



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER CRICKET

GENERAL RULES FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE (FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS)

GENERAL RULES

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 In these Rules:

- (a) **"Code of Conduct"** or means the Code of Conduct set out in clause 4.1.3.
- (b) **"Competition"** or **"Competitions"** means the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition.
- (c) **"Competition Manager"** or **"Competitions Manager"** means the person appointed by the WA Cricket with responsibilities that include competition management tasks designated under these Rules.
- (d) **"Cricket Clothing"** means shirts, T-shirts, skins, trousers, sweaters, caps, hats, helmets, wristbands, headbands, sunglasses or other headgear.
- (e) **"Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition"** means any competition between affiliated Clubs as specified in clause 2.2.1.
- (f) **"Finals"** includes any Semi-Finals and/or Grand-Final.
- (g) **"PlayHQ"** means the Australian cricket competition management system and player database maintained by Cricket Australia for use by cricket clubs and cricket administrators.
- (h) **"OfficialsHQ"** means the Australian cricket umpiring & match reports management system maintained by Cricket Australia for use by cricket clubs and cricket administrators.
- (i) **"Overseas Player"** means any player who is not an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.
- (j) **"Preliminary Round"** means any round of matches in a Competition before Finals.
- (k) **"Protest"** means a protest lodged under clause 4.5 of these General Rules.
- (l) **"Registered Player"** means a player registered with a Club in the PlayHQ database in accordance with clause 6.2.
- (m) **"Season"** means the cricket playing period from 1 September to 31 March in any calendar year in which Competition matches are played.
- (n) **"WA Cricket"** means the Western Australian Cricket Association.

2. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION, RULES AND CLUBS

2.1 Status of General Rules

- 2.1.1 These General Rules are to be read together with the Playing Conditions referred to in Rule 5.5.
- 2.1.2 Day to day responsibilities and administration of these General Rules is to be completed by the Competitions Manager.
- 2.1.3 These General Rules may be altered and repealed from time to time by the Competitions Manager, who will notify participating Clubs of these changes.

2.2 Competitions

- 2.2.1 The Competitions Manager will organise matches between Clubs in Competitions classified as:
- (a) T20 Competition; and
 - (b) One Day (40 Over) Competition.
- 2.2.2 The league will be subdivided into two age restricted competitions classified as Under 14's and Under 17's respectively.

2.3 Club Requirements for the Female Premier Cricket Youth League

- 2.3.1 Subject to any eligibility criteria, the Competitions Manager may admit any cricket club to play in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition.

2.4 Club Representation

- 2.4.1 The name of Clubs must not make any reference to any ethnic or political name, slogan, sponsor or business.

2.5 Duties of Clubs

- 2.5.1 Each Club will comply with the reasonable requests of the Competitions Manager in relation to matters concerning or arising about fixturing and administration of the competition.
- 2.5.2 Each Club playing in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League for a Season must enter and keep up to date in the PlayHQ database:
- (a) the names and details of all registered players; and
 - (b) the names and contact details of all registered club officials.
- 2.5.3 Clubs will ensure that they and their players comply with the registration, eligibility and qualification requirements in clause 6.
- 2.5.4 It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that all registered players are aware of the regulations and policies governing Competition matches, including the Playing Conditions (as modified by clause 5 of these Rules), the Laws of Cricket inclusive of the Spirit of Cricket and the Code of Conduct.

3. FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE GOVERNANCE

3.1 Delegation of Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 The Competitions Manager will assume responsibilities of the day-to-day management of the Competitions.
- 3.1.2 The Competitions Manager has complete authority to determine any question arising about the proper interpretation of these Rules but may refer a matter to the Tribunal or to legal counsel for legal opinion.

3.2 Competition Sub-committees

- 3.2.1 The Competitions Manager will be deemed to have formed the following sub-committees:
- (a) The Disciplinary Committee;

- (b) The Tribunal.

3.3 Disciplinary Sub-committee

- 3.3.1 The Disciplinary Committee will comprise of two members of the WA Cricket, Cricket Operations Unit who will be selected as soon as possible prior to the season.
- 3.3.2 The duties of the Disciplinary Committee will include:
- (a) to receive all reports of infringements and offences and determine the level of such offence;
 - (b) raise a complaint against a Club, player or official if it believes an act of omission or offence has occurred under these Rules;
 - (c) to refer any matter of sufficient seriousness to the Tribunal for determination;
 - (d) to assess any audio/visual evidence available to assess all reports of infringements, offences or complaints raised against a Club, player or official; and
 - (e) to decide the appropriate penalty for any matter that is not serious enough to be referred to the Tribunal.
- 3.3.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to make a decision binding on the player, and if necessary, the player's Club, in respect to any of the matters referred to in clause 3.3.2.

3.4 Competitions Manager & Cricket Operations Unit

- 3.4.1 WA Cricket will provide one or more staff to assist with:
- (a) the administrative functions specified in these Rules; and
 - (b) management of the Competition
- then the person or persons authorised may each exercise any functions of these General Rules.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Player Code of Conduct and Offences

- 4.1.1 The Female Premier Cricket Youth League will adopt from time to time and modify as appropriate to its Competitions the Code of Conduct published by Cricket Australia and the International Cricket Council (ICC), which contains details of undesirable conduct. The Female Premier Cricket Youth League Code of Conduct is set out in clause 4.1.3.
- 4.1.2 All players, umpires and officials competing in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League are bound by and required to comply with the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Code of Conduct published in these Rules.
- 4.1.3 The following offences are adopted from the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct and for illustrations of the application of each, reference should be made to the guidelines that accompany the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct (reproduced in the boxed section below each Offence below). The provisions of the Rule itself take precedence over any guidelines.

LEVEL 1 OFFENCES

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1.1 Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.

Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of or the contents or any building or structure at the ground.

1.2 Show dissent at an umpire's decision.

Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.

This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captain's report.

1.3 Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.

This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.

The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

1.4 Engaging in excessive or unnecessary appealing.

Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this Rule.

1.5 Point or gesture towards the pavilion, including by words, in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman.

Includes charging or running up to the batsman and "getting in his [or her] face" or giving a 'send-off' to a player by words or action.

1.6 Failure by a team to ensure that the condition of a ball is not changed in breach of Law 42.3.

LEVEL 2 OFFENCES

2.1 Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision.

Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the crease.

This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpire's performance in their Captain's report.

2.2 Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials.

Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.

2.3 Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

2.4 Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.

This is not intended to replace Law 42(4) and (5) of the Laws of Cricket.

Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.

2.5 Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.

As a guide, the appropriateness of the throw will be deemed by whether the batter was attempting a run, whether there was a realistic opportunity for a run out, was the bowler intentionally trying to intimidate the batter and/or whether the batter was struck by the ball.

2.6 Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.

This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.

2.7 Change the condition of the ball in breach of law 42.3.

Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball other than perspiration.

2.8 Without limiting Rule 8, attempt to manipulate a Match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

Prohibited conduct under this Rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's performance points or net run rate.

LEVEL 3 OFFENCES

3.1 Intimidate or attempt to intimidate and umpire or referee whether by language or conduct.

Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.

3.2 Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator.

3.3 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.

LEVEL 4 OFFENCES

4.1 Threaten to assault an umpire or referee.

4.2 Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.

4.3 Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.

4.4 Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.

LAWS OF CRICKET AND 'SPIRIT OF THE GAME'

5. Players must obey the 'Laws of Cricket' and play within the spirit of the game.

This is meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts of, or gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.

Conduct which will be prohibited under the Rule includes time wasting and any other conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket.

This Rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.

Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.

Nothing in this Rule or the Code alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

UNBECOMING BEHAVIOUR

6. Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time in a cricket related situation engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player or official that could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.

This is also meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts or, or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.

It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and cheating during play.

4.2 Recommended Penalties for Code of Conduct Breaches

- 4.2.1 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Level 1 to 4 offences:
- (a) Level 1 - Official reprimand and/or a fine of up to \$500 and/or a ban of up to 2 matches and/or playing days.
 - (b) Level 2 - A ban of 2 or 3 matches and/or playing days.
 - (c) Level 3 - A ban of 3 to 5 matches and/or playing days.
 - (d) Level 4 – A ban of 6 or more matches and/or playing days, or a life ban.
- 4.2.2 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Level 5 and 6 offences (which may be imposed individually or in combination):
- (a) a ban from participating in any match;
 - (b) a fine for a person of any amount up to \$1,000; and
 - (c) a reprimand.
- 4.2.3 The number of playing days and upcoming matches shall be a consideration in determining any penalties in 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

4.3 Code of Conduct Offences, Cautions and Reporting

- 4.3.1 Under these Rules, a contravention of the Code of Conduct is an offence.
- 4.3.2 Umpires must warn a Club, player or official for a contravention of the Code of Conduct and report the matter to the other umpire and the player's team captain.
- 4.3.3 Umpires must notify a Club, player or official of any intention to lodge a Code of Conduct complaint, and the nature of the offence committed, within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed. Failure by an umpire to comply with this clause does not invalidate the complaint made.
- 4.3.4 Umpires must lodge Code of Conduct complaints with the Competitions Manager no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of a match in which the alleged offence occurred. Failure by an umpire to comply with this clause does not invalidate the complaint made.
- 4.3.5 For the sake of clarity, audio/visual evidence taken of a Competition match may be used in conjunction with the Code of Conduct complaint lodged by the Umpire.
- 4.3.6 Any player reported by an Umpire must have the complaint referred to the Disciplinary Committee who shall:
- (a) Consider the complaint and the level of offence, if any, for which the Club, player or official is alleged to have committed; and
 - (b) Offer the Club, player or official a penalty, open for acceptance for a definite period, in lieu of referring the matter to the Tribunal; or
 - (c) Refer the matter to the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.10.
- 4.3.7 A Code of Conduct complaint shall be referred to the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.10 unless the player, Club or official accepts a penalty from the

Disciplinary Committee within the time specified in any offer made pursuant to clause 4.3.6(b).

- 4.3.8 Where an umpire has occasion to speak to a player about their behaviour but does not consider the player's behaviour to be so serious as to warrant a report to the Competitions Manager, the umpire shall caution the player.
- (a) An umpire shall note a caution on the Umpire's Match Report and shall lodge a record of the caution with the Competitions Manager.
 - (b) The umpire shall notify the cautioned player via the captain or an official of the player's club of the caution as soon as it is practical on the day which the caution occurs.
- 4.4.8 Should a player receive three cautions (3) over any two-season duration, the player shall receive an automatic one match suspension. Any subsequent caution within the same season will result in the player being required to attend a tribunal hearing.

4.4 Use of Digital Media

- 4.4.1 Any player or official who is found to have engaged in or is suspected of engaging in the unacceptable use of Facebook, Instagram Twitter, YouTube or any print, digital or social networking site, including blogs, websites & news articles, may be dealt with by the Competitions Manager as they deem fit.
- 4.4.2 Without limitation, unacceptable use may involve the player or official:
- (a) criticising umpires, players or any other person involved in the Competition;
 - (b) engaging in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive or abusive remarks about any person; or
 - (c) engaging in any other behaviour which the Competitions Manager reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.
- 4.4.3 It is not relevant that the player or official making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.

4.5 Protests and Calculated Unfair Conduct

- 4.5.1 A Club may lodge a protest with the Competitions Manager against an opposing Club in a match with respect to one or more of the following:
- (a) The result of a match;
 - (b) Any conduct which is alleged to have been calculated to obtain an unfair advantage in the course of that match by that opposing Club or any one or more of that opposing Club's members; or
- 4.5.2 A protest under this clause must be notified in writing to the Competitions Manager within 3 days of the match to which the protest relates, comply with clause 4.5.3 and be signed by the President of the protesting Club.
- 4.5.3 A Protest notice must state:
- (a) The date and place of the match;
 - (b) The name and team of the opposing Club;
 - (c) The grounds of the protest (with reference to any applicable General Rules or Laws of Cricket);
 - (d) A summary of the facts the protesting club will rely upon to support its protest; and

- (e) The names of the witnesses the protesting club will rely on at the hearing of the protest.
- 4.5.4 Failure to comply with clause 4.5.3 does not invalidate the notice, subject to the Tribunal being satisfied the protest has merit.
- 4.5.5 Upon receiving a protest under this clause, the Competitions Manager must determine the merits of the protest with an appropriate course of action, which may include referring the matter to the Tribunal.
- 4.5.6 The Competitions Manager may independently refer a matter to the Tribunal as Complainant if it is satisfied that there has been conduct of the kind referred to in clause 4.5.1(b), and shall provide a Protest notice in accordance with clause 4.5.3.

4.6 Orders that may be made after Protests

- 4.6.1 If a Protest is upheld, the Competitions Manager or the Tribunal may make one of the following orders:
 - (a) the result of the protested match be varied (but not in the case of a protest related to the unfitness or the ground or pitch for play);
 - (b) the protested match be replayed; or
 - (c) the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club.
- 4.6.2 If the Competitions Manager or the Tribunal orders the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club, then the Tribunal may also:
 - (a) cancel or vary any points previously awarded with regard to that match;
 - (b) award points appropriate to the altered result of the match according to the scale of points available; and
 - (c) impose a fine upon the respondent Club.
- 4.6.3 If a Protest relating to the unfitness of a ground or pitch for play is dismissed, because the unfitness of the pitch or ground relates to a matter outside the control of the home team or its curator, the Competitions Manager or the Tribunal must still order:
 - (a) the result of the match stand; or
 - (b) the match be replayed at a place, date and time to be notified by Competitions Manager within 3 days of the Tribunal's determination.

4.7 Tribunal Jurisdiction

- 4.7.1 The Tribunal will hear any matter referred to it by the Competitions Manager in relation to:
 - (a) Appeals from penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee for infringements;
 - (b) Offences for breach of the Code of Conduct; and
 - (c) Protests under clause 4.5 of these General Rules.
- 4.7.2 The Tribunal will not hear:
 - (a) any eligibility complaints based on the information contained in PlayHQ;
 - (b) any transfer or dispensation disputes; or
 - (c) any complaints regarding the application of the Playing Conditions for any Competition.

4.8 Tribunal Membership

- 4.8.1 The Tribunal will be comprised of three members.
- 4.8.2 At least one of whom shall be:
 - (a) A lawyer, under the legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2022 (WA); or
 - (b) A Magistrate;
- 4.8.3 The Competitions Manager shall select the persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting and shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal.
- 4.8.4 A person shall not sit on the Tribunal if that person or that person's Club is involved in the complaint or matter before the Tribunal or is related to any of the parties.

4.9 Powers of Tribunal

- 4.9.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:
 - (a) require the attendance of any person before it;
 - (b) administer an oath and hear evidence (whether in person or through electronic communication such as telephone or video conferencing);
 - (c) view video evidence and/or listen to audio evidence, taken of
 - (d) re-open or rehear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;
 - (e) if any person fails to answer any questions or acts in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of Female Premier Cricket Youth League Cricket for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;
 - (f) impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on any person or Club who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;
 - (g) suspend any person from playing in a game of cricket, acting as a coach of a team or acting as a team official for any period and/or impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on any person or Club who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened these Rules, contravened any Laws of Cricket, brought the game of cricket into disrepute or failed to comply with any order or direction of the Tribunal;
 - (h) order the forfeiture of a game of cricket;
- 4.9.2 In imposing a suspension or disqualification, the Tribunal may impose that penalty by reference to:
 - (a) a number of cricket games in a particular Competition; or
 - (b) a time-period suspension or disqualification.

4.10 Tribunal pre-hearing procedures

- 4.10.1 The Competitions Manager shall give notice of a Tribunal hearing if:
 - (a) the Disciplinary Committee decides to refer a Code of Conduct complaint to the Tribunal directly; or
 - (b) a player does not accept the penalty offered by the Disciplinary Committee; or
 - (c) another complaint or Protest is made under these Rules in respect to a matter for which the Tribunal has jurisdiction.

- 4.10.2 Prior to giving notice of a Tribunal hearing, the Competitions Manager shall:
- (a) arrange a date for the Tribunal to hear the matter in accordance with these Rules, if possible no later than the next fixture; and
 - (b) cause copies of the complaint or Protest and the notice to be provided to the Tribunal members, the parties and to the originator of the Complaint (e.g. umpires or Clubs).
- 4.10.3 In any protest relating to the abandonment of a match, the Competitions Manager shall arrange and ensure that a thorough investigation of the circumstances into the abandonment of the match is conducted and that a report be presented to the Tribunal for decision and penalty if appropriate. The purpose of the report is to set out facts to establish whether there was any failure by the Club to ensure:
- (a) the pitch was properly prepared; or
 - (b) the pitch was properly protected against the elements, vandalism or foul play, machinery or equipment failure or other reasonably foreseeable events.
- (For the purposes of this clause, a groundsman who is responsible for the preparation of the pitch and who is employed by a body other than the local Club, is deemed to be a contractor or agent of that Club).
- 4.10.4 Notices shall be given to:
- (a) a player by forwarding to the player and his or her Club; and
 - (b) a Club by forwarding to the secretary of the Club.
- 4.10.5 The notice advising of the Tribunal hearing shall include:
- (a) A copy of any notice, complaint or Protest;
 - (b) A copy of any offer made by the Disciplinary Committee;
 - (c) Details of the date and place of the Tribunal hearing.
- 4.10.6 Tribunal Members will be given a copy of the notice, a briefing paper by the Competitions Manager and, if requested, a copy of these General Rules.

4.11 Tribunal Hearing Procedure

- 4.11.1 In respect to a complaint with regard to a Code of Conduct offence, a Disciplinary Committee member will present the case as complainant.
- 4.11.2 In the case of a Protest, the protesting Club will present the case as Complainant and the opposing Club will be the Respondent.
- 4.11.3 In the case of a Code of Conduct Complaint or a Protest:
- (a) A player Respondent may appear at the hearing or be represented by a person other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.
 - (b) A Club that is a Complainant or a Respondent may be represented by a member of its committee other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.
- 4.11.4 The Complainant and the Respondent may call witnesses to support the case. For the avoidance of doubt, the person representing a player or Club may not give evidence: at the hearing they must appear as a witness or a representative of a party, but not both.
- 4.11.5 The Tribunal procedure is as follows:
- (a) the Complaint will be presented by a member of the Disciplinary Committee or a person delegated authority by the Competitions Manager, and witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;

- (b) if the Tribunal is of the opinion that the respondent has a case to answer, then the respondent's case may be presented, witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;
 - (c) at the conclusion of the hearing, the Complainant's representative may address the Tribunal, and then the Respondent or its representative may address the Tribunal in Reply.
- 4.11.6 For a Protest, the Tribunal may dismiss the protest or uphold the Protest.
- 4.11.7 For a Code of Conduct complaint, the Tribunal must consider whether the Complainant has proved an offence under these General Rules.
- 4.11.8 For a proven Code of Conduct offence, the Tribunal:
 - (a) may impose such penalty or make such order as it thinks fit; and
 - (b) in making its order, must have regard to any recommended penalty or order in clause 4.2.1 and 4.6 of these General Rules, and any directives/circulars communicated to the clubs from the Cricket Operations Unit as applicable.
- 4.11.9 When imposing a fine or penalty, the Tribunal may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including:
 - (a) the seriousness of the breach;
 - (b) the harm caused by the breach;
 - (c) the person's seniority and standing in the game;
 - (d) the remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
 - (e) the person's prior record; and
 - (f) the impact of the penalty on the person.

4.12 Tribunal Decisions

- 4.12.1 The Competitions Manager must notify all persons and Clubs concerned of the Tribunal's findings and publish the nature of the complaint and the decision, unless the Competitions Manager considers this is undesirable.

4.13 Grievances

- 4.13.1 If a matter does not fall within the powers of the Tribunal to determine, each Club may refer one such matter to the Competitions Manager within any calendar year. The right of referral is retained if the matter is decided in favour of the referring Club.
- 4.13.2 To refer an issue to the Competitions Manager under this Rule, a non-refundable referral fee of \$200 (inc GST) is payable, together with a \$400 (inc GST) fee for hearing. The hearing fee is refundable to the Club if the matter is decided in its favour.

4.14 Infringements and Penalty Schedule

- 4.14.1 Under these Rules, contravention of the following clauses are infringements and the penalties are specified in the clause to which the infringement relates:
 - (a) Forfeiture of a match (clause 5.2) – *max \$100; full match points awarded to opposition*
 - (b) Failure to use approved match balls (clause 5.6.1) – *max \$100*
 - (c) Playing an ineligible player (clause 6.7.1 and clause 6.4.2) or an unqualified player (clause 6.3 and if applicable, clause 9.1) – *match points and/or \$100;*

- (d) Playing an ineligible player (clause 6.7.1 or clause 6.4.2) or an unqualified player (clause 6.3 and if applicable, clause 6.5) in a Finals match – *match forfeit and/or \$100*;
- (e) Failure to provide facilities at home ground (clause 7.1.1) – *max \$100*
- (f) Failure to wear proper cricket attire or comply with logos or sponsorship requirements (clause 8.1) – *max \$25 per player per infringement up to max \$150 per match*;
- (g) Failure to lodge match reports (clause 9.2) – *max \$50 per offence*

For any of the above infringements, the Competitions Manager may penalise the club by not awarding match points or a fine of up to \$500, having regard to any maximum penalties specified in this clause.

5. LAWS OF CRICKET AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

5.1 Application of Laws of Cricket to Competitions

- 5.1.1 The Laws of Cricket and the Spirit of Cricket in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket will apply to all Competitions but may be modified, supplemented or excluded by these Rules and the Playing Conditions.
- 5.1.2 These Rules shall apply to the management of all matches under the control of the Competitions Manager for the Female Premier Cricket Youth League.

5.2 Forfeits

- 5.2.1 If a team is unable to play in a Female Premier Cricket Youth League match the Club must give notice to the Competition Manager no later than two days before the match is to commence and will forfeit the match and be subject to the penalty for an infringement as per clause 4.14.

5.3 Teams and Overseas Players

- 5.3.1 In the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition, Teams consist of 12 players, but there is a minimum of 8 players required to take the field to commence play.
 - (i) Only 11 players shall be allowed to field at any one time during an innings.
 - (ii) Only 11 players shall be allowed to bat during an innings.
 - (iii) All 12 players are allowed to bowl during an innings.
- 5.3.2 All clubs shall enter their teams for the Competition in PlayHQ by 5pm on the Friday before the start of the match.
- 5.3.3 Teams must be nominated in writing to the other team and to the umpires before the toss. If the toss is delayed, teams must still be nominated no later than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for the match. No player other than those named will be allowed to play in the match.
- 5.3.4 A Club shall not play more than one (1) Overseas Player in a match in any Competition unless the prior approval of the Competition Manager has been obtained. A player who meets the definition of Overseas Player at the time of registering with a Club shall be classed as an Overseas Player.
- 5.3.5 In all other respects the replacement or substitution of a player is to occur in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.

5.4 Match Fixtures

- 5.4.1 The Competitions Manager will prepare fixtures for all teams nominated by Clubs for the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition in the current Season. The Competitions Manager will determine the scheduled playing time for all matches.
- 5.4.2 The Competitions Manager will publish all official fixtures using the PlayHQ system prior to the commencement of the Season and these will be updated from time to time as necessary.
- 5.4.3 All matches will be conducted on Club grounds or otherwise as arranged by the Competitions Manager for both preliminary rounds and finals.

5.5 Applicable Playing Conditions

- 5.5.1 All Competition cricket matches will be played in accordance with the:
 - (a) Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition T20 Playing Conditions
 - (b) Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition One Day (40 Over) Playing Conditions

5.6 Approved Equipment

- 5.6.1 The approved balls for the Competitions are

Approved Ball	Competitions
Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g	Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition
Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g Reject	
Kookaburra Club Match 4-piece	

5.7 Ground Weather and Light procedure

- 5.7.1 In general, Law 2.7 of the Laws of Cricket will apply, and it will be for the Umpires to decide if grounds are unfit for play in a match.
- 5.7.2 Clubs must advise the Competitions Manager no later than 12pm on the day prior to a Competition match if there are any problems being experienced in the preparation of a pitch to a condition as perfect as possible.
- 5.7.3 Matches will proceed unless the Competitions Manager have called off the round prior to the schedule day of fixtures. If there has been no general cancellation by Competitions Manager, umpires shall determine fitness for play when they assume control of matches.
- 5.7.4 The Competitions Manager may call off all fixtures in Female Premier Youth League Competition by 8pm the evening prior to a scheduled round of fixtures, if more than 50% of grounds are unfit for play.

5.8 Umpires

- 5.8.1 WA Cricket will provide umpires for all matches in the Competition.
- 5.8.2 Umpires will be appointed prior to the commencement of each match by the Umpiring Manager and appointments entered into the OfficialsHQ system.
- 5.8.3 Umpires must wear competition attire approved by the Competitions Manager, as notified by the Umpiring Manager prior to the commencement of

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the Season. For 2025-26 season, the Umpire On-Field attire requirements are as follows:

White-Ball Fixtures	Blue unbranded WA Premier Cricket logo On-Field Shirt, Black Pants, Black Umpiring Hat / Black Premier Cricket logo On-Field Cap, Black closed Shoes/Runners & Black On-Field WA Premier Cricket logo Jacket.
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- 5.8.4 Umpires shall lodge match reports using the OfficialsHQ system no later than 2 days after the conclusion of each match.
- 5.8.5 If an Umpire proposes to lodge a complaint against player, Club or official under these Rules, the Umpire must:
- (a) notify the player, Club or official of the nature of the complaint within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the incident occurred; and
 - (b) submit an Umpire Complaint Notification as well as entering the report into the PlayHQ system by no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of the match in which the offence is alleged to have occurred.
- 5.8.6 If only one appointed umpire is present, that umpire alone shall determine questions of fitness for play of the ground, weather and light (GWL).

5.9 Procedure for Handling Suspect Bowling Action

- 5.9.1 In the interests of the player concerned and the Female Premier Cricket Youth League, it is permissible during a match for the umpire to warn the bowler, captain or coach that they considers the bowler's action to be unfair and if they continues to bowl their action may qualify for a "no-ball" call under Law 21, note it on the match report and advise the Umpiring Manager.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE

Note 1:

In general, to play in a FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE Competition match, players must be:

1. *registered in PlayHQ to play with a Club for FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE Competitions (and if necessary approved by Competitions Manager in PlayHQ to move Clubs);*
2. *Eligible to play in the FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET YOUTH LEAGUE Competition (e.g. age requirements, finals); and*
- 3.. *Not disqualified from playing (breach of Code of Conduct, financial).*

6.1 Player qualification for the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition

- 6.1.1 Registered Players are qualified to play in the Competition if they satisfy the following:
- (a) they have satisfied any Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition registration requirements to play for that Club (as per clause 6.2 and clause 9.1), or have obtained a transfer to change Clubs (clause 6.3 and clause 9.1);

- (b) they satisfy all age and gender eligibility requirements to play in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition match (as per clause 6.7);
- (c) they are eligible to play in the Competition match (as per clause 6.6 and 6.7); and
- (d) they are not disqualified (as per clause 6.8).

6.2 Player Registration with a Club using PlayHQ

- 6.2.1 Each season, the clubs are required to create registration forms via PlayHQ for any relevant competitions and seek self-registrations from all players via those form links. The season registration date shall begin no earlier than 1st July in the year preceding the season and shall only last up to 12 months, (no later than 30th June) the following year. This forms set-up & registration process shall only commence once WAFCC notify Clubs of Season Rollover to the new season.
- 6.2.2 A player who has not previously played in a Competition shall be eligible to play with any Female Premier Cricket Youth League Club they can validly register with pursuant to clause 6.1. Otherwise, any player of a Club that wishes to change clubs must apply for a transfer in accordance with clause 6.3 at the point of self-registration. A Club may also lodge this transfer request, however, self-registration from the player will still be required.
- 6.2.3 To play in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition, a person must be registered with a club in the PlayHQ system prior to the team match details being entered into PlayHQ, no later than the scheduled start of the match.

6.3 Player Movement and Transfers using PlayHQ

- 6.3.1 A club ("New Club") cannot play a player who has previously played for another club ("Former Club") in any Competition unless the Former Club or Competitions Manager has granted a transfer prior to the player's first game for the New Club.
- 6.3.2 For players within the WA Premier Cricket Competitions, an application to a Former Club for a transfer to play for a New Club must be made in PlayHQ using the following process:
 - (a) The New Club, on behalf of the player, or the player themselves, will make the application for a transfer to the Competitions Manager and the Former Club in PlayHQ.
 - (b) No later than 5 days after the transfer application is lodged in PlayHQ, the Former Club must respond in PlayHQ whether it grants or refuses the transfer. If the Former Club doesn't respond to the Transfer request within 5 days, the request will be auto-approved in the PlayHQ system at the Former Club level.
 - (c) If the Former Club grants the transfer, the Competitions Manager will finalise the player's movement to the new Club in PlayHQ as soon as possible.
 - (d) If the Former Club refuses to grant a transfer, it shall include in its PlayHQ response the reasons why the transfer has been refused, including details of why the player is unfinancial (if applicable), and any other reasons that the Club relies upon. The Competitions Manager may request further information using PlayHQ.
 - (e) No later than 10 days after the application for a transfer was made, or 5 days after the Club notified its refusal (whichever is earlier), the Competitions Manager will confirm the Former Club's decision to

refuse to grant the transfer, or the Competitions Manager will grant the player a transfer, in accordance with clause 6.3.5.

- 6.3.3 For the purposes of clause 6.3.1 and 6.3.2:
- (a) The Competitions Manager will make use of the any list of un-financial members provided by Clubs.
- 6.3.4 The following transfer application periods must be adhered to:
- (a) Registered Player with a Club in the Competition: no earlier than 1 July and no later than 5pm on 31 December;
- 6.3.5 Where a transfer has been refused by the Former Club under clause 6.3.2(d), the Competitions Manager will enquire into the reasons, and decide whether it will grant the transfer applying these principles:
- (a) The main principle to be applied is one of fairness to both the player and the Club from which he requires to be transferred.
 - (b) Fairness, considered from the player's point of view, means a consideration of what the player considers is best for her. If the application is made after the start of the Season, the player must also take into consideration that they have registered with the Club for all practical purposes to play for that Club for that Season and a transfer will only be granted in special circumstances, being circumstances which are considered by the Competitions Manager to be unusual, exceptional or atypical.
 - (c) Fairness to the Club should take into account that the player has agreed to play for that club for the Season upon agreeing to register with the Club for that Season only, and the Club has an expectation that the player will play the entire season for that Club.
 - (d) If a doubt exists then the benefit of that doubt should be given to the Club.

6.4 Age and Gender Eligibility for Competitions

- 6.4.1 A player must not play in a Youth League Competition cricket match unless they meet the following age-based criteria for the applicable Youth League Competition on 31st August immediately preceding the Season:
- (a) Under 17's – older than 13 years, but younger than 17 years;
 - (b) Under 14's – older than 11 years, but younger than 14 years.
- 6.4.2 A Club may apply for a player aged less than the eligible age requirements outlined in 6.4.1 to play in the Competition. The dispensation must be applied through PlayHQ for approval by the Competitions Manager. If a Club is found to have played in breach of this clause, then the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.
- 6.4.3 The Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition is for female players.

6.5 Player Dispensations

- 6.5.1 Overseas Players must obtain a one-year dispensation from the Competitions Manager to play in Youth League Competitions ("One Year Dispensation"). The player may play for the Club of the player's choice, subject to Competitions Managers approval. The dispensation is to be obtained from the Competition Manager by making an application via the WA Premier Cricket website and will expire at the end of the season to which the One Year Dispensation applies, unless terminated with the consent of the Club to which the dispensation applies. At the expiry or termination of the One Year

Dispensation, the player will remain registered with the same Club and require a transfer under Rule 6.3 to change Clubs.

6.6 Eligibility for Finals

- 6.6.1 Unless the Competitions Manager otherwise approves, to be eligible to play in Finals:
- (a) For T20 Competition: A player must play in at least 3 matches.
 - (b) For One Day Competition: A player must play in at least 2 matches.
 - (c) Should a fixture be abandoned for any reason, a team selected in PlayHQ prior to the scheduled start time of the fixture will have the game credited as a match played for relevant players for the purposes of qualification as per the table above. This will not be the case for any selections updated retrospectively after the start time of the fixture.
 - (d) For a fixture that is forfeited as per clause 5.2, the team that forfeited the fixture will not have the game credited for any players selected in PlayHQ for that particular fixture.

6.7 Penalty for Ineligible or Disqualified Players

- 6.7.1 If the Competitions Manager is satisfied on complaint that a Club has played a player that is ineligible or disqualified, the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.

6.8 Player disqualification

- 6.8.1 A player that is serving a suspension or disqualification to play issued by the Competitions Manager, the Tribunal, Cricket Australia or any member association of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia is automatically disqualified from participation in the Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition for the duration of that suspension or disqualification.
- 6.8.2 If the Competitions Manager is satisfied on complaint that a Club has played a player that is unqualified or disqualified, despite being registered to play on the PlayHQ system, the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.

7. CLUB FACILITIES

7.1 Turf Pitches

- 7.1.1 Clubs must provide the following facilities:
- (a) At least one turf pitch and playing areas of standard and size, clubhouse, and change rooms.
- 7.1.2 Clubs must provide a scoreboard (electronic or otherwise).
- 7.1.3 Clubs shall provide operators for the home ground scoreboard, updating the score at least at the end of each over.
- 7.1.4 Clubs must provide and (when required by Competitions Manager or when necessary to protect its turf pitches from weather conditions) use covers for the entire area of all of the turf pitches in their turf pitch blocks (including the turf pitches to be used, or being used, in a fixture and all other turf pitches not currently in use) and provide accessibility to covers for use prior to and during

any match day. Failure to comply with this clause will see the Club liable to a fine and/or match points as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.

7.1.5 At grounds on match days Clubs shall provide before the start of play on each day of a match:

- (a) Bowlers markers;
- (b) Crease marking materials to the satisfaction of the umpires;
- (c) A set of stumps and correct crease markings; and

7.1.6 Clubs that are required by the Competitions Manager to host a match shall provide the use of the ground free of charge to the Clubs participating in the match.

8. CLUB COLOURS AND PLAYER CLOTHING

8.1 Standard Cricket Attire

8.1.1 Unless the playing conditions for a particular match format specify otherwise, players shall wear:

- (a) Shirt and trousers in the club's registered colours.
- (b) caps and helmets that are in Club colours; and
- (c) spiked footwear.

8.1.2 A Club may have a club or sponsor's logo on their playing shirts as per following specifications, with prior approval from the Competitions Manager:

Position	Logo Type	Size
Right Sleeve	Single Sponsor's Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Left Sleeve	Single Sponsor's Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Right Chest	Competition Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Left Chest	Club Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Front Abdomen	Single Sponsor's Logo only	150mm height; 350mm width
Back	Single Sponsor's Logo only	150mm height; 350mm width

8.1.3 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from the Competitions Manager. A Club must submit any change to its registered uniform to the Competitions Manager for approval.

8.1.4 The Competitions Manager will give priority to clubs that have previously registered club colours, in the event of any conflict.

8.1.5 No Player may take part in any match except in the registered uniform of their Club that has been approved by Competitions Manager, for the Competition concerned. If any player is found to be playing in incorrect or unapproved playing attire the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.

8.1.6 Players may be permitted to have a playing number on the back of a playing shirt, white or coloured. The size of the number must be between 250mm and 350mm in height and each number must be 40mm in width. Playing numbers may only be one or two digits (1-99).

8.1.7 Players are permitted to have their name on the back of a playing shirt, provided the name is between 60mm and 75mm in height and must correctly identify the name of the player (i.e. not a nickname).

9. MATCH AND COMPETITION RESULTS

9.1 Scoring and PlayHQ Score Entry

- 9.1.1 All Clubs will be required to use the PlayHQ live scoring system for Female Premier Cricket Youth League Matches.
- 9.1.2 All teams are required to enter teams into the PlayHQ match data as stipulated in clause 5.3.2
- 9.1.3 Full Match Scores and Player Scores must be submitted into PlayHQ by 7pm on the day that the match is played. Failure to do so will see the Club liable to a fine as an infringement to which clause 4.14 applies.

9.2 Post-match Reports

- 9.2.1 Both Clubs must submit and confirm match details and a Captain's Report by the Monday 5pm following the match, using the OfficialsHQ system. Reports are required for every match where play has commenced, although a result may not have been achieved.
- 9.2.2 Player scores must be entered as part of the match reports.

9.3 Ladders

- 9.3.1 Ladders for each Competition shall be calculated in PlayHQ by setting the points system equal to the points designated in the relevant Competition Rules for win, draw, tie or loss.
- 9.3.2 To determine the ranking of teams otherwise equal on points in Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition, in Ladder setup in the PlayHQ system, Net Run Rate will be used.
 - (a) A team's Net Run Rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.
 - (b) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it could have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

9.4 Finals

- 9.4.1 The Competitions Manager will determine the Finals Format from season to season, based on the availability of venues and length of the season.
- 9.4.2 If there is a Tie (Female Premier Cricket Youth League Competition One Day only) or a Draw/No Result, the side finishing higher on the ladder shall be declared the winner.

9.5 Awards Qualification

- 9.5.1 PlayHQ will be used to determine details of player's averages and aggregates for the season.
- 9.5.2 Qualification requirements do not include performances in finals for Youth League Competitions and are set out below:

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(a) Batters:

	1 Day	T20
Innings	At least 3	At least 5
Runs	At least 150	At least 150
Average	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher

(b) Bowlers:

	1 Day	T20
Wickets	At least 5	At least 5

9.5.1 The following individual performance awards shall be presented in respective competitions, along with respective criteria for each:

Grade(s)	Award	Criteria
Female Youth League U17s	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	T20 Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Female Youth League U14s	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	T20 Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
All Junior Female Grades	Junior Female Spirit of Cricket Award	Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports