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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 In these Rules:

- (a) **"Code of Conduct"** or **"WAFCC Code of Conduct"** means the WAFCC Code of Conduct set out in clause 4.2.3.
- (b) **"Competition"** or **"Competitions"** means any Senior Competition.
- (c) **"Competition Manager"** or **"Competitions Manager"** means the person appointed by WA Cricket or WAFCC with responsibilities that include competition management tasks designated by the WAFCC under these Rules.
- (d) **"Cricket Clothing"** means shirts, T-shirts, skins, trousers, sweaters, caps, hats, helmets, wristbands, headbands, sunglasses or other headgear.
- (e) **"Finals"** includes any Semi-Finals and Grand-Final.
- (f) **"Overseas Player"** means any player who is not an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.
- (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) **"Preliminary Round"** means any round of matches in a Competition before Finals.
- (j) **"PCDC"** means the Premier Cricket Delegate Committee.
- (k) **"Protest"** means a protest lodged under clause 4.6 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) **"Representative Player"** means any player that is training with the Australian national or a State cricket team squad, or participating in a tour or match with the sanction of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia.
- (n) **"Season"** means the cricket playing period from 1 September to 31 March (or such later date for which fixtures are arranged) in any calendar year in which Competition matches are played.
- (o) **"Senior Competition"** means any competition between WAFCC-affiliated Clubs as specified in clause 2.2.1.
- (p) **"University"** means The University of Western Australia.
- (q) **"WA Cricket"** means the Western Australian Cricket Association.
- (r) **"WAFCC"** means the Western Australian Female Cricket Council (Inc).

2. WAFCC ADMINISTRATION, RULES AND CLUBS

2.1 Status of General Rules

- 2.1.1 These General Rules are created under the WAFCC Constitution and are to be read together with the Playing Conditions referred to in Rule 5.5.
- 2.1.2 The WAFCC will delegate all day to day responsibilities and administration of these General Rules to the Competitions Manager.
- 2.1.3 When considering changes to these General Rules, the committee or person(s) delegated by the WAFCC, shall at all times consult with affiliated Clubs.
- 2.1.4 These General Rules may be altered and repealed from time to time, in accordance with the WAFCC Constitution.

2.2 Competitions

- 2.2.1 The WAFCC will organise matches between Clubs in Grade Competitions classified as:
 - (a) One Day (Limited Overs) Competition;
 - (b) T20 Competition;
 - (c) Such other cricket competitions as the WAFCC decide from time to time.
- 2.2.2 The Grade Competitions will be subdivided into cricket matches between two grades pending the number of team nominations.

2.3 Club Affiliation with WAFCC

- 2.3.1 Subject to its Constitution, the WAFCC may admit any cricket club to play in the Competitions.
- 2.3.2 When a club is admitted it shall remain in the Competitions from season to season unless or until it is disaffiliated and, it shall be deemed to have agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the WAFCC in relation to the General Rules, Playing Conditions and Code of Conduct.
- 2.3.3 A cricket club that wishes to be admitted to playing in WAFCC competitions shall lodge an application in writing to the WAFCC, meeting the requirements of the WAFCC's Female Premier Cricket Competition Entry Criteria.
- 2.3.4 The WAFCC may, at its discretion and applying such criteria as it considers appropriate, either accept or refuse an application by a cricket club for admission to Competitions. The decision of the WAFCC shall be final and binding.
- 2.3.5 Where a cricket club is admitted to play in the Competitions shall be deemed to be affiliated with the WAFCC.
- 2.3.6 The WAFCC shall ratify the entry of new clubs on an annual basis no later than 1 August.
- 2.3.7 All new Clubs shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, logo and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.
- 2.3.8 The WAFCC will publish or otherwise supply Clubs with a copy of any relevant Policy or Guidelines upon request.

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.
- 2.4.2 All Clubs that are affiliated with the WAFCC must submit their annual return for renewal of affiliation by no later than 31 August with current information complying with clause 2.3.3, or a note to identify what part of that information previously supplied to PCDC is unchanged. For the purposes of this clause Clubs may use PlayHQ to supply the information or extract it for WAFCC.
- 2.4.3 To be granted and retain affiliation with the WAFCC, Clubs must provide the facilities specified in Rule 7.

2.5 Duties of Affiliated Clubs

- 2.5.1 Each affiliated Club will comply with the reasonable requests of WAFCC in relation to matters concerning or arising out of each Club's Affiliation Agreement, the WAFCC Constitution and these Rules.
- 2.5.2 All Clubs will comply with the WAFCC Constitution, any Rules prepared in accordance with the WAFCC Constitution, the Insurance Policy adopted by Cricket Australia and other Policies determined from time to time by WAFCC. Those Policies may be included in these Rules or published separately.
- 2.5.3 Non-compliance with the requirements of clause 2.5.2 will result in:
 - (a) a suspension of payments under WA Cricket/WAFCC Grants Scheme; and
 - (b) all teams from the offending Club being unable to compete in any Competitions until the situation is rectified.
- 2.5.4 Where the affiliation fee payable to WAFCC or any other debt to the WAFCC is overdue for more than 60 days, on written request by WAFCC the Club's financial information must be made available for review by WAFCC.
- 2.5.5 Each Club playing in a WAFCC Competition for a Season must enter and keep up to date in the PlayHQ database:
 - (a) the names and details of all registered players for all Competitions; and
 - (b) the names and contact details of all registered club officials.
- 2.5.6 Clubs will ensure that they and their players comply with the registration, eligibility and qualification requirements in clause 6.
- 2.5.7 All Clubs must submit a list of their players owing equipment or fees to their Club by 30 June prior to the opening of registrations for the Season. This list will be used in the administration of player movements and it is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that this list remains current.
- 2.5.8 A Club must supply a scorer for each home team in each grade of fixtures for a round.
- 2.5.9 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.
- 2.5.10 Clubs must collate during the Season, and provide to WAFCC when requested, the information required for the purposes of player statistics (averages and aggregates). This will be required both for qualifying rounds and for finals for the WAFCC Annual Report and Annual Awards. This information can be collated through PlayHQ.

2.6 Rights of Affiliated Clubs

- 2.6.1 Affiliated Clubs may be eligible for WA Cricket and WAFCC financial assistance and grants, provided:
- (a) The Club is complying with the Affiliation Agreement, the WAFCC Constitution and these Rules; and
 - (b) The conditions in a particular grant are met.

3. WAFCC GOVERNANCE

3.1 WAFCC Delegation of Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 The WAFCC will delegate responsibilities of the day to day management of the Competitions to the Competitions Manager in accordance with the WAFCC Constitution.
- 3.1.2 The Competitions Manager in conjunction with the WAFCC will be responsible for strategic planning and review of the functions of the WAFCC under its Constitution and affiliation agreement with the WA Cricket, and from time to time will provide reports to the WA Cricket and to Clubs inclusive of proposals for strong, well-balanced cricket competitions and financially-viable and best quality cricket clubs in the Perth Metropolitan area.
- 3.1.3 Any decision to be made by the WAFCC under these General Rules may be made by the Competitions Manager if the WAFCC has delegated a function or authority to the Competitions Manager.
- 3.1.4 The WAFCC 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 WAFCC Sub-committees

- 3.2.1 The WAFCC will be deemed to have formed the following sub-committees:
- (a) Premier Cricket Delegates Committee (PCDC);
 - (b) The Disciplinary Committee;
 - (c) The Tribunal.

3.3 Premier Cricket Delegates Committee

- 3.3.1 The PCDC will comprise of one (1) member from each club affiliated with the WAFCC and one (1) member of the WAFCC, who will act as Chairperson.
- 3.3.2 The functions of the PCDC are as follows:
- a) Provide feedback on WAFCC General Rules & Playing Conditions, competition structure and competition operation,
 - b) Recommend improvements to the competition, and
 - c) Promote and assist in implementing club-based activities that are co-ordinated by the WA Cricket.

3.4 Disciplinary Sub-committee

- 3.4.1 The Disciplinary Committee will comprise of the PCDC Chairperson and two members of the WA Cricket, Cricket Operations Unit, who will be selected as

soon as possible after the WAFCC annual general meeting, before the Season if possible.

- 3.4.2 Should it not be possible at any time for all Disciplinary Committee members to attend a meeting, the Chairperson of the PCDC will appoint a person (not being a member of the Tribunal) to act as a proxy and that person is empowered to act as if they were an ordinary member of the Disciplinary Committee until that authority is withdrawn.
- 3.4.3 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.
- 3.4.4 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 3.4.3.

3.5 Competitions Manager & Cricket Operations Unit

- 3.5.1 Should the WA Cricket provide one or more staff under agreement with WAFCC to assist with:
- (a) the administrative functions specified in these Rules; and
 - (b) management of the Competitions

then the person or persons authorised may each exercise any functions of the WAFCC.

