

## PART B. THE COMPETITION

### B1. AFFILIATION OF TEAMS

- (a) (i) A club may apply for affiliation to the Association of such number of teams representing that club as that club may think fit. Applications for affiliation shall be lodged annually, in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law and the Constitution. Affiliation with the Association shall terminate on the 30th day of September following completion of the season for which affiliation is granted.
- (ii) Clubs wishing to play in the Premier A1 competition must have a second eleven that plays in the ATCA two-day competition the whole season. The application for affiliation shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Executive Officer of the Association no later than the 30th day of June prior to the commencement of the season for which affiliation is sought, except for Underage teams which shall be the 31st August.
- (iii) All clubs affiliated with the Association must be insured under the Cricket Australia National Risk Protection Program
- (b) The application shall: -
- (i) set out the number of Senior and Junior Teams for which affiliation is sought.
- (ii) state that each team for which affiliation is sought, a ground available for all minor round and major round matches scheduled by the Association between the 1st day of October and the 31st day of March next following year.
- (iii) list in respect of each team for which affiliation is sought, the full name and address of the home ground;
- (iv) in the case of a club which is a member of or associated with a group of sporting bodies sharing common facilities be signed by an authorised member of each group;
- (v) contain an acknowledgement that in consequence of the application for affiliation being received by the Association, the club and its officers, members and players are bound by the Association's Constitution and Rules and By-Laws and the decision of the Board of Management in considering the application;
- (vi) be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the club seeking affiliation and;
- (vii) contain such other information, conditions and consents as the Board of Management may require from time to time.
- (c) In considering an application for affiliation by a new or existing club the Board of Management may in its discretion: -
- (i) accept the application in whole or in part
- (ii) reject the application in whole or in part and;
- (iii) without limiting the generality of the foregoing subparagraph (ii) reject any application which does not comply with paragraph (b) of this Bylaw or which is received by the Executive Officer after the 30th day of June prior to the commencement of the season for which affiliation is sought;
- (iv) subject to the foregoing rules the Board of Management in considering an application for affiliation shall have regard to the following: -
- the standard of ovals and associated facilities provided by the club.
- the financial viability (including the financial status of a Club in relation to the relevant association) shown by the Club.
- the standard of administration shown by the club.
- the behaviour of members of the club both on and off the field.
- (v) the factors as set out in Bylaw A6.

NOTE: Clubs must be financial to the ATCA by June 30th

### B2. GRADING OF TEAMS

- (a) There shall be two sections within the Association to be known as Senior and Junior
- (b) The Senior Section shall comprise those teams which play all their matches on Turf unless otherwise notified by the association.
- (c) The Junior Section shall comprise those teams whose members are under, an age specified by the Association for that chosen age group; - as at the 1st July in the current season.
- (d) Within each section there shall be such grades, and such teams in each grade, as may be determined annually by the Board of Management.
- (e) In determining which team shall belong to which grade the Board of Management shall abide by the following guidelines;
- (i) A club shall not have more than one team in any one grade except in exceptional circumstances in the junior section or in limited overs competition;
- (ii) the A1 Premier shall comprise only first senior teams of clubs. In the lowest grade of the A grade competition the Board of Management shall have the discretion to allocate one or more first senior teams which would otherwise have been included in that grade to other lower grades as it sees fit.
- (iii) the following rules shall apply to promotion and relegation: -
- (1) A1 Premier Grade - the bottom two teams shall be relegated to A2 grade and provided they meet the criteria for the A1 Premier Grade competition the final premier and minor premier of A2 grade shall be promoted. If the final premier and the minor premier are one and the same team the final runner up shall then be promoted also:
- If either the final premier, minor premier or final runner up are not first senior teams then any promotion or relegation is at the discretion of the Board of Management taking into account the factors set out in B2 (e) (ii), (iii) and (4) also:
- (2) In the grade A2 the two bottom teams shall be relegated to the A3 grade and the final premier and minor premier of the A3 grade shall be promoted. Should the final premier and the minor premier be one and the same team, the final runner up shall be promoted also:
- If either the final premier, minor premier or final runner up are not first senior teams then any promotion or relegation is at the discretion of the Board of Management taking into account the factors set out in B2 (e) (ii) and (iii) (4) also:
- (3) The two bottom teams in A3 and any other lower grade in the senior two-day competition shall be relegated to the next lower grade whilst the final premier and minor premier shall be promoted to the next higher grade. Should the final premier and the minor premier be one and the same team, the final runner up shall be promoted.
- (4) At all times the question of promotion and relegation will be at the discretion of the Board of Management who when applying that discretion will consider the following:
- The standard of cricketing ability attained by that team.
- The standard of the oval and associated facilities provided by that team or by the club to which that team belongs.
- The standard of administration shown by the club.
- The behaviour of club members both on and off the field.
- (5) Clubs attaining promotion to any A' Grade Competition as defined in this bylaw will be required to accept such promotion unless exceptional circumstances preclude such a promotion
- (f) The Board of Management shall have full discretion to deal with the extra-ordinary vacancies in the competition and admission of new clubs and teams.

