

PART C. PLAYER QUALIFICATION

C1. RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Association shall not exercise any control for residential qualifications for constituent clubs.

C2. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1. Registration of New Players (*refers to players that has never played cricket in an official competition and don't have a MyCricket ID*)

- (a) All new players taking part in any competition of the Association shall be registered by their respective clubs and no team shall include an unregistered player.
- (b) Any club playing an unregistered player in any match in the Senior Competition shall be fined \$100.00 for each offence. For the Junior Competition, the fine shall be \$50.00 for each offence.
- (c) Registration of new players shall be effected by first completing the prescribe registration/clearance form before the player commences any game within the senior or junior competition then process the registration on the MyCricket administration system as prescribed by the Board of Management and by the payment of any registration fees of such amounts as may be fixed by the Board of Management.
- (d) For the purpose of this Bylaw any new player must be registered on MyCricket by midday Tuesday after the commencement of the first match in which he/she plays.

2. Dual Registration Senior Competition

- (a) A player who is registered with an ATCA club (primary club) in any season may play with a SACA or Community Club (secondary club) in that season, and a player who is registered with a SACA or any club or association within Australia in any season may play for an ATCA club in that season, without requiring a clearance. For the purposes of this Bylaw, such an arrangement shall be known as Dual Registration.
- (b) Dual Registration will be permitted only on the following conditions.
 - i. All players applying for dual registration must make sure all parties complete and sign the Dual Registration form, **which clubs will be required to lodge with the ATCA**, only then can the player be transferred using the MyCricket Player Transfer Method
 - ii. A player may not have more than one Dual Registration in any one season
 - iii. A player with Dual Registration must always complete the entire match in which he/she was named to play.
 - iv. The relevant ATCA Bylaws pertaining to eligibility to play in finals shall apply to a player with Dual Registration. (See bylaw C5)
 - v. In the senior Two Day or Limited Over competitions no more than one such registered player can be selected to play for an individual team in each officially programmed round. Any variation to this provision will require the prior consent of the association.
 - vi. Clubs playing Dual Registered players from SACA premier clubs in the senior ATCA competition can only use players from 2 such clubs in any one season. (*This does not apply to the T20 competition where no limit applies to the number of SACA Premier clubs that can be used*)
 - vii. A player having played in the previous season under Dual Registration with any other club other than the one they now seek to play for will first have to obtain a financial clearance as per Bylaw C3 from his previous Dual Registered club as well as the Dual Registration from the player's primary club.
 - viii. Any team playing a player without the necessary qualifications or permit as defined in this Bylaw in any match, shall lose that match and all match and incentive points earned in that match unless otherwise decided by the Board of Management. The Board of Management shall have the discretion to impose further penalties as it sees fit.
- (c) Dual Registration (Special Provisions)
 - i. Dual Registration or the exchange of players is permitted within clubs playing within the ATCA competition or any other metropolitan cricket association. This provision cannot be used when the club has a bye
 - ii. SACA clubs fielding teams in the ATCA competition using this clause to benefit other ATCA clubs will have no restriction on the number of clubs they can exchange players with.
 - iii. For the purpose of this bylaw, clubs benefitting from the player exchange, from a SACA Premier club will count as one of the two premier clubs allowed under Dual Registration 2 (b) vi.
 - iv. This provision places a limit of five (5) players that can be exchanged each round or play in a particular team
 - v. This bylaw differs from bylaw C2 2 (b) v. in which it allows more than one such player that can be selected to play for a team.
 - vi. ATCA Clubs cannot have more than one Special Provision Dual Registration agreement in place under this in any one season unless prior approval by the association is granted
 - vii. Both clubs exchanging and playing players under this provision shall provide the names and registration number of the players to the Executive Officer by 4.00 pm on the Friday following the conclusion of the match
 - viii. The relevant ATCA Bylaws pertaining to eligibility to play in finals shall apply to a player using this provision.
 - ix. For players using this provision to qualify to play finals the club for which they are playing must be the player's primary club.
 - x. Any variation to this provision will require the prior consent of the association.

C3. PERMIT FOR CLEARANCE – SENIOR SECTION

- (a) All clearance applications to play shall be attained by first completing the ATCA Clearance/Registration form (available on the website) before the player commences any game within the ATCA senior or junior competition and only then processing the clearance through MyCricket. This shall be directed to the club with which the player last played for, unless otherwise provided for in this bylaw or at the discretion of the association.

The club is required to keep the Clearance/Registration form, upon which will be required to be produced as proof, if requested by the ATCA.

Once a player is cleared, any further attempt to seek a clearance back to his former club in the same season will be at the discretion of the association. The association will have to satisfy itself the clearance is within the spirit of cricket.

If a player has not played cricket in any of the 5 previous seasons for any club or association within Australia a clearance may only be refused if he/she is prohibited from playing for a club pursuant to paragraph (d) hereof.

If any club from whom a clearance is sought does not respond to the application within 7 business days of such application, then the club seeking the clearance may apply to the association for a permit to allow the player to play. For the purpose of this bylaw, the registered date the clearance application was lodged through MyCricket shall be accepted as proof of lodging a clearance application.