4. SPIRIT OF CRICKET AND CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Spirit of Cricket Awards

- 4.1.1 The WAFCC will reward those Clubs that are judged to have best upheld the Spirit of the Game, as contained in the Spirit of Cricket, during the Season. In essence, this is respect for a team's opponents, a team's own captain, the roles of the umpires and the game's traditional values.
- 4.1.2 The Lord Taverner's Spirit of Cricket awards will be determined by the officiating umpires who will record points to be awarded to or deducted from each team at the end of the match in the Female A Grade One Day (Limited Overs) Competition, Female B Grade One Day (Limited Overs) Competition, Female A Grade Twenty20 Competition and Female B Grade Twenty20 Competition, as follows:
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| 3 points | Excellent – epitomised the true spirit and traditions of the game |
| 2 points | Played the game in good spirit |
| 1 point | Uncompromising but incident free |

No points	Generally negative atmosphere created
-1 point	Unacceptable behaviour – captain informed.

4.2 Player Code of Conduct and Offences

- 4.2.1 The WAFCC 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 WAFCC Code of Conduct is set out in clause 4.2.3.
- 4.2.2 All players, umpires and officials competing in WAFCC Competitions, or in matches organised by the WAFCC are bound by and required to comply with the WAFCC Code of Conduct published in these Rules.
- 4.2.3 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

- 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 41.3.

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.

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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 41(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 41.3.

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 and saliva.

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 an 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.

4.3 Recommended Penalties for Code of Conduct Breaches

4.3.1 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.

4.3.2 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.

4.3.3 The number of playing days and upcoming matches shall be a consideration in determining any penalties in 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

4.4 Code of Conduct Offences, Cautions and Reporting

4.4.1 Under these Rules, a contravention of the Code of Conduct is an offence.

4.4.2 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.

4.4.3 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.

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- 4.4.4 Umpires must lodge Code of Conduct complaints with the WAFCC 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.
- 4.4.5 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.
- 4.4.6 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 4.11.
- 4.4.7 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 4.4.6(b).
- 4.4.8 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.
- 4.4.9 Any player in any grade who has been found guilty of a Code of Conduct Offence shall be ineligible for a player-of-the-season award in any grade. In the event that a suspension arising from a WAFCC match or final series match extends into the finals series or ensuing season or seasons the player shall not be precluded from winning an award in the ensuing season or seasons.

4.5 Use of Digital Media

- 4.5.1 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 WAFCC as it deems fit.
- 4.5.2 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 WAFCC reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.

- 4.5.3 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.

4.6 Protests and Calculated Unfair Conduct

- 4.6.1 A Club may lodge a protest with the WAFCC 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
 - (c) The unfitness of a ground or pitch for play on any match day or part of a match day where the unfitness of the ground or pitch is alleged to have been caused either wholly or in part by an act or omission of the home club, or circumstances within the control of the home club.
- 4.6.2 A protest under this clause must be notified in writing to the WAFCC within 3 days of the match to which the protest relates, comply with clause 4.6.3 and be signed by the President of the protesting Club.
- 4.6.3 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.
- 4.6.4 Failure to comply with clause 4.6.3 does not invalidate the notice, subject to the Tribunal being satisfied the protest has merit.
- 4.6.5 Upon receiving a protest under this clause, the WAFCC must refer the matter to the Tribunal, to be heard and determined by the Tribunal in accordance with clause 4.10 and applicable procedures under this clause 4.
- 4.6.6 The WAFCC 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 4.6.1(b), and shall provide a Protest notice in accordance with clause 4.6.3.

4.7 Orders that may be made after Protests

- 4.7.1 If a Protest is upheld, 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.
- 4.7.2 If 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.

- 4.7.3 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 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 WAFCC within 3 days of the Tribunal's determination.

4.8 Tribunal Jurisdiction

- 4.8.1 The Tribunal will hear any matter referred to it by the WAFCC in relation to:
- (a) Appeals from penalties imposed by the WAFCC for infringements;
 - (b) Offences for breach of the Code of Conduct; and
 - (c) Protests under clause 4.6 of these General Rules.
- 4.8.2 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.

4.9 Tribunal Membership

- 4.9.1 The Tribunal will be comprised of three members.
- 4.9.2 At least one of whom shall be:
- (a) A lawyer, under the legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2022 (WA); or
 - (b) A Magistrate
- 4.9.3 Two of the members of the Tribunal shall be either past or present representatives of clubs affiliated with the WAFCC or who are or were officials of Clubs.
- 4.9.4 The WAFCC shall select the persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting, and shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal.
- 4.9.5 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.

4.10 Powers of Tribunal

- 4.10.1 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 cricket administered by WAFCC 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 the Constitution of WAFCC, 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;
- (i) refer any matter to another sub-committee of the WAFCC, the Chairperson of the WAFCC as deemed necessary.

4.10.2 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 grade; or
- (b) a time-period suspension or disqualification.

4.11 Tribunal pre-hearing procedures

4.11.1 The WAFCC 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.

4.11.2 Prior to giving notice of a Tribunal hearing, the WAFCC 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).

4.11.3 In any protest relating to the abandonment of a match, the WAFCC 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 WAFCC or 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).

4.11.4 Notices shall be given to:

- (a) a player by forwarding to the player and her Club; and
- (b) a Club by forwarding to the secretary of the Club.

4.11.5 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.

4.11.6 Tribunal Members will be given a copy of the notice, a briefing paper by the WAFCC and, if requested, a copy of these General Rules.

4.12 Tribunal Hearing Procedure

4.12.1 In respect to a complaint with regard to a Code of Conduct offence, a WAFCC representative will present the case on behalf of the WAFCC as Complainant. The WAFCC may be represented by a member of its Disciplinary Committee or the Competition Manager.

4.12.2 In the case of a Protest, the protesting Club will present the case as Complainant and the opposing Club will be the Respondent.

4.12.3 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.

4.12.4 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.

4.12.5 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 WAFCC, 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.

4.12.6 For a Protest, the Tribunal may dismiss the protest or uphold the Protest.

4.12.7 For a Code of Conduct complaint, the Tribunal must consider whether the Complainant has proved an offence under these General Rules.

4.12.8 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 4.3 and 4.7 of these General Rules, and any directives/circulars communicated to the clubs from the WAFCC/Cricket Operations Unit as applicable.

4.12.9 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.

4.13 Tribunal Decisions

- 4.13.1 All decisions of the Tribunal must be reported to the WAFCC and the WAFCC must give effect to the decision. Each decision shall be recorded in the minutes of the WAFCC.
- 4.13.2 WAFCC must notify all persons and Clubs concerned of the Tribunal's findings and publish the nature of the complaint and the decision, unless the WAFCC considers this is undesirable.

4.14 Grievances

- 4.14.1 If a matter does not fall within the powers of the Tribunal to determine, each Club may refer one such matter to the WAFCC within any calendar year. The right of referral is retained if the matter is decided in favour of the referring Club.
- 4.14.2 To refer an issue to the WAFCC under this Rule, a non-refundable referral fee of \$100 (inc GST) is payable, together with a \$300 (inc GST) fee for hearing. The hearing fee is refundable to the Club if the matter is decided in its favour.

4.15 Infringements and Penalty Schedule

- 4.15.1 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 \$500; full match points awarded to opposition*
 - (b) Failure to use WAFCC approved match balls (clause 5.6.1) – *2 match points max;*
 - (c) Playing an ineligible player (clause 6.5, and clause 6.6) or an unqualified player (clause 6.3, clause 6.7, clause 6.8, and if applicable, clause 9.1) – *match points and/or \$100;*
 - (d) Playing an ineligible player (clause 6.5, and clause 6.6) or an unqualified player (clause 6.3, clause 6.7, clause 6.8, and if applicable, clause 9.1) in a Finals match – *match forfeit and/or \$100;*
 - (e) Failure to provide facilities at home ground (clause 7.1.1) – *2 match points;*
 - (f) Failure to wear proper cricket attire or comply with logos or sponsorship requirements (clause 8.1) – *max 2 match points and/or \$100 per player infringement, max 10 match points and/or \$500 per match;*
 - (g) Failure to lodge match reports (clause 10.2.3) – *1 match point, and/or up to \$50 per offence;*
 - (h) Failure to lodge scores for newspapers on time (clause 10.1.4) – *\$25 per offence and/or 1 match point;*
 - (i) Failure to commence the match on time or attempt to start match early – *up to 2 match points per offence and/or \$100.*

For any of the above infringements, the WAFCC 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 WAFCC and to any other matches to which the WAFCC directs.

5.2 Forfeits

- 5.2.1 If a team is unable to play in a match arranged by the WAFCC the Club must give notice to the Competition Manager and to the Secretary of the opposing Club 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 4.15.
- 5.2.2 Where a Club has more than one team and forfeits through insufficient players, the team to forfeit shall be the lowest graded team of that Club. Failure to comply with this clause shall result in its lower graded team being subject to the penalty for an infringement as per clause 4.15.
- 5.2.3 Should a team forfeit two (2) matches in a particular competition in one season, the WAFCC shall arrange a meeting with the Club prior to the next round of fixtures.
- 5.2.4 Should a team forfeit three (3) matches in a particular competition in one season, that team shall be withdrawn from that competition for the remainder of the season.
- 5.2.5 Should a team forfeit three (3) matches in a particular competition in one season, participation in WAFCC Competitions in the next season by that Club shall be subject to approval by the WAFCC.

5.3 Teams, Overseas Players and Replacement Players

- 5.3.1 In the A Grade Competitions, Teams consist of 11 players, but there is a minimum of 8 players required to take the field to commence play.
- 5.3.2 In the B Grade Competitions, Teams consist of 12 players, but there is a minimum of 8 players required to take the field to commence play. Throughout the match:
 - (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.
- 5.3.3 All clubs shall enter their teams for the Grade Competitions in PlayHQ by 5pm on the Friday before the start of the match.
- 5.3.4 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.
- 5.3.5 A Club shall not play more than three (3) Overseas Players in a match in any Competition unless the prior approval of the WAFCC 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.

- 5.3.6 A Representative Player that is required by Cricket Australia or the WA Cricket for playing or training duties elsewhere, may, at any time during the match, be replaced by a player from the same Club, subject to notification to the other team and umpires prior to the start of the relevant day's play.
- 5.3.7 Any player that replaces another player under this Rule shall be deemed to continue in that match for that other player, with no more and no less rights than the other player. Once the Representative Player begins to participate in the match, they will play under their own name for statistical purposes.
- 5.3.8 A team shall be allowed a substitute fielder for any Representative Player taking part in a sanctioned representative match.
- 5.3.9 In all other respects the replacement or substitution of a player is to occur in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.
- 5.3.10 If a Club has more than one team allocated to a Competition conducted pursuant to clause 2.2, a player who has played in one of those teams shall not be eligible to play in the other team or teams of the Club in that Competition unless the prior written permission of the WAFCC has been obtained.
- 5.3.11 In the case of a replayed match from a set of fixtures for a Competition a Club wishing to make any alterations to the team in the replayed fixture must first obtain WAFCC approval.

5.4 Match Fixtures

- 5.4.1 WAFCC will prepare fixtures for all teams nominated by Clubs for the Competitions in the current Season. The WAFCC will determine the scheduled playing time for all matches.
- 5.4.2 There will be a break over the Christmas period, the length of which will depend on the public holidays within the Season, to allow for adequate matches during the Season as determined by the WAFCC.
- 5.4.3 The WAFCC 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.
- 5.4.4 All matches will be conducted on Club grounds or otherwise as arranged by the WAFCC 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 One Day (Limited Overs) Competition Playing Conditions
 - (b) Female T20 Competitions Playing Conditions

and as fixtured by the WAFCC for the Season or as required by these Rules.

5.6 Approved Equipment

- 5.6.1 Only cricket balls approved by the WAFCC may be used in the Competitions.
- 5.6.2 The approved balls for the Competitions are (unless otherwise notified by the WAFCC):

Approved Ball	Competitions
Kookaburra Turf 4-piece White 142g	A Grade Competitions

Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g	
Kookaburra Turf 4-piece White 142g	B Grade Competitions
Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g	
Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g Reject	

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 WAFCC 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 WAFCC have called off the round prior to the schedule day of fixtures. If there has been no general cancellation by WAFCC, umpires shall determine fitness for play when they assume control of matches.
- 5.7.4 The WAFCC may call off all fixtures in any grade of any Competition, up to 2 hours before the scheduled start of play, if more than 50% of grounds are unfit for play.

5.8 Umpires

- 5.8.1 WAFCC will provide umpires for all matches in the Competitions.
- 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 WAFCC, as notified by the Umpiring Manager prior to the commencement of 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. Match reports must contain the following information:
- the time of commencement and of drawing of stumps of each day of the match and the cause of any variations between those times and the scheduled times for start and close of play;
 - any infringement of Disciplinary Matters or Code of Conduct;
 - Best & Fairest votes for the Karen Read Medal in A Grade, and Jenny Owens Medal in B Grade:
 - Votes to be awarded in all fixtures played in the A Grade Competition each season,
 - Votes to be awarded by umpire(s) are 3,2,1
 - In awarding votes, umpire(s) to consider the impact of a player's performance in determining the result of the match or the impact of a player's performance/contribution in a losing team
 - In awarding votes, umpire(s) to consider the respect of a player, under the "Spirit of Cricket", for their opponents, their own team, the role of the umpire(s) and the game's traditional values

- v) The decision is not to be determined solely on a system where points are allocated for runs, wickets & catches
- (d) the consistency of the pitch between during the day's play; and
- (e) any other remarks or observations the umpire may wish to report.

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 Junior Player Bowling Restrictions

5.9.1 Junior Players competing in Competitions must comply with these Pace Bowling restrictions and any additional conditions in the Playing Conditions for any Competition matches.

5.9.2 Bowlers who are Junior Players shall be limited to a maximum number of consecutive overs in any one spell and to a maximum daily quota as follows:

	Under 17s	Under 19s
Max overs (Pace bowling)	16 overs per day	20 overs per day
Max spell (consecutive overs, Pace bowling)	6 overs	6 overs
Rest between spells	Same number of overs from that end (e.g. if 5 overs bowled in a spell, then minimum 5 overs from that same end need to be bowled to deem it as 'rest' to start a fresh spell). However, if there is an interruption in play (GWL, or scheduled intervals) that lasts 30 minutes or more – 'rest' period is served.	

5.9.3 It is the responsibility of the Umpires to calculate the number of overs that may be bowled by a Junior Player, to inform the fielding team when the maximum number of overs has been bowled or this clause is being breached, and when the relevant rest period has been completed. It is the responsibility of the captains, Junior Players and Umpires to ensure this clause is complied with.

5.9.4 Captains shall indicate on the team sheet who is a Junior Player.

5.9.5 If this clause is not complied with, the WAFCC may impose a penalty on a Club, a Club official or player as per clause 4.15.

5.9.6 In this clause:

- (a) “Pace Bowler” means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand back and “Pace Bowling” has a corresponding meaning. An over of Pace Bowling is any over in which one or more balls of Pace Bowling occur.
- (b) “Slow Bowler” means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand up to the wicket and “Slow Bowling” has a corresponding meaning.
- (c) “Spell” means a consecutive period of overs bowled. A bowler who has bowled less than the prescribed number of overs may resume bowling prior to the elapse of ‘rest’ period of number of overs but this will be considered a continuation of the same bowling spell, and the limit of the prescribed overs in that spell shall still apply. Following the continuation of the spell the normal requirement for a break of ‘same number of overs from the same end’ shall apply; a break of less than the same number of overs between the two spells has no effect on the subsequent break being required.
- (d) Rest between spells is deemed to be served if any intervals or breaks are of the duration of 30 minutes or more.

5.10 Procedure for Handling Suspect Bowling Action

5.10.1 As at the date of these Rules, the following Law 21 (No Ball) contained these provisions regarding the role of the arm in a valid delivery:

For a delivery to be fair in respect of the arm the ball must not be thrown (excerpt from Law 21.2); and

A ball is fairly delivered in respect of the arm if, once the bowler’s arm has reached the level of the shoulder in the delivery swing, the elbow joint is not straightened partially or completely from that point until the ball has left the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from flexing or rotating the wrist in the delivery swing (Law 21.3).

5.10.2 In all WAFCC Competitions this Law is modified so that a “no-ball” will only be awarded for a breach of Law 21 if it is considered by the umpire that the bowler deliberately threw the delivery, but not because of doubt about the player’s general bowling action for which the player has not received a warning under clause 5.10.3.

5.10.3 In the interests of the player concerned and WAFCC Competitions, it is permissible during a match for the umpire to warn the bowler, captain or coach that he considers the bowler’s action to be unfair and if he continues to bowl his action may qualify for a “no-ball” call under Law 21, note it on the match report and advise the WAFCC Umpiring Manager.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR WAFCC COMPETITIONS

Note 1:

In general, to play in a WAFCC Competition match, players must be:

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

6.1 Player qualification for WAFCC Competitions

- 6.1.1 Registered Players are qualified to play in Competition if they satisfy the following:
- (a) they have satisfied any WAFCC registration requirements to play for the Club for which they play (as per clause 6.2 and clause 9.1), or have obtained a Transfer to change Clubs (clause 6.3 and clause 9.1) or have obtained a WAFCC Dispensation (as per clause 6.5);
 - (b) they satisfy all age and gender eligibility requirements to play in the WAFCC Competition match (as per clause 6.6);
 - (c) they are eligible to play in the particular Competition match (as per clause 6.7 and 6.8); and
 - (d) they are not disqualified (as per clause 6.10).

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 WAFCC Club they can validly register with pursuant to clause 9.1. 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 a WAFCC 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 WAFCC 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 no earlier than 1 July and no later than 5pm on 31 January 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 WAFCC 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 WAFCC 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 under clause 6.4 (if applicable), and any other reasons that the Club relies upon. WAFCC 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 WAFCC will confirm the Former Club's decision to refuse to grant the transfer, or WAFCC will grant the player a transfer, in accordance with clause 6.3.4.

6.3.3 For the purposes of clause 6.3.1 and 6.3.2:

- (a) The WAFCC will apply clause 6.4 and make use of the clause 2.5.7 list of un-financial members provided by Clubs.

6.3.4 Where a transfer has been refused by the Former Club under clause 6.3.2(d), WAFCC 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 she 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 WAFCC 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 Unfinancial Members

6.4.1 No member of a Club who leaves such Club to join another Club shall be eligible to play in any Competition, until they are financially clear of the Club of which they were originally a member.

6.4.2 No player who has been playing in the competition of another cricket association affiliated with the WA Cricket shall be eligible to play in any Competition until they satisfy the WAFCC that they are financially clear of such an affiliated association.

6.4.3 A player shall be deemed to be financially clear of a Club if, up to the time of leaving the Club, they have paid their annual subscription, special levies in the nature of subscription, wicket fees, and any debt or penalty validly imposed by the Club in accordance with the rules thereof. The final decision on eligibility shall be left to the discretion of the WAFCC.

6.5 Player Dispensations in PlayHQ

6.5.1 To play in a Competition a player must be registered in accordance with the General Rules or obtain a dispensation from the WAFCC under this clause. Applications for a dispensation must be made via the WA Premier Cricket website in the period from 1 July to 5pm on 31 December of the Season.

6.5.2 Overseas Players must obtain a one year dispensation from the WAFCC to play in WAFCC Competitions ("One Year Dispensation"). The player may play for the Club of the player's choice, subject to WAFCC approval. The

dispensation is to be obtained from the WAFCC 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 Age and Gender Eligibility for Competitions

- 6.6.1 A player must not play in a Senior Competition unless they are at least 16 years old as at 31 August immediately preceding the Season.
- 6.6.2 A club may apply for a player aged less than 16 years old at 31 August to play in a Senior Competition. The dispensation must be applied through the Player Movements and Dispensations Form for approval by the WAFCC. If a player 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 4.15 applies.
- 6.6.3 The WAFCC Competitions is for female players.

6.7 Movement of Players between Senior Grade Competition grades

- 6.7.1 Unless the WAFCC otherwise approves, 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.

For example: no player who has played with the A Grade 50 Over Competition in five (5) or more matches shall be allowed to play in the B Grade 40 Over Competition or lower Senior Grade Competition match during the remainder of the Season.

- 6.7.2 Unless the WAFCC otherwise approves, a player who holds a professional contract in an Australian Domestic Cricket Competition is only eligible to play in the A Grade One Day and A Grade T20 Competitions. If a player 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 4.15 applies.
- 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.
- 6.7.4 Should an A Grade and B Grade fixture be played concurrently, no player shall be allowed to be selected in both matches at simultaneously. If a player 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 4.15 applies.

6.8 Eligibility for Finals

- 6.8.1 Unless the WAFCC otherwise approves, to be eligible to play in Finals in any of the Grade Competitions:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.

- (c) 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.

6.9 Penalty for Ineligible or Disqualified Players

- 6.9.1 If the WAFCC is satisfied on complaint to the WAFCC 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 4.15 applies.

6.10 Player disqualification

- 6.10.1 A player that is serving a suspension or disqualification to play issued by the WAFCC, the Tribunal, Cricket Australia or any member association of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia is automatically disqualified from participation in WAFCC Competitions for the duration of that suspension or disqualification.
- 6.10.2 If the WAFCC is satisfied on complaint to the WAFCC 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 4.15 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 approved by the WAFCC.
 - (b) If a Club has more than one team in any Competition, an additional turf pitch, changes rooms and playing areas of specified size to accommodate any additional teams. It is strongly preferred but not necessary that a club's second pitch is a turf pitch.
- 7.1.2 Clubs must provide a scoreboard (electronic or otherwise) complying with the following unless approval from the WAFCC is obtained:
 - (a) The scoreboard must indicate number of wickets fallen, number of overs completed and total score with digits 230mm high.
- 7.1.3 For A Grade in the Senior Competition and for any other grades or competitions requested by the WAFCC, Clubs shall provide operators for the home ground scoreboard, updating the score at least at the end of each over.
- 7.1.4 Clubs may, at their option, provide name plates for all players in the Club's team that are 200mm high and with digits 150mm high, for use with any non-electronic scoreboard at the home ground where the match is played.
- 7.1.5 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 4.15 applies.

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- 7.1.6 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
- 7.1.7 Clubs are encouraged to sweep and remark the crease markings at scheduled intervals within a day's play.
- 7.1.8 Clubs that are required by WAFCC to host a match shall provide the use of the ground free of charge to the Clubs participating in the match.
- 7.1.9 A Club that is unable to provide a ground for a WAFCC match will be required to bear the costs, if any, of hire of the ground on which the match is to be played.
- 7.1.10 Umpires shall report to the WAFCC if a club fails to meet any of the requirements of this clause.

7.2 Provision of Lunch in One Day Matches

- 7.2.1 For matches in the One Day Competition, the host club will provide lunch for both teams and umpires at the innings break. It is expected that this will be reciprocated by the away club in the reverse fixture.