### B3 ORDER OF PLAYING MATCHES - ALL GRADES

The teams in all grades shall, except when otherwise determined by the Board of Management or the program Committee, play matches in the minor round in the order shown in programs prepared.

### B4. ALTERATION OF PROGRAM

The Board of Management or the Program Committee may, if necessary, alter the Program with respect to the date or ground on which any match is to be played.

#### B5. DECISION ON FIRST INNINGS

- (a) If two innings are not completed the match shall be decided on the 1st innings. But should neither side have won on the 1st innings (except as provided for in the By-Law B12) unless the result is a tie, such match shall count as a draw.
- (b) The team which scores the greater number of runs shall be declared the winner irrespective of the number of wickets lost by either side, unless pitch, ground, weather or light conditions prevent the team batting second from receiving the same number of overs and part thereof as the side batting first, in which case the result shall be a draw.
- (c) In the event of an equality in the aggregate number of runs in which each side has two innings, one of which is not completed, the match shall be decided on the first innings.

#### B6. TIED MATCHES

If at the conclusion of the available playing time of a match, the first innings score of the team batting second equals the first inning score of its opponents and has completed its innings, the result of the match shall be regarded as a tie on the first innings. In the event of an equality in the aggregate number of runs in which each side has two completed innings, the match shall be regarded as an outright tie.

#### B7. FORFEITS AND/OR ABANDONMENT

- (a) For the purposes of this Bylaw a forfeit can be awarded in the following instances.
  - (i) At the expiry of 30 minutes after the scheduled time for the start of play, it fails to present 8 or more players for play at the ground scheduled for the match; or
  - (ii) By notice, oral or written, to the Executive Officer of the Association, or to a designated Officer of the Association it concedes that it will so fail; or
  - (iii) It is the subject of a determination under paragraph (i) hereof.
- (b) A club which is unable to field a team in the two-day competition shall, for the purpose of premiership points forfeit the match. **In the case of a forfeit in the Limited Over competition the club will also incur a penalty of one additional match point.** Clubs forfeiting a match shall be liable to a fine of \$150 for senior grades and \$50 for junior grades. Each subsequent forfeit shall see the fine increase by \$150 for senior grades and \$50 for junior grades.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the defaulting club to notify the Executive Officer soon as possible that the match is to be forfeited and the Executive Officer shall in turn notify the opposing Club. Any breach of this By-Law may be the subject of fines and/or loss of points to the defaulting Club.
- (d) No team shall be entitled to receive a forfeit and to be awarded premiership points prescribed for a forfeit if it is also unable to field a team for that match. If a team wins a match on forfeit in accordance with the By-Laws it shall enter the match result and selected team using MyCricket.
- (e) If a club is unable to field one or more teams then the team or teams forfeiting must be the lowest graded team or teams of the club. Should a club forfeit a match in a grade other than their lowest grade the club will be subject to fines and loss of match points of all the lower graded teams relevant to the competition. For this Bylaw the Senior Two Day Competition and the Limited Over Competition shall be classed as Two Separate Competitions. This bylaw also applies in the T20 competition
- (f) Where in the opinion of the Emergency Committee the home club can be fairly regarded as responsible for the unavailability of any oval or the non-preparation of the wicket for the scheduled match, which by its very nature prevents any play at all in the game, the Emergency Committee shall subject to paragraph (g) hereof make a determination to that effect. Clubs are required to notify the association if on any day leading up to a scheduled match any wicket or oval damage that may by its nature delay or prevent play to any schedule match. Failure to do so will subject the club to section (g) of this bylaw. Clubs using school grounds will be held responsible for non-preparation or unavailability of such grounds even though the ground comes under the authority of the school.  
NOTE: The home club is responsible for not only the provision of the oval and pitch but also the availability of all equipment necessary to enable the match to be played on the oval including the stumps, bails, boundary markers and pitch marking materials. *This responsibility also extends to the requirement to have in place a contingency plan to cater for preparation of the wicket outside the normal ground arrangements.*
- (g) The Emergency Committee shall not make a determination under (f) hereof without first affording a reasonable opportunity to the home club to make representation to it through the Executive Officer. The determination can also take into account whether or in their opinion the home club was able to field a team for that match. The matter will then be placed in the hands of the Board of Management who after considering all the evidence may subject the club to fines and/or loss of match points as prescribed for a forfeit.
- (h) UNAVAILABILITY OF GROUNDS – It shall be the responsibility of the home club to notify the Executive Officer of the Association as soon as possible of the unavailability of any oval for a scheduled match. Where, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the home club may not be regarded as responsible for the unavailability of the oval, the Executive Officer shall notify the opposing club, and if possible make alternative arrangements acceptable to both clubs. Any breach of this By-Law may be subject to fines and/or the awarding of a forfeit against the home team by the Board of Management.

NOTE: If in the opinion of the Executive Officer he considers the notification comes within the bounds of B7 (f) he shall refer the matter to the Emergency Committee.

- (i) Where after the commencement of play of a scheduled match a club is regarded as responsible for the unavailability of any oval, the non-preparation of the wicket, refusing the direction of an umpire, or subject to a Tribunal finding, the Board of Management who after considering all the evidence may subject the club to fines and or loss of match points as prescribed for a forfeit.
- (j) All Clubs shall play all of their home games on the grounds nominated in the Official Fixtures and grounds list posted on the ATCA website. If any Club wishes to change the venue of a match to another ground, the approval of the Executive Officer or Emergency Committee must be obtained prior to any proposed change.
- (k) Any dispensation in compliance with Law 6.4 of The Laws of Cricket - (Changing of pitch during a match) shall require the prior approval of the Executive Officer or Emergency Committee. Any dispute which arises in the Junior Competition in regard to the fitness of play as per Law 6.4 (Changing the Pitch) shall be resolved by the umpires. The umpires are directed to first consider the Spirit of Cricket in that Law 6.4 can be disregarded if they feel the wicket is of similar condition to the first day, play will continue as normal. If the umpire considers the wicket is of sub-standard condition then Law 6.4 to be invoked. Where no official umpires are present and captains can't come to an agreement, the association Executive Officer or his nominee shall have the same power as an umpire to act on the fitness of play. In this instance any decision to claim a forfeit or abandoned the match must first have approval of the Executive Officer. If Law 6.4 is breached regardless of the outcome of the match both clubs and umpires are required to report the breach to the association. Clubs found to be in breach of Law 6.4 will face a fine not exceeding \$200
- (l) When a round is abandoned all teams receive 5 pts. If in that same round play has been completed outside the normal Saturday/Sunday times e.g. Friday night game, the match is declared as null and void and the two teams receive 5 pts each. If a team forfeits before the round is abandoned the team claiming a forfeit will only receive 5 pts. If a team forfeits within 24 hours of the scheduled start of play that team will receive a further \$100 fine.

**B8. POINTS - HOW AWARDED**

- (1) The following match points shall be awarded for all matches:
- |     |   |                |
|-----|---|----------------|
| (a) | Win on First Innings (without subsequent outright loss)   | 10 points      |
| (b) | Win on First Innings (with subsequent outright loss)  | 10 points      |
| (c) | Loss on First Innings   | Nil            |
| (d) | Outright Win (additional)   | 5 points       |
| (e) | Outright Loss   | Nil            |
| (f) | Draw (to be read in conjunction with By-Law B5)   |                |
|     | (i) where only one team has batted  | 5 points       |
|     | (ii) where neither team has batted in a one day match   | 5 points       |
|     | (iii) where neither team has batted in a two day match  | 8 points       |
|     | (iv) where both teams have batted and the team batting second has received a lesser number of balls than the of balls than the team batting first                           | 5 points       |
| (g) | Tie (to be read in conjunction with By-Law B6)  |                |
|     | (i) on First Innings  | 5 points       |
|     | (ii) on First Innings and subsequent outright loss  | 5 points       |
|     | (iii) on First Innings and subsequent outright win  | 10 points      |
|     | (iv) on First and Second Innings  | 7.5 points     |
|     | (v) loss on the First Innings and subsequent outright tie   | 2.5 points     |
|     | (vi) win on the First Innings and subsequent outright tie   | 12.5 points    |
| (h) | Forfeit. A team receiving a forfeit under bylaw B7 (a) shall be awarded the following points:   |                |
|     | Two Day Match   | 18 points      |
|     | One Day Match   | 15 points      |
|     | Limited Overs   | 10 points      |
|     | A team receiving a forfeit under bylaw B7 (i) shall in addition to receiving any bonus points gained will be awarded the following match points on top of any bonus points: |                |
|     | Two Day Match   | 18 points      |
|     | One Day Match   | 15 points      |
|     | Limited Over  | 10 points only |
- Note:  
The side that has had the forfeit awarded against them under bylaw B7 (i) will lose all match and bonus points gained for the match.  
The points referred to above are based around the fact that the round is not classified as a washout/heat cancellation and a result has been achieved by at least one team in the grade.
- (i) Where there are an uneven number of byes in a grade, teams that are unfairly disadvantaged by the second bye in the season will be awarded the maximum number of points, normally awarded for a forfeit under bylaw B8 (h). In the case of a washout/heat policy cancellation or no team achieving a result it shall receive the maximum number of points for achieved in that round.
- (2) Incentive Points - Senior A1 to B3 Grade and Junior Section  
Incentive points shall be awarded in all matches for both innings performances as follows,
- |     |                        |      |                        |
|-----|------------------------|------|------------------------|
| (a) | Batting First Innings  | .015 | for every run          |
|     | Batting Second         | .010 | for every run          |
| (b) | Bowling First Innings  | .30  | for every wicket taken |
|     | Bowling Second Innings | .20  | for every wicket taken |
- (c) When an innings is considered all out or closed due to player/s that are recorded as retired hurt and unable to continue batting, this will count as a dismissal/s with the appropriate incentive points recorded to the bowling team.  
Where a team's innings is declared 0/0 without a ball being bowled, this will be recorded as 10 wickets lost with the proper first or second innings incentive points recorded to the bowling team
- (d) **C1 to C3 Grade: No bonus points allocated to second innings of all matches.**  
If both Captains agree, that after the completion of each teams respective first innings, that no further result can be achieved, in which case stumps may be drawn earlier than the scheduled hour for the completion of play. In this instance the scheduled hour for completion of play will not be prior to the scheduled tea break.  
Any Captain or team who refuses to abide by the wishes of the opposition team who may wish to continue, notwithstanding the above, will be subject to a forfeit resulting in a loss of all match and bonus points and a fine.
- (3) **CORRECTNESS OF SCORES – LAWS OF CRICKET (2.15)**  
Consultation between umpires or captains and scorers on doubtful points is essential. They shall throughout the match, satisfy themselves as to the correctness of the number of runs scored, the wickets that have fallen and, where appropriate, the number of overs bowled. They shall agree these with the scorers at least at every interval, other than a drinks interval, and at the conclusion of the Match.
- (4) **RESULT NOT TO BE CHANGED – LAWS OF CRICKET (16.10)**  
Once the umpires have agreed with the scorers the correctness of the scores at the conclusion of the match the result cannot thereafter be changed.
- Comment:  
*Umpires and or Captains must sign off, by initialing the score books, on the correctness of scores at the conclusion of each innings and end of the days play.*

**B9. TO DETERMINE POSITION ON AVERAGES**

- In the event of two or more teams gaining the same number of points in the limited over competition, their relative position shall be determined by averages. For the purpose of ascertaining averages, the following system shall be adopted:  
The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The bowling average against a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken. The former shall be divided by the latter and the team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.
- In the event of two or more teams gaining the same number of points in the two day competition, their relative position shall be determined with the following system adopted:  
In-season result will be used to break ties between teams, if this result is a draw then B9 (1) will apply. On the occasion where the in-season results in two matches played during the minor round and one win apiece is recorded, their relative position shall be determined by the team that received the greater combined number of match points. If teams are still unable to be separated then the team that has accumulated the greater number of match bonus points over those matches will be declared as the higher ranked team.



- vi. The highest ranked team will be deemed the home team. If the highest ranked teams designated ground or nominated ground is either not available or deemed unsuitable by the association, the opposition, being subject to the same criteria, will be given the choice of hosting the match. If both teams are unable to provide a satisfactory venue then it will be the responsibility of the highest ranked team to secure a suitable ground and all the associated costs.
  - vii. Clubs hosting A' grade finals must have the use of covers that cover the entire pitch square. Clubs unable to fulfil this requirement may lose the right to host A' Grade Finals.
  - viii. All final matches will be played on turf. If the higher ranked teams' normal ground is a hard wicket then the lower ranked team will have the option of hosting the game on a turf wicket
  - ix. Any Club in violation of Rule 34 of the Constitution is ineligible to field sides in the finals of any grade.
  - x. Clubs must refer to Laws of Cricket- Law 9 for pitch preparation for all final games with the exception of Law 9.1.1 the rolling of the wicket on a Match Day between innings is not permitted if the change of innings takes place during the days play unless the umpires are notified prior to the toss of the coin that this provision is available at all times throughout the match
  - xi. In either a Semi-Final or Grand Final match, on Day 1, where both umpires and captains agree that as a result of extending the playing hours by no more than 30 minutes a result can be reached, then play can continue in order to achieve that result.
- (d) One Day Matches (Two Day Competition)
- i. Scheduled playing hours for all two-day grades will be 10.30am to 5.30pm
  - ii. In the event of a match starting late due to ground weather or light conditions play can be extended to 6.30pm
  - iii. If the umpires deem that no-play is possible on account of unfitness of the ground weather or light by 2.00pm the match will be abandoned.
  - iv. Over calculations will be conducted by the dividing the amount of time remaining by 8 to determine the number of overs each team is entitled to receive.
  - v. Bowling and fielding restrictions apply as per relevant sections in Bylaw D9 (2) referencing major round matches
  - vi. Recalculation of overs is only applicable for time lost prior to commencement of match.
- (e) Finals - Limited Over Competition: Playing conditions of Bylaw D30 apply

**B12 CLUB SCORERS**

The A1 Premier and A2 grade clubs must supply a club scorer at all times, failure to do so will result in a fine not exceeding \$100 for each separate transgression. Clubs that continue to transgress will be subjected to increase fines not exceeding \$100