No Player having played for an ATCA club or any other club affiliated with SACA or any other cricket association within South Australia in the current season may apply for a clearance to an ATCA club after the 31st December.

Applications for adding new players not registered on MyCricket must be lodged via MyCricket as per Bylaw C2 (1)
- (b) MyCricket Transfer - Senior Competition.

Clubs are not allowed to use the MyCricket Player Transfer method to register a player for the senior competition without first completing and lodging the ATCA Dual Registration form as per Bylaw C2 (2) or in special cases seeking the permission of the association. If the player is not seeking Dual Registration then Bylaw C3 (a) Permit for Clearance is to be strictly observed. Failure to do so will be in breach of paragraph (f) of this bylaw
- (c) Interstate Associations Clearance or Dual Registration

- Any player registered on MyCricket, having played for an interstate club or association will be required to obtain a clearance as per Bylaw C3 (a) or dual registration as per Bylaw C2 (2) from the club with which they last played for or in special cases seeking the permission from the association before playing with an ATCA club
- (d) No player shall be permitted to play for a club if he/she owes money to a club or association or is under suspension or disqualification by any club or association. Such prohibition shall continue until the player in question has met his/her obligations or until the disqualification has been removed. Monies owed is only limited to membership and match fees. Any clothing, player payments, etc will not be considered as monies owed.
 - (e) Appeals:
Any person prevented from playing under this Bylaw may through the club for which he/she seeks to play, appeal to the Board of Management, and such committee after reviewing such evidence as is available shall give a decision which shall be binding on all parties.
 - (f) Any team playing a player without the necessary qualifications or permit as defined in this Bylaw in any match, shall lose that match and all match and incentive points earned in that match unless otherwise decided by the Board of Management. The Board of Management shall have the discretion to impose further penalties as it sees fit.

C4. PERMIT FOR CLEARANCE – JUNIOR SECTION

- (a) All clearance applications to play shall be attained by first completing the ATCA Clearance/Registration form (available on the website) before the player commences any game within the ATCA junior competition and then processing the clearance through MyCricket. This shall be directed to the club with which the player last played for, unless otherwise provided for in this bylaw or at the discretion of the association. If the player has a current dual registration (dual club playing roles) paragraph (b) of this bylaw applies.
The club is required to keep the Clearance/Registration form, upon which will be required to be produced as proof, if requested by the association
Once a player is cleared, any further attempt to seek a clearance back to his former club in the same season will be at the discretion of the association. The association will have to satisfy itself the clearance is within the spirit of cricket.
If a player has not played cricket in any of the 5 previous seasons for any club or association within Australia a clearance may only be refused if he/she is prohibited from playing for a club pursuant to paragraph (d) hereof.
If any club from whom a clearance is sought does not respond to the application within 7 business days of lodgment of such application, then the club seeking the clearance may apply to the Permit Sub-Committee for a permit to allow the player to play. For the purpose of this bylaw the registered date the clearance application was lodged through MyCricket shall be accepted as proof of lodging a clearance application.
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- (b) MyCricket Transfer - Junior Competition.
Clubs are not allowed to use the MyCricket Player Transfer method to register a player for the junior competition without first completing and lodging the ATCA Dual Registration form as per Bylaw C2 (2) or in special cases seeking the permission of the association. If the player has a record with a SACA Premier club and another community club a clearance from the community club will be required if the player wishes to continue playing with the SACA club. This situation will not require a transfer from the SACA club. If the player is not seeking Dual Registration then Bylaw C4 (a) Permit for Clearance is to be strictly observed. Failure to do so will be in breach of paragraph (f) of this bylaw
- (c) Interstate Associations Clearance or Dual Registration
Any player registered on MyCricket system having played for an interstate club or association will be required to obtain a clearance as per Bylaw C3 (a) or dual registration as per Bylaw C2 (2) from the club with which they last played for or in special cases seeking the permission from the association before playing with an ATCA club.
- (d) No player shall be permitted to play for a club if he/she owes money to a club or association or is under suspension or disqualification by any club or association. Such prohibition shall continue until the player in question has met his/her obligations or until the disqualification has been removed. Monies owed is only limited to membership and match fees. Any clothing, player payments, etc will not be considered as monies owed.
- (e) Appeals
Any person prevented from playing under this Bylaw may through the club for which he/she seeks to play, appeal to the Board of Management, and such committee after reviewing such evidence as is available shall give a decision which shall be binding on all parties.
- (f) Any team playing a player without the necessary qualifications or permit as defined in this Bylaw in any match, shall lose that match and all match and incentive points earned in that match unless otherwise decided by the Board of Management. The Board of Management shall have the discretion to impose further penalties as it sees fit.

C5. (1) QUALIFICATIONS FOR SEMI-FINAL AND GRAND FINAL (SENIOR) MATCHES

1. For the purpose of this bylaw, there will be two separate competitions, the Two-Day competition and the Limited Overs Competition. The Two-Day competition will be considered the higher competition.
3. No player is qualified to play in Finals unless the player has played 3 matches in the Two-Day Competition or 5 matches in the Limited Overs Competition (*or at least 25% of matches played in the competition*) respectively. A combination of Two-Day Competition and Limited Overs Competition matches cannot be used to meet this standard. Forfeits, byes or abandoned matches cannot be used to meet the above qualification standards.
4. A player shall not be eligible to play in Finals if they have not met criteria (3), and subject to section (5), cannot play in a lower team or competition unless at least 50% of the matches played, in which the player has participated, were in the lower teams or in the lower competition. For the purpose of C5 (4), two Limited Overs Competition matches equal one Two Day Competition match.
5. No player is able to migrate between the Two-Day Competition and Limited Overs Competition unless they meet the qualification standards of each respective competition. If a player is eligible for both competitions then initial finals selection in that competition restricts that person to that competition. However, free transfer will be allowed between two or more consecutive club teams in either the Two-Day Competition or Limited Overs Competition which qualify for Finals and are participating in the same round of matches in Finals.
6. Where consecutive teams are competing in Semi-Finals any player selected in that team is free to play for that team in a subsequent Grand-Final, even if the consecutive team chain is broken provided they are qualified for that competition under criteria (3).
7. Should a player who plays in a higher team under section (6) and that side subsequently loses, that player shall not be allowed to return to a lower team unless otherwise previously qualified
8. Any player using the consecutive chain clause (to play in a semi-final), which is then broken, is entitled to use the semi-final match to qualify for the grand-final for that same team.
9. For a dual registered player, who has met the qualification standards to be eligible, he must not have played more than 50% of his total matches in another Senior Association. No player dual registered after the 31st December will be eligible to play finals
10. Any player who does not meet the qualifications will not be granted a permit to play under any circumstances.
11. Any team that includes a player in contravention of this bylaw shall lose the match in which such a player takes part, as well as being subject to bylaw C2 (1) (b).

Note: Permits may be considered for the T20 men's competition (see D29 clause 13)

C5. (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL (JUNIOR) MATCHES

1. No player is qualified to play in Finals unless the player has played at least 25% of matches played in the respective competitions. Forfeits, byes or abandoned matches cannot be used to meet the above qualification standard.
2. A player shall not be eligible to play in Finals if they have not met criteria (1), and subject to section (3), cannot play in a lower team or competition unless at least 50% of the matches played, in which the player has participated, were in the lower teams or in the lower competition.
3. Where a club has more than one team in a particular grade they shall be rated by the association prior to the commencement of the season as to which shall be deemed the higher ranked team for the purpose of this bylaw. Any transfer of players between these teams during the finals will therefore be subject to section C5 (1) clauses 5,6,7,8,10 and 11.
4. To work out if a U17 junior requires a permit as a result of playing matches in the SACA 1st grade competition, the following criteria will apply:
 - a. In respect to a player who has played 4 or more matches in the SACA 1st grade competition a permit will be required.
 - b. In granting a permit the association will consider how many ATCA junior games they have played. It will be the sole responsibility of the association in determining if the club has applied the spirit of cricket in qualifying players playing in the SACA first grade competition
 - c. Where any junior player is faced with the possibility of participating in a SACA match which clashes with the ATCA junior finals, such player can only represent one association on that day

C6. PLAYING IN MORE THAN ONE TEAM

No player may play for 2 or more teams and/or clubs in the same round of ATCA fixtures without the prior permission of the association. In each match in which a player plays without such permission the opponents of the offending team shall receive the greater of the actual match and incentive points earned by it or the points which would have been awarded had it been in receipt of a forfeit from the offending team. The offending team in each case shall lose all match and incentive points earned by it in the match plus ten (10) additional points. For the purpose of this bylaw the ATCA considers the same round to be the corresponding dates within the two day competition and the limited over competition. See example below

Example #1

Round 1 of the Two Day Competition is scheduled to be played over the first two weekends of the season. That Round also corresponded with Rounds 1 and 2 of the Limited Over Competition.

This Bylaw does allow discretion for the following scenario. A player after being originally selected to play the first week in the Limited Over Competition to then being selected (subject to a permit) in the second week for the Two Day Competition as a result of week 1 of the two day competition having been washed out.

This Bylaw does not allow players originally selected in the Two Day Competition that subsequently is washed out in week one, then playing in the Limited Over Competition that particular week and then being considered as eligible to play in the Two Day Competition the following week. In this case those players are not eligible to play in the Two Day competition the following week.

SACA players that play in any SACA scheduled match will not be able play in the ATCA if both matches are scheduled on the same day

Comment:

This also applies to juniors whose club has more than one team in the same grade. This does not apply to juniors playing in the ATCA Senior Competition.

C7. PLAYING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME

No player may play under an assumed name. In each match in which a player plays under an assumed name the opponents of the offending team shall be in receipt of a forfeit from the offending team. The offending team may lose all match and incentive points it has received for the season.

C8. JUNIOR SECTION (U15 and U17)

All new registrations are subjected to the association on request produce proof of the player's date of birth. Any Club playing over-age players without the permission of the permit Sub-Committee shall be fined \$75.00. 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.