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) Playing Shirt and trousers in the club's registered colours.
 - (b) Caps and helmets that are in Club colours, or white (or otherwise by agreements by captains if no other helmet is available for a player); 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 WAFCC:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Logo Type</i>	<i>Size</i>
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 WAFCC. A Club must submit any change to its registered uniform to the Competition Manager for approval.
- 8.1.4 The WAFCC 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 WAFCC, for the Competition concerned. If any player is found to be playing in incorrect or unapproved playing attire the

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Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.15 applies.

- 8.1.6 Players are 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. REGISTERING OF PLAYERS

9.1 Player Registration Qualification

- 9.1.1 A player is entitled to register with the Club stated in the third column of the following table if they can satisfy the requirements in the 2nd and 3rd columns for any one or more categories (a) to (e):

Category	<i>Last Season, played for (without permit unless stated otherwise):</i>	<i>Registering this Season with:</i>
(a)	<i>a Club in the Competition</i>	The same Club
(b)	<i>Did not play, but has previously played for a Club in the Competition</i>	The Club last played for
(c)	<i>No Club or any Club</i>	Any Club

9.2 Club Duties Regarding Registrations

- 9.2.1 It is the responsibility of each Club to show that all players for the current Season are validly registered by providing WAFCC with an up to date list, one month prior to the Season and updated as often as necessary, listing all their registered players and whether they are a registered or a permitted player. If possible, PlayHQ should be used for this purpose.

10. MATCH AND COMPETITION RESULTS

10.1 Scoring and PlayHQ Score Entry

- 10.1.1 All Clubs will be required to use the PlayHQ e-scoring system for Female A Grade Matches, or as otherwise directed by WAFCC.
- 10.1.2 All teams are required to enter teams into the PlayHQ match data as stipulated in clause 5.3.3
- 10.1.3 Scorers should record the following information:

- (a) The name and age of any under-age player competing in a Grade Competition match; and
 - (b) The number of overs any under-age player has already bowled.
- 10.1.4 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 and loss of match points as an infringement to which clause 4.15 applies.

10.2 Post-match Reports

- 10.2.1 Both Club captains 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 Grade match where play has commenced, although a result may not have been achieved.
- 10.2.2 Player scores must be entered as part of the match reports.
- 10.2.3 Clubs that have not complied with this Rule and then the failure continues for more than 24 hours after the WAFCC demands entry of the match reports, will be ineligible to receive points for the match until it is complied with. If match results are not entered before the next fixture in the Competition the WAFCC may refuse to allow the team to be awarded points for the match.

10.3 Ladders

- 10.3.1 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.
- 10.3.2 To determine the ranking of teams otherwise equal on points, 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.

10.4 Finals

- 10.4.1 The PCDC Chairperson and the Competitions Manager will determine the Finals Format from season to season, based on the availability of venues and length of the season.
- 10.4.2 If there is a Tie (One Day Competitions only) or a Draw/No Result, the side finishing higher on the ladder shall be declared the winner.

10.5 Club Championship

- 10.5.1 Club Championship points will be awarded to each Club during the non-finals rounds based on the points earned in each of the Senior Competition, multiplied by these weighting factors:
 - (a) A Grade One Day: 6
 - (b) B Grade One Day: 4
 - (c) A Grade T20: 4
 - (d) B Grade T20: 3

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- 10.5.2 Club Championship points will be calculated automatically using the PlayHQ system, based on the same match points used for the calculation of the Ladders.
- 10.5.3 The Club with the most points at the end of the qualifying rounds in a Season, calculated in accordance with this Rule, will be named the Champion Club. In the event of a tie, the Champion Club will be decided by the team with the most A Grade One Day wins, and if necessary, reference will be made to the number of wins by the tied Clubs in A Grade T20, then B Grade One Day, then B Grade T20 to determine the winner.
- 10.5.4 Only one team per club in each grade of the Senior Grade Competition may earn points for the Club Championship. Should there be more than one team, the club shall nominate its point-scoring team before the first round of the season.

10.6 Awards Qualification

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

(a) Batters:

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

(b) Bowlers:

	A Grade 1 Day	B Grade 1 Day	A Grade T20	B Grade T20
Wickets	At least 8	At least 8	At least 5	At least 5

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

Grade(s)	Award	Criteria
Female A Grade	Karen Read Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Female A Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Female B Grade	Jenny Owens Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Female B Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
All Senior Female Grades	WAFCC Team of the Year	Season stats (home & away matches only) – Selected by Cricket Ops & WAFCC Chair
	Senior Female Spirit of Cricket Award	Team is a combination of A & B Grade players Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports