 8 or more matches in any grade may play in a lower grade of the senior competition during the remainder of season.

No player may play more than one grade lower than the highest grade they've played in during the season, unless prior written permission is obtained.

In addition to above, Finals Eligibility criteria applies to all players participating in finals as per Rule 6.8, a summary of which is set out in the table below:



Grade	Qualification
Senior Grades Competitions	5 Matches in that Grade, or a cumulative total of 5 matches across that Grade and/or any lower grades
Senior T20 Competitions (Premier T20 & Colts)	Player must be registered with the club on or before 31st December of the current season.
Junior Grades Competitions	3 Matches in that Age Group or 3 Matches in a Lower Age Group. Clause 6.6.2 continues to apply.

Female

Player Movement Dispensations apply to WAFCC General Rules 6.7 & 6.8.

Under Rule 6.7.1, unless approved by the Competitions Manager, no player who has played with any grade of the Senior Grade Competition in five (5) or more matches shall be allowed to play in a lower grade of the Senior Grade Competition match during the remainder of the Season.

Under Rule 6.7.2, a player who holds a professional contract in an Australian Domestic Cricket Competition is only eligible to play in the A Grade 50 Over and A Grade T20 Competitions.

Under Rule 6.7.3, when a Club's higher-grade team has a fixtured 'Bye' or 'Forfeit' and three (3) or more higher-grade players are selected to play in a lower grade, no more than two (2) of them are permitted to return to the higher grade after playing one match in the lower grade. The remaining players may be promoted after having played at least two matches in the lower grade.

In addition to above, Finals Eligibility criteria applies to all players participating in finals as per Rule 6.8 which states a player must play in at least 3 matches in the grade for which they are playing in the final, or at least 3 matches for a lower grade.

All Player Movement applications can be made here.

Captain's Reports

Both club captains in all matches are required to submit a Captain's Report by Monday 5pm following the conclusion of the match.

Captain's Reports are to be completed through the OfficialsHQ platform and can be found via a web link sent to the captain's email address at the conclusion of their respective match.

Please note that captains must be listed correctly within the team list on PlayHQ prior to the match for the link to be sent to the correct player.

PlayHQ Live Scoring & Scores Submission

All clubs are required to use the PlayHQ E-Score system for live electronic scoring in all Male First & Second Grades and Female A Grade matches.

Clubs are also highly encouraged to use live-scoring or electronic scoring via PlayHQ E-Score for all matches in other senior & junior grades for their convenience.

PlayHQ E-Score

This link is compatible with all web browsers and can also be set up as an app icon in Android and IOS systems.

In case live/electronic scoring isn't utilised, all match scores & results must be uploaded in PlayHQ no later than 7pm the day of the match.

Match Results and Player Scores can be uploaded into PlayHQ through the admin website.

Premier Club Grants

The Premier Cricket Club Grants for 2023-24 season have been restructured as below:

- Base Sum Distribution August 2023
- Part 1 is due on Monday, 16th October 2023 at the latest (refer to individual criteria deadlines).
- Part 2 is due on Friday, 5th April 2024 at the latest (refer to individual criteria deadlines).

All information around the detailed criteria, breakdown and any supporting documentations can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.



Assessment of all submissions along with issuance of Purchase Orders will be made as soon as possible after the due dates. Please allow up to 30 days after invoice submission for the payment to be processed.

MATCH OVERVIEW

Competition General Rules & Playing Conditions

All the relevant General Rules & Playing Conditions can be found on the WA Premier Cricket website here.

Match Balls

See Clause 5.6 in the General Rules for approved Match Balls for all Grades. Please note that for the 2023-24 Premier Cricket Season, only Kookaburra balls are to be used as Match Balls in all grades.

Age & Gender Eligibility

Male

A player must not play or act as a substitute player in a Senior Competition unless they are at least 14 years old on 30th June immediately preceding the season.

General Rules 6.6.2 provides information on Junior Players Age Eligibility in relation to the age cut-off date.

A female player may be allowed to play in a male WADCC competition upon the club receiving a dispensation prior.

Female

Players are only eligible to play in A & B Grade if they are 15 years old as of 31 August immediately preceding the Season, as per clause 6.6.1 of the WAFCC General Rules. Approval will be considered for players 14 years of age as of 31 August 2023. In exceptional circumstances, players 13 years of age may be considered.

Players are only eligible to play in the Youth League Competition if they fit within the following requirements as per clause 6.4.1 of the Youth League General Rules:

Under 17's – older than 13 years but younger than 17 years Under 14's – older than 11 years but younger than 14 years

Dispensation can be sought for players aged 10 years old as of 31 August 2023. 17-year-old players will not be considered for dispensation.

The *Premier Cricket Age Dispensation Request* criteria can be found on Teams or upon request from the Cricket Operations Unit. To apply for this dispensation, please refer to the <u>Player Movement & Dispensations Form.</u>

Player Disqualification

A player serving a suspension or disqualification to play issued by the Competitions Manager, WADCC, WAFCC, the Tribunal, Cricket Australia or any other affiliated association of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia is automatically disqualified from participation in any competitions for the duration of that suspension or disqualification.

If the council is satisfied on complaint that a player has participated in a match during their suspension or disqualification period, the club may be liable to a fine and/or loss of match points as per infringements schedule in WADCC General Rules Clause 4.16, WAFCC General Rules Clause 4.15 or Youth League General Rules Clause 4.14.

Club Facilities

Scoreboards (electronic/manual) shall be provided for all matches. For Male First Grade & Female A Grade matches, a scoreboard operator must be provided by the home club to update the scoreboard at least at the end of each over.

All clubs are required to provide bowling markers, pitch covers, crease markings & marking materials to the satisfaction of umpires, a set of stumps (6) with bails, boundary markers, cones, ropes & Duckworth-Lewis Score Calculators (where applicable) in all home matches.



Additionally, in First & Second Grade matches in the Senior Competition, a Sightscreen of appropriate colour (white for red-ball matches & black for white-ball matches) and size shall also be provided by the home club.

All clubs are also highly encouraged to sweep & remark the crease markings at scheduled intervals during play.

Standard Cricket Attire

Male

Unless otherwise specified in particular playing conditions, players must wear predominantly white cricket clothing. Caps & Helmets must either be of the club colours or white only (unless otherwise agreed by captains if no other helmet is available). Spiked footwear must be worn at all times while on the field. General Rules 8.1.2 & 8.1.6 provide information about sponsor logos positioning and size restrictions.

Female

For all Female Premier Cricket Competition matches, playing attire must be coloured playing kit. The colours must be the approved colours of that Club, in a uniform design approved by WA Cricket. Players are also able to have names on the back of their playing shirt, however nicknames are not permitted. Rule 8 of the General Rules dictates playing attire requirements (inc. sponsors logos).

Male First Grade Player Points Cap

All First Grade Teams in a WADCC Senior First Grade Competition (two-day or limited overs) shall comply with a Player Points Cap of 25 points per team.

A non-overseas player who makes his first grade debut at a club shall attract 1 point when playing for that club.

If a non-overseas player that makes his first grade debut at a particular WADCC club (or an interstate Premier Club in Australia) moves to another WADCC club, they shall attract 1 point only when playing for the other club provided they have not played more than 5 games in a First Grade competition with any Premier Club in Australia at the time they moved.

The table in General Rules clause 9.1.5 sets out criteria for the status of all players moving to other clubs or playing for a particular club and the relevant point values they may attract. When a player's Points Value at a club is 3 or more, the value shall reduce by one point for each consecutive season of service at the club to a minimum of 2 points. A player that moves clubs and remains at the club he transferred to for five consecutive seasons, shall attract one-point value in the subsequent season.

If a player is deemed to fit in more than one category for points allocation, they must be allocated the category that attracts the highest points value.

A Replacement Player is deemed to have the same points value as the player they're replacing in a match.

Any non-Australian citizen or permanent resident that is classed as a 'Local Player' in the definitions under 1.1.1(k), shall attract the same Player Points as defined under the 'Players from other Countries' category in clause 9.1.4 above.

Ladders Calculation

In all senior & junior competitions, all points gained from any match formats played in that grade shall be counted towards the ranking in the relevant grade. All match point allocations will be listed in a grade's respective annexure.

To determine the ranking of teams otherwise on equal points, the Quotient calculation method will be used for all Senior Male competitions (excluding First Grade One-Day League Ladder, Premier T20s & Colts League). (Total Runs Scored/Total Wickets Lost) / (Total Runs Scored Against / Total Wickets Taken)

To determine the ranking of teams otherwise on equal points, the Net Run Rate calculation will be used for Male First Grade One-Day League, Male Premier T20 & Colts League competitions, Senior Female and all Junior competitions.

(Total Runs Scored/Total Overs Played) / (Total Runs Scored Against / Total Overs Bowled)

Club Championship

The Male & Female Premier Club Championship points will be awarded to each club during non-finals rounds, based on points earned in each grade of the Senior competitions.



Male

The ladder points for each grade will be used for calculation, multiplied with weighting factors as:

First Grade: 6 Second Grade: 4
Third Grade: 3 Fourth Grade: 2

Female

The ladder points for each grade will be used for calculation, multiplied with weighting factors as:

A Grade One-Day: 6 A Grade T20: 4 B Grade One-Day 4 B Grade T20: 3

Male Playing Conditions

Two-Day Senior Competition Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure A</u>)
One-Day (Limited Overs) Senior Competition Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure B</u>)
Senior & Junior T20 (Limited Overs) Premier Cricket Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure C</u>)
Two-Day (Limited Overs) Junior Competition Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure D</u>)
One-Day (U13s & U14s) Junior Competition Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure D</u>)

Female Playing Conditions

A and B Grade One Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure A</u>)
A and B grade T20 (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure B</u>)
Youth League T20 Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure A</u>)
Youth League 17's One-Day 40 Over Playing Conditions (<u>Annexure B</u>)

Competition Policies

All relevant policies applicable to Premier Cricket can be found on the website here.

Wet Weather Procedures

General Rules 5.7, 5.8, 5.9 (only 5.7 for WAFCC) refer to the Ground, Weather & Light procedures & partial cancellation of matches.

Extreme Weather Policy provides information around Heat, Lightning & Thunderstorm procedures.

Clubs must advise the Competitions Manager no later than 12 PM on the day prior to a competition fixture if there are significant problems being experienced in pitch & ground preparation due to inclement weather. Clubs are required to use covers for the entire area of all the turf pitches in their turf pitch block, including the ones not being prepared for use as per the covers directive issues by the Competition Manager. The clubs must also provide accessibility to covers for use prior to & during the match day(s).

All matches will proceed ahead with the clubs expected to host & players expected to show up to the matches unless the Competitions Manager has called off the round or a fixture on the day prior to the scheduled fixture. If there is no general cancellation, umpires must determine the fitness for play at all matches.

The WADCC/WAFCC may call off all fixtures in any grade (excluding Female Youth League) up to 2 hours before the scheduled start of play if more than 50% of the grounds in that grade are unfit for play. Cricket Operations Unit may call off all fixtures in any Female Premier Youth League Competitions by 8pm the evening prior to a scheduled round of fixtures, if more than 50% of grounds are unfit for play.

The WA Premier Cricket Wet Weather Page provides status of all the fixtures, covers directive & relevant Rules.

Code of Conduct, Reporting & Tribunal Procedures

WADCC, WAFCC and Youth League General Rules, Clause 4, details the Spirit of Cricket and Code of Conduct & Offences along with relevant penalties, Protests, Reporting and Tribunal procedures. WADCC and WAFCC General Rules 4.5 and Youth League General Rules 4.4 also govern *Use of Social Media*.

Reporting & Tribunal Procedures

Upon a breach of Code of Conduct, Umpires must notify the club, player or an official of any intention to lodge a code of conduct complaint within 60 minutes of the stumps being drawn on the day of the alleged offence.

The umpire must then lodge a Code of Conduct Complaint with the Cricket Operations Unit no later than 12 noon on the Monday following competition of the match. Failure to comply



does not automatically invalidate the complaint. The reported player/official's complaint must be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who shall determine the level of offence & offer a penalty or refer the matter to tribunal.

An Offer of Penalty detailing Statement of Findings or a Notice of Tribunal Attendance is communicated by the Cricket Operations Unit to the relevant club no later than <u>5 PM on Monday</u> following the conclusion of the match in which the offence has occurred.

A notification of **Acceptance/Rejection of Offer of Penalty** must be communicated by the club to the Council/Cricket Operations Unit no later than <u>12 PM on Tuesday</u> following the conclusion of the match in which the offence has occurred.

A signed of Acceptance of Offer of Penalty must be submitted as soon as feasible. A club official may sign the Offer of Penalty on a player's behalf.

If the Offer of Penalty is <u>rejected</u>, A **Statement of Defence** must be submitted by the player/official via the club no later than <u>5 PM on Tuesday</u> following the conclusion of the match in which the offence has occurred. This Statement of Defence shall be in response to the Statement of Findings and will be passed on to the independent Tribunal for final adjudication.

Tribunals are usually held on <u>Wednesday nights 6 PM at the WACA Ground</u> unless advised otherwise. Detailed **Tribunal Procedures** Document can be viewed on the WA Premier Cricket website <u>here</u>. All Code of Conduct Report & Tribunal Outcomes can be viewed on the WA Premier Cricket website <u>here</u>.

<u>FOR UMPIRES:</u> Code of Conduct Umpire Complaint Notification Form can be viewed <u>here</u>. Guidelines for completing the form are available <u>here</u>.

The WACUA appoints an Umpires Support Person every season that is available for consultation, advice, support and representation in all disciplinary matters & tribunal hearings. The umpires are encouraged to contact the Umpires Support Person should they wish to seek any support in code of conduct proceedings.

Umpiring & WACUA

All WA Premier Cricket umpires are required to be accredited through the Cricket Australia Umpires Accreditation Program with most umpires holding a Representative level accreditation. All umpires also are required to have a valid Working with Children Check to be able to officiate in any Premier Cricket matches. Regular training, development & mentoring support is provided to all Premier Cricket umpires through WA Cricket. Please contact John Sherry for information on accreditation courses & training nights.

Any individuals interested in umpiring may register to become an umpire via the link below: WA Premier Cricket Umpire Registration Form 2023-24

All club captains & officials are encouraged to contact John Sherry regarding any feedback or suggestions in relation to umpires' performance & development. Club Teams Captains are also expected to be available to be contacted by the John Sherry for further discussion in some instances based on feedback in Captain's Reports.

The Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association (WACUA) is an affiliate of WA Cricket and is a fellowship association for all match officials in Western Australia. More information regarding the history, membership, events, news & records can be found on the WACUA website here.



Key Events Dates & Deadlines

	2023		
Saturday, 1 st July	Season Rollover to 2023-24 - Player Registrations & Transfers Open		
Monday, 14 th August	Club Returns Forms, Membership Agreements & Financials Due		
Saturday, 19 th August	WA Cricket Umpires Seminar		
Monday, 21st August	WADCC AGM		
Tuesday, 22 nd August	WAFCC AGM		
Wednesday 30 th August	PCDC Pre-Season Meeting		
Friday, 15th September	Player Points Cap Initial Submission Deadline		
Saturday, 7 th October	Round 1 - All Senior Male Grades, Under 15's and Under 17's		
Sunday, 8 th October	Round 1 - All Female T20 competitions, Male Under 13's and Under 14's		
Sunday, 3 rd December	Senior Male Premier T20, Colts Grand Finals		
Sunday, 17 th December	A Grade, B Grade & Youth League U17's T20 Grand Finals		
2024			
Sunday, 7 th January	Round 1 - A, B Grade & Youth League U17's One-Day		
Sunday, 28 th January	Senior Male One Day League Grand Final		
Wednesday, 31st January	Deadline for Player Transfers & Registrations (5 PM latest)		
Sunday, 25 th February	Junior Male Under 13's & Under 14's Grand Final		
Sunday, 17 th March	A, B Grade & Youth League U17's One-Day Grand Finals Youth League U14's Grand Final		
Saturday, 23 rd March – Sunday, 24 th March	Senior Male Two-Day Grand Finals Weekend Under 15's and Under 17's Grand Finals		
April (TBC)	Junior Premier Cricket Awards Night		
April (TBC)	Olly Cooley Medal Night		
April (TBC)	Karen Read Medal Night		
Recurring - Every Round			
Friday, 10am	Male Grades PlayHQ Team submission deadline		
Friday, 5pm	Female Grades PlayHQ Team submission deadline		
7pm on match days	Deadline for submission of match results and player stats		
Monday, 5pm (after match)	Deadline for submission of Captain's Report		

