

EASTERN CRICKET



CLUB CRICKET BYE-LAWS

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	Premier	Promotion	Premier Reserve	Directors League	
1	Actonville Spurs	Bakerton YS	Actonville Spurs	Alberton	
2	Alberton	Champions	Alberton	Avion	
3	Avion	Elsburg Eagles	Avion	Bakerton YS	
4	Bedfordview	Etwatwa	Bedfordview	Bedfordview	
5	Benoni	Springs Old Boys	Benoni Northerns	Benoni Northerns	
6	Boksburg	Tsakane	Boksburg	Daveyton	
7	CBC Old Boys	Vosloorus	CBC Old Boys	Kempton Park	
8	Duduza	Wattville	Duduza	Reiger Park	
9	Geluksdal		Geluksdal	Tembisa	
10	Kempton Park		Kempton Park	Thokoza	
11	Kwa Thema		Kwa Thema		
12	Midrand		Midrand		
13	Old Benonians		Old Benonians		
14	Tembisa		Tembisa		
	Executive League	Chairman	Colts League		
1	Alberton	Actonville	Actonville		
2	Bakerton YS	Avion Park	Alberton		
3	Bedfordview A	Benoni	Bedfordview A		
4	Bedfordview B	Duduza A	Bedfordview B		
5	Elsburg Eagles	Duduza B	Benoni Northerns		
6	Etwatwa	Etwatwa	Boksburg		
7	Kempton Park A	Katlehong	Champions		
8	Kempton Park B	Kempton Park A	Duduza		
9	Nigel	Kempton Park B	Geluksdal		
10	Vosloorus	Nigel	Kempton Park		
11			Kwa Thema		
12			Old Benonians		
13			Springs Old Boys		
14			Thokoza		
15			Tsakane		
16			Wattville		
	1st League	2nd League	3rd League	4th League	Women's League
1	Actonville	Alberton	Actonville Spurs	Avion Park	Avion Park
2	Bedfordview	Duduza	Alberton	Bakerton YS	Benoni
3	Benoni	Eden Park	Bedfordview	Benoni Northerns	Duduza
4	Boksburg	Etwatwa	Benoni Northerns	Elsburg Eagles	Etwatwa
5	CBC Old Boys	Kempton Park	Boksburg A	Geluksdal	Geluksdal
6	Geluksdal	Midrand	Boksburg B	Kempton Park	Kwa Thema
7	Kempton Park	Reiger Park	CBC Old Boys	Midrand	Old Benonians
8	Kwa Thema	Thokoza	Old Benonians	Nigel	Reiger Park
9		Vosloorus	Springs Old Boys	Tsakane	Tembisa
10			Sunward Park	Wattville	Tsakane
					Vosloorus
					Wattville

EASTERN CLUB CRICKET APPROVED CRICKET BALLS

1. Eastern Cricket shall issue each affiliated club team with an allocation of cricket balls as part of the Eastern Club Cricket Grant.
2. The cricket balls indicated in the table below have been approved by the club cricket league committee and shall be used in the leagues as indicated.
3. When required an alternative approved cricket ball has been detailed within the bye-laws of each respective club league.
4. Any club or club team failing to use the first choice cricket ball as issued by Eastern Cricket shall be required to return such, without any claim for re-payment.
5. Should any Eastern Affiliated Club wish to purchase any additional cricket balls as indicated in the table below via Eastern Cricket they shall address a written request to the Club Cricket Administrator.

Eastern Cricket – Club Cricket Approved Cricket Balls			
League	Colour	Type	Brand
Premier T20 League	Pink	156g 4 Piece	BAS Premier Test
Premier, Promotion & Premier Reserve	Red	156g 4 Piece	BAS Premier Test
Directors & Executive	Red	156g 4 Piece	Winner Shadow
Chairman & Colts	Red	156g 4 Piece	Winner Legend Gold
Saturday 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th	Red	156g 4 piece	Winner Legend Gold
Women's	Red	142g 4 piece	Winner Legend Gold

PART A: EASTERN CRICKET BYE LAWS

A1 Application of the Bye-laws

The Eastern Cricket policies and bye-laws will be applicable to all Affiliates, Clubs and Associations who are members of Eastern Cricket. The bye-laws shall further be applicable to affiliates of Associations and their individual members.

Eastern Cricket **instructs** all chairpersons, secretaries and committee members of Associations and Clubs to **study** the bye-laws and to acquaint themselves with the contents thereof. A lack of knowledge of these bye-laws will **not** absolve any person, Club or Association or its affiliates of any liability, responsibility or consequence.

A2 Cricket Grounds Ceded to Eastern Cricket

All club cricket grounds shall be ceded to Eastern Cricket for all matches played under the auspices of Eastern Cricket and no charge may be levied to Eastern Cricket for the use of the grounds. Grounds may be used for matches involving other teams not from the club, which normally has use of the ground. i.e., Such as T20 matches or where there are limited fields available for emerging club fixtures.

A3 Eastern Cricket Statutory Meetings

It shall be a requirement that all members attend all statutory meetings of Eastern Cricket as required by the Articles of Association and/or the Rules and Regulations and/or Bye-Laws. Failure to have at least one delegate at such meetings will result in a member being levied a fine of **R300.00** (Three Hundred Rand). The tendering of apologies will not absolve a member from the payment of the fine.

A4 Disciplinary Procedure

It shall be a requirement that all members provide a copy of their Disciplinary Procedure to the Club Cricket Committee for approval prior to the commencement of the season. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of a Clubs financial grant.

A5 Appeals Procedure

It shall be a requirement that all members provide a copy of their Appeals Procedure to the Club Cricket Committee for approval prior to the commencement of the season. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of a Clubs financial grant.

A6 Financial

Any financial grants given by Eastern Cricket or others via Eastern Cricket may only be used for the purpose for which the grant was originally intended. Should a member not utilize the financial grant as intended such a member shall not be entitled to a financial grant for a period of one (1) year. Audited financial statements are to be submitted to the union by the deadline as set by the office of Eastern Cricket.

A7 Annual General Meetings of Affiliates and Associations

It shall be a requirement that all members hold their Annual General Meetings **prior** to the Annual General Meeting of Eastern Cricket. It shall further be a requirement that members advise Eastern Cricket of the date and time of the affiliates Annual General Meeting. All Affiliates and Associations shall submit their Annual General Meeting Reports to the office of Eastern Cricket prior to the Annual General Meeting of Eastern Cricket by the deadline as set by the office of Eastern Cricket. Failure to comply may result in the withdrawal of a members' financial grant and or suspension, until such time as these reports are received.

A8 Sponsorships

- 8.1 No Affiliate, Association or member of such may solicit donations or sponsorship from an existing sponsor of Eastern Cricket without the formal permission of the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee and President.
- 8.2 No Affiliate, Association or member of such may solicit donations or sponsorship from an existing sponsor of Eastern Junior Club Cricket Association without the formal permission of the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee and Chairman of the Association.

- 8.3 No Affiliate, Association or member of such may solicit donations from an existing sponsor of another Affiliate or Association without the permission of the respective head of the Affiliate or Association.
- 8.4 Any Affiliate, Association and their affiliates / members shall face disciplinary action should it come to the attention of Eastern Cricket that such approach has been made without the proper consent.

A9 Advertising

9.1 HEADGEAR:

Only the Club emblem is permitted on the front of the cap, sunhat or helmet shall not exceed 10 square inches (64.5cm²).

Only the Sponsor's logo may appear on the side of the cap, sunhat or helmet and shall not exceed 2 square inches (12.9cm²).

Only one manufacturer's logo may appear on the back or side but not front and not exceeding 2 square inches (12.9cm²).

9.2 PLAYING SHIRTS FRONT:

The sponsor's logo to appear on the right chest area or sleeve and shall not exceed 10 square inches (64.5cm²)

The club sponsor's logo where applicable shall appear on the shirts with the following dimensions:

The position of the logo on the shirt shall be in the middle of the shirt, 28,5cm from the top of the shirt.

The size shall not exceed 206,5cm². This logo to be in either black and white or washed out.

9.3 SHIRTS REAR:

The sponsor's logo to appear on the back of the shirt and shall not exceed measure a maximum of 34.9 square inches (225 cm²)

A10 Umpire Qualifications

Eastern Cricket will only recognize umpires' qualifications authorized or recognized by Cricket South Africa. The Eastern Cricket Umpires Association or Cricket South Africa are the only authorized body offering umpiring courses and examinations within the boundaries of Eastern Cricket.

A11 Scorers Qualifications

Eastern Cricket will only recognize scoring qualifications authorized or recognized by the South African Cricket Scorers Association or the Eastern Cricket Scorers Association. The Eastern Cricket Scorers Association is the only authorized body offering scoring courses and examinations within the boundaries of Eastern Cricket.

A12 Coaching Qualifications

Eastern Cricket will only recognize coaching qualifications authorized or recognized by Cricket South Africa. Only organizations or persons authorized by Cricket South Africa may offer coaching courses and examinations within the boundaries of Eastern Cricket.

A13 Umpires and Scorers

- 13.1 The appointment of official umpires for all matches played under the auspices of Eastern Cricket shall be vested in the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association. The Premier and Promotion Leagues shall take preference over **all other cricket**, except where such an Umpire is required for the Eastern Cricket Senior Representative Team or nominated to the National School Cricket Weeks or nominated to a particular cricket match at the discretion of the Eastern Cricket Club Cricket Committee.
- 13.2 No person may request a specific ECUA umpire to officiate in any competition. Further should any person make such a request such a person shall **stand suspended** from all cricket activities for a period of four (4) weeks.
- 13.3 No person has the right to refuse to play should they object to an ECUA umpire officiating in a match. Such a person refusing to play shall stand suspended from all cricket activities for a period of four (4) weeks.
- 13.4 Umpires shall be dressed in the appropriate dress code as stipulated by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association.
- 13.5 The payment of official umpires and scorers for all matches played under the auspices of Eastern Cricket shall be vested in the Eastern Cricket Club Cricket Committee.

- 13.6 Clubs who fail to submit the match result and the captain's report in regard of an "Official Eastern Cricket Umpire" by the DUE DATE and TIME shall be fully liable for the payment of the respective Umpire and Scorer. Failure to comply shall result in a reduction of the second half Eastern Cricket grant to the offending club.

A14 Interim General Meetings

Interim General Meetings may be called at any time for a specific purpose by the Board of Directors. Members not present without valid reason and apology shall be fined a minimum of **R300.00**. All decisions taken at Interim General Meetings notwithstanding the absence of any member shall be final and binding.

14.1 REPRESENTATION

- 14.1.1 The Eastern Cricket Directors, further any other person may be invited to attend such meetings at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 14.1.2 All members must be represented by at least two (2) delegates with a max of three (3).

14.2 AGENDA

The Board of Directors shall set the agenda for the Interim General Meetings.

14.3 VOTING

At Interim General Meetings each member shall be entitled to two (2) votes. No proxy votes shall be permitted.

14.4 NOTICE

The President shall give at least two (2) days' notice for Interim General Meetings unless specific dates for such meetings have been stipulated at any previous General Meeting. Such notices shall give the venue, date, time and nature of the business.

14.5 QUORUM

- 14.5.1 A quorum shall be fifty percent plus one of the members.
- 14.5.2 Should a quorum not exist; the Chairman shall adjourn the meeting for fifteen (15) minutes then re-convene with those persons present forming a quorum.

14.6 MINUTES

The minutes of any Interim General Meetings shall be read and confirmed at the next General Meeting.

A15 Affiliation requirements for New Clubs

15.1 Clubs originating from the Junior Club Cricket Association: -

- 15.1.1 Application must be made in writing.
- 15.1.2 Club must submit their constitution and any other documentation that may be required for approval.
- 15.1.3 A minimum of one team may be entered into the league. The team will commence in the lowest league.
- 15.1.4 The club must have played for a minimum of one season in Senior League Competition before seeking membership.

15.2 New clubs originating from outside the Junior Club Cricket Association: -

- 15.2.1 Application must be made in writing.
- 15.2.2 Club must submit their constitution and any other documentation that may be required for approval.
- 15.2.3 A minimum of two teams must be entered into the league, unless otherwise approved by the Club Cricket Committee.
- 15.2.4 The teams will commence in the lowest leagues unless otherwise approved by the office of Eastern Cricket.
- 15.2.5 The club must provide their own home field of the required standard.
- 15.2.6 The club is restricted from granting membership to any person registered with another club for a period of one year unless otherwise approved by the Club Cricket Committee.
- 15.2.7 The club will not benefit from any financial grant or be proposed for membership until they have completed one full season.

A16 Rulings

Any rulings on the interpretation and application of any policy or Bye-Law contained herein shall be addressed to the Club Cricket Committee who will recommend a decision to the Eastern Cricket Board of Directors who shall inform the Members delegates of the final decision.

PART B: ADMINISTRATION

Clubs are strongly advised to select players that are sufficiently competent to play in the league for which they are selected.

Eastern Cricket **instructs** all umpires, club chairmen, secretaries, captains, coaches, managers and all players to study the playing regulations and to acquaint themselves with the conditions under which the various competitions are conducted. A lack of knowledge of these playing regulations will not absolve any person, club or association of any liability, responsibility or consequence.

B1 Application of the laws of cricket

- 1.1 The laws under which all League cricket is to be played shall be, in order of precedence, as follows:
 - 1.1.1 Playing Regulations of Eastern Cricket.
 - 1.1.2 The Laws of Cricket – Oct 2017 Code
 - 1.1.3 Law 42 Parts 3,4,5,9,10,13,14 and 16
- 1.2 Injured batsmen while batting will not be allowed to have a runner
- 1.3 **Particular attention should be given to the Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket.**

B2 Leagues

The winner of the Premier T20 League Competition shall advance to the Provincial play offs for the T20 Community Cup.

The winner of the Premier Limited 50 Over League shall advance to the Provincial play offs for the National Club Championship. (Must conform to the CSA transformation code)

LEAGUE	PRIMARY COMPETITION
Premier	T20 & 50 limited overs
Reserve/Promotion/Directors/Executive	50 limited overs
Chairmans	40 limited overs
Colts	40 limited overs
1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd /4 th	35 and 20 limited overs
Women's	35 limited overs

B3 Fixtures

- 3.1 Published fixtures as compiled and contained in APPENDIX B are final and no debate shall be entered into. All available venues have been taken into consideration. There is the possibility that some teams may play more home or away matches than others, every effort has been made to accommodate as many teams as possible verse available fields and resources. Therefore, grounds may be used for matches involving other teams not from the club, which normally has use of the ground. i.e., Such as T20 matches or where there are limited fields available for emerging club fixtures.
- 3.2 No match shall take place at any date, time or venue, including field, other than that scheduled in the fixture list. If the fixture is altered without permission, all points gained by either team, in such a match will be forfeited.
- 3.3 The Club Cricket Committee and the Club Cricket Administrator shall be the only persons entitled to grant permission to alter fixtures and then only in exceptional circumstances. Before altering a fixture, the Club Cricket Committee or his/ her appointee shall consider the following:
 - 3.3.1 The circumstances which necessitate the alteration
 - 3.3.2 No other matches may be affected by the alteration
 - 3.3.3 Both captains/ Chairmen must agree to the alteration
 - 3.3.4 If the venue is to be altered the field must be of the required standard
 - 3.3.5 The interests of cricket must be served

- 3.4 No other Eastern Cricket Director or employee of Eastern Cricket shall have the right to alter any date, time or venue, including field, after the fixtures have been published unless such a person is appointed by the Club Cricket Committee.

B4 Responsibilities of Clubs

- 4.1 It is the duty of all clubs to ensure that all their respective teams turn up at the venue of any match, irrespective of weather conditions.
- 4.2 The home club shall be responsible for the provision of refreshments, i.e., lunch, where required, tea and drinks for on field breaks, for twelve visiting players, two scorers and two umpires. Should the lunch provided not conform to the laid down standards the club tasked with providing lunch shall lose their lunch grant.
- 4.3 The home club shall be responsible for the preparation and marking of the pitch, including the provision of cricket stumps and bails.
- 4.4 The home clubs shall be responsible for the clear marking of the boundaries and any limited over inner circle fielding restriction markings.
- 4.5 The home club shall be responsible for first aid.
- 4.6 The home club must provide and ensure that facilities for scorers are available and that scorers do not move around during the match in progress. The home team scorer shall determine the location of the scorer's position. Should the scorers sit apart, and a dispute arises, the score as determined by the home team scorer shall prevail. Each team must provide their own scorer, preferably not a player.
- 4.7 In the event of a match being called off, the home club is responsible for contacting the Chairman of the ECUA. Should the club not inform the Chairman and an umpire is appointed to that match and the match does not take place then the club is liable for the full standing fee for that umpire.

B5 Captains responsibilities

- 5.1 The Captains are always responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit and traditions of the game as well as within the laws (Law 41.). In this regard, specific reference is made to the Preamble and the Disciplinary Code.
- 5.2 The Captains must ensure that players understand that the Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play (Law 41).
- 5.3 The Captains are responsible for the nomination of players to the umpires or opposing captain before the toss for an innings takes place (Law 1). The completion of the correct Eastern Cricket result sheet with the player's first names and surnames filled in shall satisfy this Law. A player will be deemed to be unregistered if only his first name appears on the result sheet.
- 5.4 The Captains are responsible for ensuring that the result sheet has been correctly and neatly completed in full. After completion of the match the Result Sheet becomes the full official record of the match and after submission to Eastern Cricket any omissions or oversights cannot be considered.
- 5.5 The Home Team Captain must ensure that the ground staff has made available ample sawdust, should this be required.
- 5.6 The Home Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that spare stumps, bails and balls are available.
- 5.7 The Captains are responsible for ensuring that players adhere to the dress code as determined by Eastern Cricket.
- 5.8 The Captain of the home side is responsible for ensuring that drinks are ready at least five (5) minutes before the due time.
- 5.9 The Captains of both teams shall be responsible for ensuring that players from both teams are available at all times, even before the commencement of the match, to assist in removing or placing covers on the pitch when requested to do so by the umpires or player umpires even if ground staff are available at the ground.
- 5.10 Captains should co-operate with the Umpires in doing everything possible to spend the maximum amount of time on the field of play.
- 5.11 Captains are responsible to ensure that before any innings takes place in a rain-affected match that they are aware of the revised number of overs to be bowled per team as well as the revised target and overs if applicable to the second innings (see playing regulations part 16 for the calculations). Any dispute on a result that arises from captains not following this regulation will not be entertained.
- 5.12 The captain must complete match reports (Captain's Report on Umpires) for every match where an umpire was present. This report to be submitted with the result sheet by the due date. No captain can ask the scorer to complete the match report on his or her behalf.

- 5.13 If the report is not submitted by the due date following the fixture, the outstanding report will be flagged to the appropriate captain and progressively to the Club and the Member.
- 5.14 The match reports (Captain's Report on Umpires) that are submitted must clarify the reasons for a particular score. There must be clarity regarding the umpire decisions in the comments section of the report. These comments relate to umpire scores of D or E on the match reports.

B6 Dress Code

Captains shall be responsible for the correct dress code of their teams. All players shall observe these dress regulations:

- 6.1 Long white trousers. No short pants may be worn.
- 6.2 White or cream cricket/golf shirt. A cricket shirt manufactured by a recognized manufacturer shall be acceptable.
- 6.3 Only advertising content approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee will be allowed.
- 6.4 Cricket socks.
- 6.5 Cricket boots or white sport shoes. No multi-colored shoe laces.
- 6.6 Only recognized cricket caps or hats uniform for the team will be allowed.
- 6.7 Umpires are directed to report any violation of the dress code to the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee.

B7 Registration of members

- 7.1 No individual shall be allowed to play for any club without first being registered with Eastern Cricket. The Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee shall determine such a method from time to time.
- 7.2 Further, in a limited over match such a team will have four (4) points, and a team in a regular cricket match shall have twelve (12) points deducted from their accumulated total for each unregistered player playing in a match.
- 7.3 No player shall be allowed to play for a club affiliated to Eastern Cricket while he is registered with/or playing for a club affiliated to another Provincial Union. Should he do so he will be deemed to be an unregistered player in terms of this Playing Regulation.
- 7.4 The onus is on the Club to ensure that all members are registered in accordance with the laid down method and that no player is registered with another club or is registered with another Union. Should he do so he will be deemed to be an unregistered player and the actions above will be applied.
- 7.5 Should it come to the attention of the Club Cricket Administration/ Committee, by any means whatsoever, that a Club is fielding or has fielded a member not registered with the Union, he shall be obliged to apply this Playing Regulation.
- 7.6 No individual shall be allowed to be elected to the Committee of a club without first being registered with Eastern Cricket according to the laid down method prevailing at the time for at least 60 days prior to being elected.
- 7.7 No individual other than an officially elected committee member of an Affiliate or Association shall have any right to express any opinion, concern or objection at any Eastern Cricket Council meeting.
- 7.8 A member / individual wishing to lodge a complaint should do so in writing using the proper reporting protocol via the Club Chairman of any Affiliate or Association. The Chairman of the respective Affiliate or Association is required to endorse the validity of such complaint, lodging such at the office of Eastern Cricket, Club Administrator. Any and all correspondence from any individual or member who has not followed the proper reporting protocol will be ignored and discarded thereof.
- 7.9 Any ACTIVE player who does not have a proper Identity number registered on the Union's database, the Age of 16, a copy of his Birth Certificate must be provided.
- 7.10 A **foreign player** (that is, a person who does not possess South African citizenship or South African residency for two years) may register with a club when their intention is to participate locally and continue residing in South Africa. This regulation is subject to the South African Home Affairs regulations.

- 7.11 The number of **foreign players** playing in the premier and promotion leagues is restricted to one player per team.
- 7.12 The number of **foreign players** representing clubs in lower leagues is not restricted and can be determined at the discretion of the Member Board.
- 7.13 All registered **foreign players** participating in official CSA club fixtures will be regarded as white players. This regulation also applies to players representing their teams at the national club competitions.
- 7.14 A **foreign player** (that is, a person who does not possess South African citizenship or South African residency for 2 (two) years) is considered a **Professional Foreign Player** when they have played the majority of their cricket in a country other than South Africa and have been remunerated directly for their services as a full-time cricketer in such country.
- 7.15 A club may play 1 (one) **Professional Foreign Player** (as defined in 7.14 above) in a league team after the prior consent of the Member Board has been obtained.

B8 Transfers

- 8.1 Any Active member of a club requiring a transfer to another club must provide Eastern Cricket with a fully completed official Eastern Cricket Clearance Certificate (Transfer form) and registration form after **30th April** of one cricket season and before midnight of the **1st of October** of each new cricket season but if a player did not play in the first two matches of the season, transfers will close on the 15th October. The clearance certificate (Transfer) and registration form must be hand-written in BLUE ink and hand delivered to the Union or emailed. No other clearance certificates (transfer forms) will be accepted.
- 8.2 Any Active player may transfer during the period from 1st January to 15th January provided a fully completed official Eastern Cricket Clearance Certificate (Transfer form) and registration form reaches the Union before midnight of the 15th of January. Such a member requiring a transfer during this period will be prohibited from playing for their new club against their previous club until the following season. In addition, should a member not have discharged his full financial obligations to the club by 31st December, the club may levy an additional surcharge equal to 25% of the original financial obligation.
- This rule is not applicable for Premier, Premier Reserve and Promotion League players.**
- 8.3 Any person, who has transferred to a club affiliated to another Union during the season, will not be permitted to transfer back to any club affiliated to Eastern Cricket until the 31st March of that season.
- 8.4 A member requiring a transfer must not in any way be indebted to his previous club and must not be under any disciplinary sanction. A club shall be entitled to withhold a member's transfer in such cases. A club must inform Eastern Cricket of any disciplinary sanction imposed upon a member within seven (7) days of the hearing. Should such information not be provided the member will be deemed not to be under disciplinary sanction for the purpose of this byelaw only.
- 8.5 Further a club may not withhold a transfer should the member not be in debt and is not under disciplinary sanction. The Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee shall have the right to intervene if prevailed upon by the member and it shall, after investigation, have the right to accept a transfer without a release signature in such cases.
- 8.6 A club may not levy an amount greater than R2000.00 from a member who has outstanding fees and requires a transfer. Such a player may not play for his new club unless and until he has paid his new club the required fee.
- 8.7 Outside the periods stated above, the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee will not grant a transfer for any other reason other than that of change of residence from one town to another.
- 8.8 A player or official forming part of a club's squad, playing or management, to the National Club Championships may be allowed to transfer from that club only if the player moves from a residence inside Eastern Cricket jurisdiction to a residence outside Eastern Cricket jurisdiction. Such a move must take place after the Championships are completed. A transfer will not be granted should any other reason be provided. The persons must remain with the club until the scheduled completion of the final match of that season.

B9 Clearance certificates

- 9.1 No club shall be entitled to admit, as a member junior, senior or women's, any person who has previously been a registered member of another club in any competition within the Union, without first obtaining a clearance certificate from that previous club.
- 9.2 Further, no club shall be entitled to admit, as a member junior, senior or women's, any person who has previously been a member of another club or has played for another club or Academy team in any competition organized in any other Union, without first obtaining a clearance certificate from that previous club/ team. Under these circumstances the clearance certificate may take the form of a letter stating that the member is not in any way indebted to his previous club/ team and is not under any disciplinary sanction.
- 9.3 Should a player not obtain a clearance certificate from his previous club and play for another club; he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and clause 7 will apply.

B10 Promotion / Relegation

The Club Cricket Sub-Committee of Eastern Cricket shall determine promotion or relegation. The Committee may, at its discretion and with the recommendation of the Club Cricket Administration, promote or relegate teams at half season in December.

B11 Final League Positions

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points after completion of the league fixtures the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee shall consider the following when determining league positions:

- 11.1 The Team with the greater number of wins
- 11.2 Only in the Premier Limited 50 Over league - If teams are still equal on points after completion, the overall Net Run Rate (NRR) will determine the final league standings. If they are still equal, then 11.3 to 11.6 shall be applied.
- 11.3 The team winning the match when they were last scheduled to play each other shall be placed ahead of the losing team. This shall apply to the current season.
- 11.4 Should the teams still be equal, the team drawing / tying the most matches shall be placed above the other.
- 11.5 Should the teams still be equal the team of the club who has the highest administrative rating shall be placed above the other. The rating shall be calculated as set out in clause 22 below.
- 11.6 Inadequate result sheets or failure to produce result sheets will automatically disqualify a contender.

B12 Withdrawal from the league

- 12.1 Any club wishing to withdraw a team from league competition after the fixtures have been issued must withdraw the team competing in the lowest league. Should the club have two teams, which are equal lowest, either team may be withdrawn.
- 12.2 A club withdrawing a team from the league, after the fixtures have been issued shall be fined in accordance with Clause 22 & 23.

B13 Club scratching a team (default)

- 13.1 Any club intending to scratch a match must give notice of its intention to an official of the opposing club, to the Chairman of the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association and to the Club Cricket Administrator before the scheduled starting time of that match. This may be done telephonically. Should official umpires be appointed to a match and a club scratches a team and does not inform the Chairman of the Umpires Association timeously, such a club shall be liable for umpire costs.
- 13.2 Any club scratching a team shall be adjudged to have lost the match and the Club Cricket Administrator will impose a fine as set out as per clause 22 & 23.
- 13.3 Any team of a club, which fails to fulfil a fixture or who arrives late to a match, in the first half of the season, will be allowed to complete their scheduled fixtures. However, one team from the club may, at the discretion of the Club Cricket Committee, be debarred from further participation in the league in the second half, and its playing record expunged from the log.
- 13.4 Any team of a club, which fails to fulfil a fixture or who arrives late in the second half of the season, may be immediately debarred from further participation in the league in the second half, and its playing record, in the second half, expunged from the log.

- 13.5 The club withdrawing a side is not absolved from completing a result sheet on which it is clearly stated that such a team has withdrawn from a match in accordance with Playing Regulation 13.1.
- 13.6 Any fine or penalty imposed by the Club Cricket Administrator in terms of the above Playing Regulations 13.1, 13.2 & 13.3 may be subject to an appeal to the Appeals Board (Disciplinary Code).

B14 Disputes between clubs

See DISCIPLINARY CODE F – Protests, Disputes & Minor Complaints for the procedure for the handling of disputes.

B15 Submission of results and reports

- 15.1 All clubs taking part in competitions or leagues organized by Eastern Cricket must submit the OFFICIAL Eastern Cricket Result Sheets for the correct competition, by the dates and times indicated on the result sheet for that competition.
- 15.2 Failure to submit a result sheet timeously shall result in no points being awarded to that team. No points shall be awarded if any other result sheet other than the OFFICIAL result sheet is used.
- 15.3 Incorrect player names on result sheet will be classified as dishonest and the team captain will be summoned to a Disciplinary Hearing and if found guilty, a two (2) week ban will be sanctioned.
- 15.4 The onus is on the Club Executive Committee to ensure that the correct result sheet is submitted timeously.
- 15.5 Any Club/ Team/ Match officials/ players/ EC employee who wish to lodge a complaint of any nature must do so on the prescribed EC Incident form and submit it to the Club Cricket Department at the Eastern Cricket Office. Any person who fails to comply with this procedure shall automatically stand suspended as per DC offenses code 47.

B16 Reversions

- 16.1 No player shall be allowed to play for one club on a Saturday and a different club on a Sunday. Should a player do so, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and A4 shall apply.
- 16.2 In addition the "Loading of teams" is considered to be unfair. Any club deemed to be "loading" teams in the opinion of the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee will be strongly condemned and could lose all or part of their financial grant. (See Clause 19 below)
- 16.3 No player will be allowed to play for one club and to coach at another club, unless prior approval is obtained from the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee. Should a player do so, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and Clause 7 shall apply. (This excludes the EJCCA and or ESCA)

B17 Players conduct

- 17.1 Players and officials shall adhere to Eastern Cricket's Code of Conduct.
- 17.2 Players acting as Player Umpires shall be expected to ACT AND BE TREATED as official Umpires.
- 17.3 The onus is on the visiting scorer to establish if there is a home scorer and where they are located.

B18 Umpires

- 18.1 In the event of no Umpires being appointed for a match, or should either or both Umpires fail to attend, the Captains of the opposing teams shall mutually appoint the Umpire or Umpires from the players playing in the match.
- 18.2 The batting Captain shall appoint the other Umpire from the players playing in the match where only one official umpire is appointed. No team shall be entitled to claim a postponement of a fixture due to there being no official umpires.
- 18.3 If only one official Umpire reports for duty at any particular match neither Captain shall have the right to demand that such official Umpire officiate at both ends. The official Umpire in response to a request from either Captain may officiate at both ends. Should the official Umpire, in his opinion, feel that the umpire appointed by the batting Captain is negligent in carrying out his duties, he shall have the right to instruct the batting Captain to appoint another umpire.

- 18.4 An umpire appointed by the batting Captain must wear trousers and a shirt. Such an umpire shall always assist the Official Umpire.

B19 Player restrictions

- 19.1 No player may play in a league lower than First or Promotion League after they have played in three (3) or more matches in the Premier League.
- 19.2 No player may play in a league lower than Third or Directors League after they have played in three (3) or more matches in the Promotion League.
- 19.3 Any player contracted to the Eastern Titans franchise will not be allowed to play in any league lower than the Premier League or the First League.
- 19.4 A player selected for Eastern Cricket Provincial team will not be allowed to play in any league lower than the Premier League or the First League.
- 19.5 No player under the age of 15 years may play in Eastern Cricket leagues and no player under the age of 16 years may play in the Eastern Cricket Premier League, unless formally approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee. The player must turn the required age during the period 1 January to 31 December of the year in which they are active.
- 19.6 No player may play for one team of a club and then a different team from the same club in the same league.
- 19.7 A player's name may not appear on 2 different result sheets on the same day.
- 19.8 No player is permitted to play outside the boundaries of the province but within the borders of South Africa whilst being a member of a club affiliated to Eastern Cricket.
- 19.9 Clubs are required to provide a list of players, on the prescribed form and before the due date, who do not wish to be considered for any representative match. Such players shall not be considered for selection. If a player, whose name does not appear on the list is selected for an Eastern Cricket representative team and withdraws or declines selection for whatever reason, such a player shall be debarred from playing for his club for the duration of the representative match as originally scheduled by Cricket South Africa. The list may be revised between the 1st and the 15th of January.
- 19.10 The Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee may restrict a player who they deem to be of a higher playing standard than the league for which he was selected.
- 19.11 Should any player infringe any of the above, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and B4 shall apply.
- 19.12 No player under the age of 18 may bat without wearing a protective helmet.
- 19.13 Only with the prior written approval by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee may a player in category's 19.2, 19.5 and 19.10 be exempted from the restrictions.

B20 Prohibition of alcoholic beverages

- 20.1 The consumption of alcoholic beverages by teams at **ALL SCHOOL GROUNDS** and at the following Club is strictly prohibited: - Actonville Spurs.
- 20.2 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited between the team change over at lunch time during any match as well as T20 double header on the same day.
- 20.3 Further no alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Presidential Suite of Eastern Cricket by unauthorized suppliers, individual or member.

B21 Rulings

Any rulings on the interpretation and application of any of the Playing Regulations contained herein shall be addressed to the Playing Regulations Committee who will recommend a decision to the Eastern Cricket Board of Directors who shall inform the Club delegates of the final decision.

B22 Administrative rating system

On the 31st August each Club will be allocated one hundred (100) administrative points. Until the 31st March of the following year, points will be deducted from a Club's allocation as set out below:

No	Club Administration Offence	Admin Penalty
22.1	Clubs not supplying any requested information by the due date/ Not supplying information on the correct ECU form	4 Pts
22.2	Clubs not supplying result sheet / captain's report on the umpire by the due date and time	2 Pts
22.3	Clubs not attending a meeting.	5 Pts
22.4	A team of a club causing a delay to the start of a league fixture.	2 Pts
22.5	A team defaulting a fixture.	3 Pts
22.6	A playing member of a club incorrectly dressed on the field.	2 Pts
22.7	A team using an incorrect cricket ball.	3 Pts
22.8	A team fielding an unregistered player.	5 Pts
22.9	A club's pitch incorrectly marked.	1 Pt
22.10	Playing a match at a venue other than the advertised venue.	3 Pts
22.11	A member of a club found guilty at an Eastern Cricket disciplinary hearing.	10 Pts
22.12	A club withdrawing any team after the publication of the fixtures	10 Pts
22.13	A club that does not comply with live scoring (Premier League Only)	2 Pts

B23 Summary of offences and penalties

No.	Offence	Club Fine Rand	Team Penalty Pts
	The first penalty points are for limited over (-4) then regular time cricket (-14)		
23.1	Withdrawal of a team from the league after fixture publication	R1500.00	
23.2	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Premier League fixture.	R1500.00	-4
23.3	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Premier Reserve, Promotion League fixture.	R1000.00	-4
23.4	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Directors, Executive, 1 st & 2 nd League fixtures.	R750.00	-4
23.5	No Show/ Withdrawal of a team from a fixture not mentioned in 23.2 – 23.4	R500.00	-4
23.6	Non - attendance of a meeting.	R300.00	
23.7	Failure to submit result sheet by the due date.	R200.00	0 match pts
23.8	Failure to comply with Eastern Cricket dress code.	R200.00	
23.9	Penalty for using any type of cricket ball other than that specified	R250.00	-1 or -4
23.10	Incorrect marking of the cricket pitch.	R100.00	
23.11	Fielding an unregistered player.	R200.00	-4
23.12	Fielding a player registered with another club.	R300.00	-4
23.13	Fielding a player registered with another Union.	R500.00	-4
23.14	Fielding a player under the age of 15 years. (unless approved)	R200.00	-4
23.15	Incorrect player names on result sheet	R0	-4
23.16	Failure to adhere to the Transformation Policy (Premier League Only)	R0	-4
23.17	Failure to provide a used cricket ball, should original ball be lost or damaged.	R100.00	
23.18	Failure of the home club to provide stumps or bails.	R100.00	
23.19	Failure to provide drinks for a scheduled drink break.	R100.00	
23.20	Failure to provide lunch for a scheduled lunch break.	R500.00	
23.21	Failure to mark boundaries according to laid down regulations.	R200.00	
23.22	Moving a fixture scheduled for one venue to another venue without	R200.00	-4

	permission.		
23.23	Playing of matches outside the provincial boundaries without first obtaining permission from the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee	R500.00	
23.24	A club that does not comply with live scoring - (Premier League Only)	R500.00	
23.25	A player of a club found guilty at an Eastern Cricket disciplinary hearing, of an offence committed whilst playing in a match.	Fine to club determined by DC committee	

PART C: DIRECTIVES – Weather & Light

C1 Match called off by ground authority

Ground authority calls off a cricket match, as it cannot prepare the field or pitch for whatever reason.

RULING

If the ground authority is unable to prepare the ground and or the pitch for play and contacts the club executives to call play off, then no play may take place regardless of the weather conditions on the day of the match. This includes all scheduled senior, junior or women's matches and unscheduled matches. i.e. friendly matches.

C2 Club having no covers

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the club having no covers.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence, despite the best efforts of the home club to make the pitch playable. In the Premier League's the match will be awarded to the visiting team and the home team shall receive no points. In all other leagues the match will be considered a draw.

C3 Covers not effective – officials present

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the covers not being effective. Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association are present to officiate in the match.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence at the scheduled starting time, the decision to commence rests in the hands of the Official Umpires only. If the Official Umpires deem that the ground or pitch is unplayable but both captains wish to play, then the captain's wishes shall be met. However, if after commencing the match, the Official Umpires deem the conditions to be too dangerous they shall then abandon the match regardless of the opinions of the captains.

C4 Covers not effective – officials not present

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the covers not being effective. There are no Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence at the scheduled starting time, the decision to commence rests in the hands of the Captains.

If the Captains disagree about the conditions, the status quo shall prevail. i.e., the status quo is that the teams are off the field; therefore they remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C5 Match interrupted by rain – officials present

Match commences as scheduled but is interrupted due to rain. There are Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

The decision to recommence rests in the hands of the Official Umpires. If the Umpires disagree about the conditions, the Status quo shall prevail. i.e., the status quo is that the teams are off the field therefore, they remain off the field until the Umpires agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C6 Match interrupted by rain – officials not present

Match commences as scheduled but is interrupted due to rain. There are no Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

The decision to recommence rests in the hands of the Captains. If the Captains disagree about the conditions, the status quo shall prevail. i.e., the status quo is that the teams are off the field therefore, they remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C7 Definition of covers for premier league

Covers shall be manufactured from non-porous material of at least 550g/m² mass and able to cover an area of not less than 10m wide and 24m long. The area may be covered by not more than 2 pieces, but an overlap of at least 1m is required between pieces. Covers are to be free of holes and seams to be sealed. Covers are to be equipped with at least 10 handles.

C8 Guidelines for play to commence

The bowlers must have freedom of movement in their run up. The run up must allow for a secure foothold and consideration must be given to bowlers bowling from over or around the wicket. Batsmen must have freedom of movement whilst running between wickets. The condition of the adjoining pitches must be considered. If the adjoining pitches are wet and slippery this may inhibit a batsman's freedom of movement. Wet patches on the pitch must not in any way cause the ball to behave in an abnormal manner. Consideration must be given to the location of the wet patches allowing for both left and right-handed batsmen. The fielder's freedom of movement within 30 meters of the pitch being used should also be considered. This area should be free of standing water and should provide a secure foothold for fielders.

C9 Disagreement on Conditions

Should the captains disagree on whether the conditions are fit for play the state of the match at the time shall prevail. If play is in progress the players shall remain on the field and continue to play. If the players are off the field and play is suspended for any reason the players shall remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence.

C10 Safety

The safety of the players must always be considered when captains or Official Umpires make decisions regarding the ground, weather or light. Captains and Umpires may be held responsible should an injury occur whilst play is conducted under unsafe conditions.

C11 Lightning

Cricketers may take a cavalier attitude to thunder and lightning, possibly because the game is usually suspended as soon as it rains and the thunder might come later. This is not a good idea for a number of reasons, some of which are:

- Lightning can kill or seriously injure.
- Blue skies overhead do not guarantee protection from lightning strikes.
- Lightning can strike far from where it is raining and it may come literally out of the blue, with no cloud in the sky and not a drop of rain.
- It can strike even when the storm is as much as 10 Km away,
- Any exposed open area can be at risk if there's thunder about
- Lightning won't necessarily go for the tallest nearby tree; it could jump sideways from another object to hit you or strike the ground and travel through it hitting you on the way.
- It is likely to seek metal objects
- It can travel from person to person if you're close together

Go Indoors Immediately if:

- There is sudden thunder without lightning
- You see lightning in the clouds

- Flash to bang time is 30 seconds or less*
- If lightning app is used, 10 km or less
- You see lightning strike the ground or building etc. nearby

Do Not:

- Waste time covering the pitch
- Go near or move metal-framed pitch covers or machinery
- Bunch together – spread out as you move indoors
- Shelter under a tree especially a single tall tree
- Stay outside if you can get into a building (or a car)
- Sheltering inside a permanent metal-skinned or -roofed building is usually OK but
- Avoid small sheds etc.

When to Resume:

- Keep watching and listening - 30 minutes after the last thunder it should be safe to go out* – but: if in doubt – stay indoors!!
- On app, if been further than 10 km for 30 minutes, if it falls back within 10 km then the 30 minutes start again before returning.

Danger Signs:

- There is imminent danger of a lightning strike if:
- You feel your hair standing on end
- There is crackling in the air
- There is sudden thunder without lightning

Remember - There is no safe place outside in a thunder storm

Never lie flat on the ground during a lightning storm. Although the 'Lightning Squat' (crouching low with hands over head and ears and elbows on knees) has been mentioned by some as a last resort it doesn't work. If you can get into a sturdy building or a car do this at once.

*The '30/30 Rule' – by no means infallible but a good guideline. Get indoors when thunder is audible within 30 seconds after you see the associated flash (the 'flash to bang time') and don't venture out until thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.

NOTE

The Captains of both teams shall be responsible for ensuring that players from both teams are available at all times, even before the commencement of the match, to assist in removing or placing covers on the pitch when requested to do so by the umpires or player umpires even if ground staff are available at the grounds.

Playing conditions override the laws of cricket. Where there is no mention in the playing conditions, you fall back to the laws of cricket

PART D: PLAYING REGULATIONS – 50 Over Limited Matches

D1 A Team/ Players (Law 1)

- 1.1 A team shall consist of not more than eleven (11) and not less than nine (9) players. All players are required to be registered in the prescribed manner.
- 1.2 No player under the age of 16 years old may play in the Premier League and no player under the age of 15 years old may play in any other senior club cricket league, unless formally approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee.
- 1.3 Concussion replacements – See appendices

1.4 Late arrivals

- 1.4.1 If a team does not have nine (9) or more players, nominated in terms of Law 1.2, present thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start of the match, that team will be deemed to have lost the match and will be regarded as having defaulted the match (See clause 3 below).

A transgression of this Playing Regulation may result in a team being removed from the league.

- 1.4.2 If a team does not have nine (9) or more players, nominated in terms of Law 1.2, present at the time for the toss to take place the toss may be delayed for 15 minutes without a reduction in overs to allow players to arrive. The times for the match shall be adjusted by 15 minutes if the required 9 players arrive before the scheduled start of the match.
- 1.4.3 Teams and match officials, if any, are expected to be at the venue at the arrival time as specified in the hours of play
- 1.4.4 Teams causing a delay to the start of play either by:
 - a. Arriving late. i.e., later than the scheduled start but before the thirty (30) minutes has expired,
 - b. or by not taking the field on time
 - c. or causing a delay to the start of play or to the start of an innings,
 For any reason shall have overs deducted as set out below: -

0 – 15 MINUTES (or part thereof)	16 – 30 MINUTES (or part thereof)
4 overs deducted	8 overs deducted

1.5 Defaults

- 1.5.1 In the event of a side defaulting by not reporting to a particular ground to fulfill a scheduled fixture, the opposing team will automatically be awarded four (4) match points. The defaulting team will have four (4) match points deducted from their accumulated total.
- 1.5.2 In all instances concerning defaults the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee will consider the aspects as outlined in Playing Regulation - Part B (13).
- 1.5.3 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from a default.

D2 The Umpire (Law 2)

2.1 As per law and in addition below:

Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light

- 2.1.1. If no official Umpires are officiating in the match the fitness of the ground, weather and light shall rest in the hands of the Captains.
- 2.1.2 If no official ground authority is available not later than half an hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the match, the ground shall be considered to have been automatically handed over to the Umpire(s)/Captains as from that time.
- 2.1.3 If an officially appointed Umpire arrives at the ground later than fifteen minutes from the scheduled commencement of the match, the decision regarding the fitness of the ground for play BEFORE commencement of the match shall rest in the hands of the Captains.

- 2.1.4 The Umpires and the Captains shall see that all necessary steps are taken to improve the playing area, other than the pitch, in order to facilitate play at the earliest possible moment after rain. They shall instruct the grounds man to use every practicable means to remove water from the covers on the pitch and any other water surrounding the pitch or elsewhere on the playing area.
- 2.1.5 The use of naked flames or heat derived from naked flames to dry the pitch is strictly forbidden. Any club allowing the pitch to be dried in this manner may lose their financial grant. Willowmoore Park is exempt provided the drying is done by the grounds man.
- 2.1.6 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from a match not taking place due to ground weather or light.
- 2.1.7 No team is permitted to use artificial light (floodlights) to improve natural light in an effort to continue playing. The captain of the home side will automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) weeks should he permit such artificial light to be used.

2.2 Abandoned matches

- 2.2.1 Matches abandoned due to ground, weather or light conditions before a decision has been reached, shall not be regarded as postponed fixtures. In such cases points shall be awarded as laid down according to the state of the match and the time it was abandoned.
- 2.2.2 In the event of no official Umpire being present, the respective Captains shall decide in this regard. Result sheets shall be forwarded to the Union in the prescribed manner.
- 2.2.3 Matches abandoned for any other reason other than ground, weather and light will be viewed in a serious light. The team causing the abandonment of a match, by leaving the field or failing to resume play after an interruption or an interval, shall be deemed to have lost the match and will have six (6) deducted from their accumulated total. The opponents shall be awarded six (6) points for a win.
- 2.2.4 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from such an abandoned match.

2.3 Matches not completed

- 2.3.1 In the case of limited over matches not completed, due to weather or the matches shall be regarded as a draw, unless a result on run rate can be calculated. A minimum of 20 overs shall have been completed in each innings.

2.4 Correctness of scores

- 2.4.1 If no official Umpires are officiating in a match, any decision regarding the correctness of the score shall be the responsibility of the Captains. If the Captains cannot reach agreement regarding the correctness of the scores, they shall refer the matter to the EC Playing Regulations Committee for a final decision.
- 2.4.2 If a team has overs deducted and the match has to be decided by a run rate calculation, due to ground, weather and light, the team having overs deducted shall automatically lose the match regardless of the outcome of the run rate calculation.

D3 Scorers (Law 3)

- 3.1 As per law

D4 The Ball (Law 4)

4.1 As per law and additional as in 4.2 & 4.3:

4.2 Premier, Promotion and Premier Reserve Leagues

A new red four (4) piece 156g Winner Premier Test Match cricket ball is to be used.

4.3 Directors and Executive Leagues

A new red four (4) piece 156g Winner Shadow cricket ball is to be used.

D5 The Bat (Law 5)

5.1 As per law

D6 The Pitch (Law 6)

6.1 As per law

D7 The Creases (Law 7)

7.1 As per law

D8 The Wicket (Law 8)

8.1 As per law

D9 Preparation and maintenance of playing area (Law 9)

9.1 As per law

D10 Covering the pitch (Law 10)

10.1 As per law and in addition below:

10.2 The pitch may be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play in accordance with the practice in vogue at each ground. In addition, the area surrounding the pitch may be covered.

10.3 It is a requirement that teams playing in the Premier League Limited Over Cricket League have covers.

10.4 In the event of a Premier League game not being played due to the pitch not being covered, the following points will apply:

Home team - 0 points

Visitors - 4 points

D11 Intervals (Law 11)

11.1 The interval shall fall between the innings. This interval shall not be dispensed with however it may be reduced to a minimum of 15 minutes in the event of inclement weather.

11.2 It is intended that the interval serve as a lunch break.

11.3 The innings of the team batting second shall not commence before the scheduled time for commencement of the second session unless the team batting first has completed its innings at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval, in which case a ten-minute break will occur, and the team batting second will commence its innings and the interval will occur as scheduled.

11.4 In the event that there is a change of innings prior to the scheduled interval time, the ten-minute break shall reduce the official lunch break by 10 minutes.

11.5 If the innings of the team batting first is completed in less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

11.6 Drinks shall only be taken onto the field at times in Clause 12 or revised time in terms of Clause 16.

11.7 Players and Umpires shall not leave the field during this interval and the interval shall not exceed five (5) minutes. This shall be strictly adhered to except those drinks shall be taken immediately if a wicket falls within five (5) minutes of the time stated.

11.8 Drinks to be provided by the home team.

D12 Start of play; cessation of play (Law 12)

12.1 As per law and in addition below:

Hours of play – Premier, Promotion and Premier Reserve League - ONLY

There will be 2 sessions of 3 hours and 15 minutes (195 min), each separated by a 30-minute interval between innings.

50 overs per side

Arrival Time	-	09h00	
Over rate	-	3.7 minutes per over (Wickets does not form part of calculations for slow over rate 195 min / 50 overs)	
Toss Coin	-	09h30/ 09h45 (In playing attire)	
First session	-	10h00 - 13h15	Drinks after 17 and 34 overs
Interval	-	13h15 - 13h45	unless altered
Second session	-	13h45 - 17h00	Drinks after 17 and 34 overs

Hours of play – Directors and Executive League – ONLY

There will be 2 sessions of 3 hours and 15 minutes (195 min), each separated by a 30-minute interval between innings.

50 overs per side

Arrival Time	-	08h30	
Over rate	-	3.7 minutes per over (195 min / 50 overs)	
Toss Coin	-	09h00/ 09h15 (In playing attire)	
First session	-	09h30 – 12H45	Drinks after 17 and 34 overs
Interval	-	12h45 - 13h15	unless altered in terms
Second session	-	13h15 - 16h30	Drinks after 17 and 34 overs

12.2 Minimum over rate

Premier, Premier reserve & Promotion: 3.7 minutes per over (16.2 overs/hour)

Directors & Executive: 3.7 minutes per over (16.2 overs /hour)

12.3 Penalties shall apply for slow over rates:

(a) For each over short of the minimum overs required – one-point forfeiture from your log points.

(b) If the over rate is more than 2 overs short of the minimum overs required, the captain will in addition to the sanctions imposed, be charged under the Rules and Code of Conduct, conduct contrary to the spirit of the game, on the basis of time wasting.

12.4 No time is allocated for wickets in slow overrate

12.5 The umpire to record the over rate on the result sheet.

D13 Innings (Law 13)

13.1 A match shall be limited to one innings per side, which shall be a maximum of 50 overs.

13.2 The toss

The captains shall toss a coin for the choice of innings, on the field of play and under the supervision of the Umpires, not earlier than 30 minutes, nor later than 15 minutes before the scheduled or any rescheduled time for the start of play.

13.3 Decision to be notified

As soon as the toss is completed, the captain of the side winning the toss shall decide whether to bat or to field and shall notify the opposing captain and the umpires of this decision. Once notified, the decision cannot be changed.

13.4 If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first innings, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled. The interval shall be reduced to enable the second innings to commence at the scheduled time, subject to there being a minimum interval of 20 minutes. The team batting second shall receive its full quota of 50 overs irrespective of the number of overs it bowled in the scheduled time for the cessation of the first innings. There shall not be any deduction of overs

13.5 If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 50 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 50 overs.

13.6 If the team fielding second fails to bowl 50 overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result is achieved.

13.7 No Extra time

13.8 The Bowler

13.8.1 No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs in a 50 over innings.

13.8.2 In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams, or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed

13.8.3 Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

13.8.4 In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will be allowed by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

D14 The Follow on (Law 14)

Shall not apply

D15 Declaration or forfeiture (Law 15)

Shall not apply. No team shall declare their innings closed.

D16 Result (Law 16)

16.1 A Win – one-innings match

16.1.1 The side which has scored in its one innings a total of runs in excess of that scored by the opposing side in its one completed innings shall win the match. See Law 13.3 (Completed innings). Note also 16.4 (Winning hit or extras).

16.1.2 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing team's refusal to play (clause 16.2), a result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 20 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 20 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 20 overs.

16.1.3 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing team's refusal to play (clause 16.2), all matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 20 overs, shall be declared a No Result.

16.2 Umpires awarding a match

16.2.1 A match shall be lost by a side which either

16.2.1.1 Concedes defeat or

16.2.1.2 in the opinion of the Umpires refuses to play and the Umpires shall award the match to the other side.

Note: In addition to the consequences of any refusal to play prescribed under this clause, any such refusal, whether temporary or final, may result in disciplinary action being taken against the captain and team responsible under the Code of Conduct.

16.3 All other matches – A Tie or winner

16.3.1 A Tie

The result of a match shall be a Tie when all innings have been completed and the scores are equal.

If the scores are equal, the result shall be a tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets that have fallen.

A tie may result in limited overs league matches. In such cases three (3) match points will be awarded to each side

If it is not possible to bowl the minimum of 40 overs, 20 per team, the match will be a draw with two (2) match points awarded per side.

Points scoring system

Premier, Premier Reserve and Promotion League

MATCH POINTS		PENALTY POINTS	
Win	4pts	Failure to fulfil a fixture	-4 pts
Win + BP	5 pts	Failure to adhere to the Transformation Policy	-4 pts
Tie	3 pts	Each unregistered player fielded by a team	-4 pts
Draw	2 pts	Team responsible for abandoning a match	-4 pts

Loss	0 pt	Team played with the incorrect ball	-1 pt
Loss + BP	1 pt	Team fielding 2 nd failed to bowl the required overs in the time allowed	-2 pts
		Team filling in incorrect player names (Dishonesty)	-4 pts

Directors & Executive League

MATCH POINTS		PENALTY POINTS	
Win	4pts	Failure to fulfil a fixture	-4 pts
Tie	2 pts	Each unregistered player fielded by a team	-4 pts
Draw	2 pts	Team responsible for abandoning a match	-4 pts
Loss	0 pt	Team played with the incorrect ball	-1 pt
		Team fielding 2 nd failed to bowl the required overs in the time allowed	-2 pts
		Team filling in incorrect player names (Dishonesty)	-4 pts

Bonus points (Applicable to Premier League Only)

NOTE: In a rain shortened match, NO bonus points will be awarded

Winning bonus points

Batting bonus point:

- a) For a team batting second, to achieve a batting bonus point, they must achieve the target score within 80% (1.25 rule) of the overs available to them i.e., in a 50 over uninterrupted match they must achieve the target in 40 overs or less. If they achieve the target in 40 overs and 1 ball, no batting bonus point will be awarded.

Bowling bonus point:

- a) For a team to be awarded a bowling bonus point, they must restrict the team batting second to 80% (1.25 rule) or less of the target score i.e., if the team batting first sets a target score of 100 runs, the team bowling second must restrict the batting team to 80 runs or less to qualify for the bowling bonus point.

Losing Bonus points

- a) For a team batting second, to achieve a losing batting bonus point, they must be bowled out with a score within 5% short of the target score i.e., if the team batting first sets a target score of 100 runs, the team batting second must achieve 95 runs or more to qualify for the batting bonus point.
- b) For a team bowling second, to achieve a losing bowling bonus point, the opposition must achieve the target no earlier than the last 5% of the overs available i.e., in a 50 over match the opposition must not achieve the target earlier than the first ball of the 48th over.

If the team batting second scores the winning runs off the last ball of the 47th over, no bonus point will be achieved.

Where a fraction is involved, the fraction of an over or run will always be rounded up i.e., 80.01111 runs will become a target of 81 runs.

Play suspended due to weather or light

- 16.4 If, due to weather or light, the starting time of a match is delayed, or suspended, the object shall always be to re-arrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity to bat for an equal number of overs.
- 16.5 The calculation for the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on the rate of one over or part thereof in the time remaining before the close of play.
- 16.6 A minimum of 20 overs per team will be necessary for a result to be obtained unless a team is bowled out in fewer than 20 overs or a team reaches its target in less than 20 overs.

- 16.7 If a side, batting first, is bowled out within the number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, its run rate shall be calculated on that number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, and not the overs actually faced.
- 16.8 The definition of **OVERS FACED** used in calculation below shall be: -
- (i) Either the actual number of overs faced if a team is not bowled out in fewer than the scheduled number of overs or a revised number of overs as calculated below.
 - (ii) Or the number of scheduled overs or revised number of overs as calculated below if a team is bowled out in fewer than those overs.

NOTE: PREMIER LEAGUE ONLY will make use of the Duckworth/Lewis method when play has been suspended due to weather or light. All other leagues will make use of calculations.

- 16.9 Calculations – see calculation sheet in appendices
- 16.10 The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first, unless the latter have been bowled out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- 16.11 If the overs in a match are reduced for any reason whatsoever and the team batting first is all out before the agreed number of overs, the team batting second shall not have the right to claim those overs not faced by the team batting first, as their own

D17 The Over (Law 17)

- 17.1 As per law

D18 Scoring Runs (Law 18)

- 18.1 As per law

D19 Boundaries (Law 19)

- 19.1 As per law and in addition below:

19.1.1 The aim shall be to maximize the size of the playing area at each venue. With respect to the size of the boundaries, no boundary shall be longer than 90 yards (82.29 meters), and no boundary should be shorter than 65 yards (59.43 meters) from the center of the pitch to be used.

19.1.2 If the boundary is positioned less than 90 yards (82.29 meters) from the center of the pitch, the boundary rope cannot be set at a distance of more than 10 yards (9.14 meters) from the perimeter fence. The 10 yards shall be inclusive of the 3 yards (2.74 meters) for the player's safety run off.

19.1.3 Any ground which has previously been approved to host international cricket which is unable to conform to the minimum boundary dimension shall be exempt. In such cases the boundary shall be positioned so as to maximize the size of the playing area

19.2 Boundary allowances

- 19.2.1 6 runs shall be allowed for a boundary 6; and 4 runs for a boundary 4.

D20 Dead Ball (Law 20)

- 20.1 As per law

D21 No Ball (Law 21)

Law shall apply but in addition, either Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball" if a ball, which they consider to have been fairly delivered: -

- 21.1 Bounces two times or more before reaching the popping crease unless previously touched by the batsman or his bat.
- 21.2 Rolls along the ground before reaching the batsman.
- 21.3 Is a full pitch ball, which passes or would have passed above the striker's waist standing in an upright stance at the crease (slow or fast)
- 21.4 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a "No Ball", any other runs resulting shall be scored as runs to the batsman if hit or as extras, as the case may be.
- 21.5 The definition of a "short pitched" ball shall be as described in Law 41.6
- 21.6 A bowler shall be permitted to bowl **TWO (2)** short pitched balls (bouncer) per over. The umpire at the bowlers' end shall call and signal "No Ball" upon the bowling of a **THIRD** short pitched ball in an over.

- 21.7 **Free Hit after any “No Ball” only applies to the Premier/Prem Reserve, Promotion League subject to an Official Eastern Cricket Umpire appointed by the ECUA officiating at a match.**

In addition to the above, the delivery following a “No Ball” called for any no ball (Law 21) shall be a **free hit** for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker

The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

Restrictions on the placement of the fielders

- 21.8 The number of legside fielders shall not exceed five (5), of whom, not more than two (2) may be behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery. In the event of an infringement of this law, either Umpire shall call and signal “No Ball”.
- 21.9 There are no other fielding restrictions other than those stated in Clause 21.8 for the **Directors and Reserve league**
- 21.10 Powerplay and associated fielding restrictions shall **ONLY** apply to the Premier/ Prem reserve and Promotion League subject to an Official Eastern Cricket Umpire appointed by the ECUA officiating at a match. (See appendices)

Premier/ Prem Reserve & Promotion league Powerplay. (Subject to Clause 21.10)

In addition to the restrictions stated above, further fielding restrictions shall apply as follows:

- 21.11 During the first ten (10) overs of an innings a **maximum** of two (2) fielders are allowed outside the 30-yard (27.4 m) circle. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or ‘dots’ or white plastic or rubber discs at 5-yard (4.5 metres) intervals.
- 21.12 Between overs 11 to 40 a maximum of four (4) fielders are allowed outside the 30-yard (27.4m) circle.
- 21.13 In the final ten (10) overs (41 to 50) a maximum of five (5) fielders will be allowed to field outside the 30-yard (27.4m) circle
- 21.14 In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Powerplay Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table in appendices. Leagues, Powerplay and associated fielding restriction shall not apply in these leagues.

OVERS	Power play 1	Power play 2	Power play 3	Bowler 1	Bowler 2	Bowler 3	Bowler 4	Bowler 5
50	10	30	10	10	10	10	10	10
49	10	29	10	10	10	10	10	9
48	10	29	9	10	10	10	9	9
47	9	29	9	10	10	9	9	9
46	9	28	9	10	9	9	9	9
45	9	27	9	9	9	9	9	9
44	9	26	9	9	9	9	9	8
43	9	26	8	9	9	9	8	8
42	9	25	8	9	9	8	8	8
41	8	25	8	9	8	8	8	8
40	8	24	8	8	8	8	8	8
39	8	23	8	8	8	8	8	7
38	8	23	7	8	8	8	7	7
37	8	22	7	8	8	7	7	7
36	7	22	7	8	7	7	7	7
35	7	21	7	7	7	7	7	7
34	7	20	7	7	7	7	7	6
33	7	20	6	7	7	7	6	6
32	7	19	6	7	7	6	6	6
31	6	19	6	7	6	6	6	6
30	6	18	6	6	6	6	6	6
29	6	17	6	6	6	6	6	5
28	6	17	5	6	6	6	5	5
27	6	16	5	6	6	5	5	5
26	5	16	5	6	5	5	5	5
25	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	5
24	5	14	5	5	5	5	5	4
23	5	14	4	5	5	5	4	4
22	5	13	4	5	5	4	4	4
21	4	13	4	5	4	4	4	4
20	4	12	4	4	4	4	4	4
T20								
20	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
19	6	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
18	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3
17	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
16	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
15	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
14	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
13	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
12	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
11	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
10	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
9	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
8	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
7	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- 21.15 **When there is no demarcation of the restricted areas mentioned above, the Umpires' shall be the sole judges of these imaginary areas.**

D22 Wide Ball (Law 22)

As per law and in addition

- 22.1 Premier/Prem Reserve & Promotion League
 OFF SIDE - The restriction as regards the wide ball shall be the same as the National Limited Overs Competition.
 LEG SIDE - If any ball, deemed to be fairly delivered, passing to the leg side of leg stump it shall be called a wide. It shall not be a wide ball should it pass between the leg stump and the batsman.

A ball that is above the steeper's head will also be called wide and will be one for the over.

- 22.2 Director & Executive League
 2 lines shall be marked one either side of the wickets parallel to the return crease 450mm from the return crease. The line shall extend from the popping crease to the bowling crease. Should a ball deemed to be fairly delivered pass between these lines it shall not be regarded as a wide ball.
 However, should it pass to the leg side of the leg side line or to the offside of the offside line it shall be regarded as a wide ball.
 Should a "player umpire" not apply this Bye Law correctly, their team shall be removed from the league and their playing record expunged.
- 22.3 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a Wide ball, any other runs resulting shall be scored as wide runs.

D23 Bye & Leg Bye (Law 23)

- 23.1 As per law

D24 Fielders absence; Sustitutes (Law 24)

- 24.1 As per law and in addition
 24.2 If at any time, for any reason other than illness or injury, a member of the fielding side leaves the field or fails to return after an interval, no substitute shall be allowed for the next 8 minutes of playing time.

D25 Batter Innings; Runners (Law 25)

- 25.1 No runners are allowed.

D26 Practice on the field (Law 26)

- 26.1 As per law

D27 The Wicket –keeper (Law 27)

- 27.1 As per law

D28 The Fielder (Law 28)

- 28.1 As per law and in addition

Protective helmets

- 28.2 When protective helmets are not in use by the fielding team they shall only be placed on the ground behind the wicketkeeper. In the event of the ball striking the helmet whilst in this position, whether played or not, 5 penalty runs shall be awarded. The fielding side may have more than one helmet in use at any one time.

Limitation of on side fielders

- 28.3 At the instant of the bowlers delivery there shall not be more than 2 fielders, other than the wicket-keeper behind the popping crease on the on side. A fielder will be considered to be behind the popping crease unless the whole of his/her person whether grounded or in the air is in front of this line. There shall not be more than 5 fielders on the on side. In the event of infringement by any fielder the strikers umpire shall call and signal NO Ball.

D29 The wicket is down (Law 29)

- 29.1 As per law

D30 Batter out of his/her ground (Law 30)

	30.1	As per law
D31	Appeals (Law 31)	
	31.1	As per law
D32	Bowled (Law 32)	
	32.1	As per law
D33	Caught (Law 33)	
	33.1	As per law
D34	Hit the ball twice (Law 34)	
	34.1	As per law
D35	Hit wicket (Law 35)	
	35.1	As per law
D36	Leg before wicket (Law 36)	
	36.1	As per law
D37	Obstructing the field (Law 37)	
	37.1	As per law
D38	Run out (Law 38)	
	38.1	As per law
D39	Stumped (Law 39)	
	39.1	As per law
D40	Timed out (Law 40)	
	40.1	As per law
	40.2	3 min for timed out
	40.3	Incoming and dismissed batter to cross at the inner ring
D41	Unfair play (Law 41)	
	41.1	As per law
D42	Players Conduct (Law 42)	
	42.1	As per law and PART G

PART E: PLAYING REGULATIONS – 40 & 35 Overs Limited Matches

E1 The Players (Law 1)

- 1.1 A team shall consist of not more than eleven (11) and not less than nine (9) players. The substitute law as used in international cricket is not in force and effect in Eastern Cricket club cricket.
- 1.2 No player under the age of 16 years old may play in the 1st League and no player under the age of 15 years old may play in any other senior club cricket league, unless formally approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee.
- 1.3 **Concussion replacement – See appendices**

LATE ARRIVALS

- 1.4 If a team does not have nine (9) or more players, nominated in terms of Law 1.2, present at the time for the toss to take place the toss may be delayed for 15 minutes without a reduction in overs to allow players to arrive. The times for the match shall be adjusted by 15 minutes if the required 9 players arrive before 12h00 (Sunday) or 13h15 (Saturday).
- 1.5 If a team does not have nine (9) or more players, nominated in terms of Law 1.2, present by 12h30 (Sunday) or 13h45 (Saturday), that team will be deemed to have lost the match. No match may take place should the match commence after 12h30 (Sunday) and 13h45 (Saturday).
- 1.6 A transgression of this Playing Regulation may result in a team being removed from the league. Such a team will be regarded as having defaulted the match.
- 1.7 A team, causing a match to start later than 12h15 (Sunday) or 13h30 (Saturday) but before 12h30 (Sunday) or 13h45 (Saturday), for any reason, shall have overs deducted at a rate of 1 over deducted for each 3,5 minutes or part thereof of time lost, to a maximum of 4 overs.

TEAMS AND MATCH OFFICIALS, IF ANY, ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE VENUE AT THE ARRIVAL TIME AS SPECIFIED BELOW

DEFAULTS

- 1.8 In the event of a side defaulting by not reporting to a particular ground to fulfil a scheduled fixture, the opposing team will automatically be awarded four (4) match points. The defaulting team will have four (4) match points deducted from their accumulated league total.
- 1.9 In all instances concerning a default the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee will consider the aspects as outlined in Playing Regulation - Part B13.
- 1.10 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from a default.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR COLTS LEAGUE

- a) The league shall be restricted to players between the ages of 14 and 17 (unless formally approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee)
- b) Only two (2) senior players may be on the field during a match
- c) Senior players are not allowed to play in any other Sunday League (at the discretion of the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee)
- d) Senior players are not to bat higher than no. 10/11
- e) Senior players are not to bowl in 1st 20 overs
- f) Players in Colts League should not to be Provincial selected players past U14 level
- g) The Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee may approve or decline any such player as mentioned above.

E2 The Umpire (Law 2)

- 2.1 As per law and in addition

Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light

- 2.2. If no official Umpires are officiating in the match the fitness of the ground, weather and light shall rest in the hands of the Captains.
- 2.3 If no official ground authority is available not later than half an hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the match, the ground shall be considered to have been automatically handed over to the Umpire(s)/Captains as from that time.
- 2.4 If an officially appointed Umpire arrives at the ground later than fifteen minutes from the scheduled commencement of the match, the decision regarding the fitness of the ground for play BEFORE commencement of the match shall rest in the hands of the Captains.
- 2.5 The Umpires and the Captains shall see that all necessary steps are taken to improve the

playing area, other than the pitch, in order to facilitate play at the earliest possible moment after rain. They shall instruct the grounds man to use every practicable means to remove water from the covers on the pitch and any other water surrounding the pitch or elsewhere on the playing area.

- 2.6 The use of naked flames or heat derived from naked flames to dry the pitch is strictly forbidden. Any club allowing the pitch to be dried in this manner may lose their financial grant. Willowmoore Park is exempt provided the drying is done by the grounds man.
- 2.7 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from a match not taking place due to ground weather or light.
- 2.8 No team is permitted to use artificial light (floodlights) to improve natural light in an effort to continue playing. The captain of the home side will automatically be suspended for a period of Two (2) weeks should he permit such artificial light to be used.

Abandoned matches

- 2.9 Matches abandoned due to ground, weather or light conditions before a decision has been reached, shall not be regarded as postponed fixtures. In such cases points shall be awarded as laid down according to the state of the match and the time it was abandoned.
- 2.10 In the event of no official Umpire being present, the respective Captains shall decide in this regard. Result sheets shall be forwarded to the Union in the prescribed manner.
- 2.11 Matches abandoned for any other reason other than ground, weather and light will be viewed in a serious light. The team causing the abandonment of a match, by leaving the field or failing to resume play after an interruption or an interval, shall be deemed to have lost the match and will have four (4) deducted from their accumulated total. The opponents shall be awarded four (4) points for a win.
- 2.12 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from such an abandoned match.

Matches not completed

- 2.13 In the case of limited over matches not completed, due to weather or the matches shall be regarded as a draw, unless a result on run rate can be calculated. A minimum of 20 overs shall have been completed in each innings.

Correctness of scores

- 2.14 If no official Umpires are officiating in a match, any decision regarding the correctness of the score shall be the responsibility of the Captains. If the Captains cannot reach agreement regarding the correctness of the scores, they shall refer the matter to the EC Playing Regulations Committee for a final decision.
- 2.15 If a team has overs deducted and the match has to be decided by a run rate calculation, due to ground, weather and light, the team having overs deducted shall automatically lose the match regardless of the outcome of the run rate calculation.

E3 Scorers (Law 3)

- 3.1 As per law

E4 The Ball (Law 4)

- 4.1 As per law in addition:

CRICKET BALLS TO BE USED

The specified cricket balls to be used in the leagues are as follows: -

- 4.2 First League - A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend Gold cricket ball.
- 4.3 Chairmans League - A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend Gold ball.
- 4.4 Second, Third and Fourth Leagues - A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend Gold ball.
- 4.5 Colts League – A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend Gold ball.
- 4.6 Women's League - A new four (4) piece 142g Winner Legend Gold ball.
- 4.7 Teams using any other type of cricket ball, other than specified will be deducted one (1) match point.

E5 The Bat (Law 5)

- 5.1 As per law

E6 The Pitch (Law 6)

- 6.1 As per law

E7 The Creases (Law 7)

- 7.1 As per law

E8 The Wickets (Law 8)

8.1 As per law

E9 Preparation and maintenance of playing area (Law 9)

9.1 As per law

E10 Covering the pitch (Law 10)

10.1 As per law

E11 Intervals (Law 11)

11.1 The interval shall fall between innings for all limited over matches. This interval shall not be dispensed with.

DRINKS OR WATER BREAKS ON THE FIELD

Drinks or water breaks shall only be taken onto the field at all times in Clause 12 or revised time in terms of Clause 16. Players and Umpires shall not leave the field during this interval and the interval shall not exceed five (5) minutes. This shall be strictly adhered to except that drinks shall be taken immediately if a wicket falls within five (5) minutes of the time stated.

Drinks break – home team to supply**Water break – each team to supply own.****E12 Start of play; cessation of play (Law 12)**

12.1 As per law and in addition below

12.2 HOURS OF PLAYSUNDAY 40 OVERS LEAGUES (CHAIRMANS)

Total of 5 hours (300 min) play: 40 overs per side at an over rate of 3.8 minutes per over

Arrival Time 11h35

Toss Coin 11h45 (Toss time may be revised to 12h00. See Clause 1.3)

Start Time 12h00 (Start time may be revised to 12h15. See Clause 1.3)

12h00 – 14h30 Water break after 20 overs

14h30 – 14h45 Interval (unless altered)

15h45 – 17h15 Water break after 20 overs

SUNDAY 40 OVERS LEAGUES (COLTS LEAGUE)

Total of 5 hours (300 min) play: 40 overs per side at an over rate of 3.8 minutes per over

Arrival Time 08h45

Toss Coin 09h15

Start Time 09h30

09h30 - 12h00 Water break after 20 overs

12h00 - 12h15 Interval (unless altered)

12h15 - 14h45 Water break after 20 overs

SATURDAY 35 OVERS LEAGUES (MENS AND LADIES)

Total of 4.5 hours (270 min) play: 35 overs per side at an Over rate of 3.8 minutes per over

Arrival Time 12h30

Toss Coin 13h00 (Toss Time may be revised to 13h15. see Clause 1.3)

Start Time 13h15 (Start Time may be revised to 13h30. See Clause 1.3)

13h15 - 15h30 No drinks break

15h30 - 15h45 Interval (unless altered in terms of D16 below)

15h45 - 18h00 No drinks break

12.3 Penalties shall apply for slow over rates:**(a) For each over short of the minimum overs required – one-point forfeiture form your log points.****(b) If the over rate is more than 2 overs short of the minimum overs required, the captain will in addition to the sanctions imposed, be charged under the Rules and Code of Conduct, conduct contrary to the spirit of the game, on the basis of time wasting.****12.4 No time is allocated for wickets in slow overrate**

12.5 The umpire to record the over rate on the result sheet.**E13 Innings (Law 13)**

13.1 As per law and in addition

A match shall be limited to one innings per side, which shall be a maximum of:

13.2 40 overs for the other Sunday limited over leagues.

13.3 20 and 35 overs for All Saturday Leagues.

13.4 If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs in the scheduled time or revised time as calculated in Clause 16 below, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled. The team fielding first shall only face the number of overs that they bowled in the scheduled time or revised time. Knockout matches shall be excluded.

13.5 Should the team bowling second not complete the required number of overs by the scheduled time or revised time for the completion of the match, play shall cease and the winner of the match shall be determined by the "Run rate" method as set out in Clause 16.5 below. Such a team shall have 2 points deducted from their accumulated total.

13.6 No Extra time

THE BOWLER

No bowler shall bowl more than:

13.7 Eight (8) overs in a 40 Over League match.

13.8 Seven (7) overs in a 35 Over League match.

13.9 There will be no limit on the bowlers run up.

13.10 In the case of a reduction in overs for whatever reason, the bowler's individual allocation of overs shall not be reduced.

E14 The Follow on (Law 14)

Shall not apply

E15 Declaration or forfeiture (Law 15)

Shall not apply, No team shall declare their innings closed.

E16 Result (Law 16)**A TIE**

A tie may result in limited overs league matches. Refer to Clause 24 for point's allocation.

THE WINNER

16.1 The winner shall be a side scoring most runs in the overs permitted or having the better "Run rate" in a curtailed match,.

16.2 If it is not possible to bowl the minimum of 40 overs, 20 per team, the match will be a draw and match points awarded as per Clause 24 per side.

16.3 If, for any reason, it is not possible to achieve a result in the first round of a Knockout match, the match will be decided on the toss of a coin.

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

MATCH POINTS		PENALTY POINTS	
Win	4 pts	Failure to fulfill a fixture	-4 pts
Tie	2pts	Each unregistered/ underage player fielded by a team	-4 pts
Draw	2 pts	Team responsible for abandoning a match	-4 pts
Lost	0 pt	Team played with the incorrect ball	-1 pt
		Team fielding 2 nd failed to bowl the required overs in the time allowed	-2 pts
		Team filling in incorrect player names (Dishonesty)	-4 pts

PLAY SUSPENDED DUE TO WEATHER OR LIGHT

16.4 If, due to weather or light, the starting time of a match is delayed, or suspended, the object shall always be to re-arrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity to bat for an equal number of overs.

16.5 The calculation for the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on the rate of one over or part thereof in the time remaining before the close of play.

16.6 A minimum of 20 overs per team will be necessary for a result to be obtained unless a team

- is bowled out in fewer than 20 overs or a team reaches its target in less than 20 overs.
- 16.7 If a side, batting first, is bowled out within the number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, its run rate shall be calculated on that number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, and not the overs actually faced.
- 16.8 The definition of OVERS FACED used in calculation below shall be: -
- (i) Either the actual number of overs faced if a team is not bowled out in fewer than the scheduled number of overs or a revised number of overs as calculated below.
- (ii) Or the number of scheduled overs or revised number of overs as calculated below if a team is bowled out in fewer than those overs.
- 16.9 See calculation sheet in appendices
- 16.10 The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first, unless the latter have been bowled out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- 16.11 If the overs in a match are reduced for any reason whatsoever and the team batting first is all out before the agreed number of overs, the team batting second shall not have the right to claim those overs not faced by the team batting first, as their own.

ABANDONED MATCHES

- 16.12 Matches abandoned due to ground, weather or light conditions before a decision has been reached, shall not be regarded as postponed fixtures.
In such cases points shall be awarded as laid down according to the state of the match and the time it was abandoned.
- 16.13 In the event of no official Umpire being present, the respective Captains shall decide in this regard. Result sheets shall be forwarded to the Union in the prescribed manner.
- 16.14 Matches abandoned for any other reason other than ground, weather and light will be viewed in a serious light. The team causing the abandonment of a match, by leaving the field or failing to resume play after an interruption or an interval, shall be deemed to have lost the match and will have four (4) deducted from their accumulated total. The opponents shall be awarded four (4) points for a win.
- 16.15 No club shall have the right to claim any expenses resulting from such an abandoned match.

MATCHES NOT COMPLETED

In the case of limited over matches not completed, due to weather or light, the matches shall be regarded as a draw, unless a result on run rate can be calculated in terms of Clause 16 above.

THE RESULT

- 16.16 If no official Umpires are officiating in a match, any decision regarding the correctness of the score shall be the responsibility of the Captains. If the Captains cannot reach agreement regarding the correctness of the scores, they shall refer the matter to the Club Cricket Committee for a final decision.
- 16.17 If a team has overs deducted as in Clause 2.2 above and the match has to be decided by a run rate calculation, due to ground, weather and light, the team having overs deducted shall automatically lose the match regardless of the outcome of the run rate calculation.

E17 The over (Law 17)

17.1 As per law

E18 Scoring Runs (Law 18)

18.1 As per law

E19 Boundaries (Law 19)

Boundary allowances

19.1 6 runs shall be allowed for a boundary 6; and 4 runs for a boundary 4

E20 Dead Ball (Law 20)

20.1 As per law

E21 No Ball (Law 21)

21.1 As per law in addition, either Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball" if a ball, which they consider to have, been fairly delivered:

21.2 Bounces two times or more before reaching the batsman.

21.3 Rolls along the ground before reaching the batsman.

21.4 Is a full pitch ball, which passes or would have passed above the striker's waist standing in an upright stance at the crease. (slow or fast beamer)

21.5 A bowler shall be permitted to bowl One (1) short pitched balls (bouncers) per over. The

umpire at the bowlers' end shall call and signal "No Ball" upon the bowling of a second short pitched ball in an over. The definition of a short-pitched ball shall be as described in Law 41.6.

- 21.6 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a No Ball, any other runs resulting shall be scored as runs to the batsman if hit or as extras, as the case may be.

21.7 NO FREE HITS

Restrictions on the placement of the fielders

- 21.8 The number of onside fielders shall not exceed five (5), of whom, not more than two (2) may be behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery. In the event of an infringement of this law, either Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball".

E22 Wide ball (Law 22)

- 10.1 As per law in addition
- 10.2 2 lines shall be marked one either side of the wickets parallel to the return crease 450mm from the return crease. The line shall extend from the popping crease to the bowling crease.
- 10.3 Should a ball deemed to be fairly delivered pass between these lines it shall not be regarded as a wide ball.
However, should it pass to the leg side of the leg side line or to the offside of the offside line it shall be regarded as a wide ball.
- 10.4 Should a "player umpire" not apply this Bye Law correctly, their team shall be removed from the league and their playing record expunged.
- 10.5 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a Wide ball, any other runs resulting shall be scored as wide runs.
- 10.6 Only 1st league will follow anything down leg to be called a wide if an official is present.

E23 Bye & Leg bye (Law 23)

- 23.1 As per law

E24 Fielders absence; Substitutes (Law 24)

- 24.1 As per law and in addition
- 24.2 If at any time, for any reason other than illness or injury, a member of the fielding side leaves the field or fails to return after an interval, no substitute shall be allowed for the next 8 minutes of playing time.

E25 Batters innings; runners (Law 25)

- 25.1 No runners are allowed

E26 Practice on the field (Law 26)

- 26.1 As per law

E27 The Wicket –keeper (Law 27)

- 27.1 As per law

E28 The Fielder (Law 28)

- 28.1 As per law and in addition

Protective helmets

- 28.2 When protective helmets are not in use by the fielding team they shall only be placed on the ground behind the wicketkeeper. In the event of the ball striking the helmet whilst in this position, whether played or not, 5 penalty runs shall be awarded. The fielding side may have more than one helmet in use at any one time.

Limitation of on side fielders

- 28.3 At the instant of the bowlers delivery there shall not be more than 2 fielders, other than the wicket-keeper behind the popping crease on the on side. A fielder will be considered to be behind the popping crease unless the whole of his/her person whether grounded or in the air is in front of this line. There shall not be more than 5 fielders on the on side. In the event of infringement by any fielder the strikers umpire shall call and signal NO Ball.

E29 The wicket is down (Law 29)

- 29.1 As per law

E30 Batter out of his/her ground (Law 30)

- 30.1 As per law

E31 Appeals (Law 31)

- 31.1 As per law
- E32 Bowled (Law 32)**
32.1 As per law
- E33 Caught (Law 33)**
33.1 As per law
- E34 Hit the ball twice (Law 34)**
34.1 As per law
- E35 Hit wicket (Law 35)**
35.1 As per law
- E36 Leg before wicket (Law 36)**
36.1 As per law
- E37 Obstructing the field (Law 37)**
37.1 As per law
- E38 Run out (Law 38)**
38.1 As per law
- E39 Stumped (Law 39)**
39.1 As per law
- E40 Timed out (Law 40)**
40.1 As per law
40.2 3 min for timed out
40.3 Incoming and dismissed batter to cross at the inner ring
- E41 Unfair play (Law 41)**
41.1 As per law
- E42 Players Conduct (Law 42)**
42.1 As per law and PART H

PART F: PLAYING REGULATIONS – T20 and 20 over Matches: Saturday/Sunday T20 League & Saturday Club 20 over Competition Matches

**NOTE: PREM, PREM RES & PROMO PLAYS T20 MATCHES, ALL OTHER
MATCHES ARE 20 OVER MATCHES OR AS STIPULATED BY COMPETITION.**

F1 The Players (Law 1)

As per law and in addition

- 1.1 A team shall consist of not more than eleven (11) and not less than nine (9) players and all players are required to be registered in the prescribed manner.
- 1.2 No player under the age of 16 years old may play in the 1st League and no player under the age of 15 years old may play in any other senior club cricket league, unless formally approved by the Club Cricket Administration/ Sub-Committee.

LATE ARRIVALS

- 1.3 If a team does not have nine (9) or more players nominated in terms of Law 1.2, present at the scheduled start of the match, that team will be deemed to have lost the match. A friendly match will be played and the number of overs to be played will be determined in Clause 16.
- 1.4 If a team arrives late, a friendly match will be played, and the team will be expelled from the competition and their playing record expunged from the log.

TEAMS AND MATCH OFFICIALS, IF ANY, ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE VENUE AT THE ARRIVAL TIME AS SPECIFIED BELOW

DEFAULTS

- 1.5 In the event of a side defaulting by not reporting to a particular ground to fulfil a scheduled fixture or by arriving late, the opposing team will automatically be awarded four (4) match points in the league section.

F2 The Umpire (Law 2)

- 2.1 As per law and in addition

Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light

- 2.2 Laws 2, 7, 2.8 & 2.9 of the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code shall apply. If no official Umpires are officiating in the match the fitness of the ground, weather and light shall rest in the hands of the Captains.
- 2.3 If no official ground authority is available not later than half an hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the match, the ground shall be considered to have been automatically handed over to the Umpire(s)/Captains as from that time.
- 2.4 If an officially appointed Umpire arrives at the ground later than fifteen minutes from the scheduled commencement of the match, the decision regarding the fitness of the ground for play BEFORE commencement of the match shall rest in the hands of the Captains.
- 2.5 In order to facilitate play at the earliest possible moment after rain, the Umpires and the Captains shall see that all necessary steps are taken to improve the playing area, other than the pitch. The home team shall use every practicable means to remove water from the covers on the pitch and any other water surrounding the pitch or elsewhere on the playing area.

Correctness of scores

- 2.14 If no official Umpires are officiating in a match, any decision regarding the correctness of the score shall be the responsibility of the Captains. If the Captains cannot reach agreement regarding the correctness of the scores, they shall refer the matter to the EC Playing Regulations Committee for a final decision.
- 2.15 If a team has overs deducted and the match has to be decided by a run rate calculation, due to ground, weather and light, the team having overs deducted shall automatically lose the match regardless of the outcome of the run rate calculation.

F3 Scorers (Law 3)
3.1 Refer to A13

F4 The Ball (Law 4)
4.1 As per law in addition

CRICKET BALLS TO BE USED

4.2 PREMIER CLUB T20 OVER COMPETITION - Premier & Promotion League
A new four (4) piece 156g pink BAS Super Test shall be used for the morning match and afternoon match where a double header has been fixtured.

4.3 SATURDAY 20 CLUB LEAGUE
First League - A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend Gold cricket ball.
Second, Third and Fourth Leagues - A new four (4) piece 156g Winner Legend ball.
Women's League - A new four (4) piece 142g Legend ball.

4.4 No artificial substance may be used to enhance the condition of the ball. Should any team be found to be guilty of artificially enhancing the condition of the ball that team will be deemed to have lost the match and the team will be expelled from the competition?

F5 The Bat (Law 5)
5.1 As per law

F6 The Pitch (Law 6)
6.1 As per law

F7 The Creases (Law 7)
7.1 As per law

F8 The Wickets (Law 8)
8.1 As per law

F9 Preparation and maintenance of playing area (Law 9)
9.1 As per law

F10 Covering the pitch (Law 10)
10.1 As per law

F11 Intervals (Law 11)

11.1 The interval shall fall between innings for all limited over matches. This interval shall not be dispensed with.

DRINKS OR WATER BREAKS

11.2 There is no drink or water breaks

F12 Start of play; cessation of play (Law 12)
12.1 As per law and in addition below

12.2 HOURS OF PLAY

SATURDAY 20 OVERS LEAGUES (MENS AND LADIES)

Total of 3 hours play (180 min): 20 overs per side at an Over rate of 4 minutes per over

Arrival Time: 12h30
Toss Coin: 13h00 (Toss time may be revised to 13h15.)
Start Time: 13h15 (Start Time may be revised to 13h30)
13h15 – 14h35 (80min) No drinks break
14h35 – 14h55 (20min) Interval
14h55 – 16h15 (80min) No drinks break

PREMIER CLUB T20 OVERS (MENS)

Total of 3 hours 15 min (195 min) – 20 overs per side (**NOTE the afternoon session starts at 14:00 to make provision for traveling between fields**)

MORNING SESSION

09h30 – 11h00 (90min)
 11h00 – 11h15 (15min) interval
 11h15 – 12h45 (90min)

AFTERNOON SESSION

14h00 – 15h30 (90min)
 15h30 – 15h45 (15min) interval
 15h45 – 17h15 (90min)

- 12.3 Penalties shall apply for slow over rates:
 (a) For each over short of the minimum overs required – one-point forfeiture from your log points.
 (b) If the over rate is more than 2 overs short of the minimum overs required, the captain will in addition to the sanctions imposed, be charged under the Rules and Code of Conduct, conduct contrary to the spirit of the game, on the basis of time wasting.

12.4 No time is allocated for wickets in slow overrate.

12.5 The umpire to record the over rate on the result sheet.

F13 Innings (Law 13)

13.1 As per law and in addition

A match shall be limited to one innings per side, which shall be a maximum of:

13.2 20 overs per side

13.3 If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs in the scheduled time or revised time, the innings will be closed, and twenty runs (20) shall be added to the score of the batting team for each over not completed in the scheduled or revised time

13.4 Should the team bowling second not complete the required number of overs by the scheduled time or revised time for the completion of the match, play shall cease and the winner of the match shall be determined by the "Run rate". Such a team shall have 2 points deducted from their accumulated total.

THE BOWLER

No bowler shall bowl more than:

13.5 Four (4) overs in a 20 Over League match.

13.6 There will be no limit on the bowlers run up.

13.7 In the case of a reduction in overs for whatever reason, the bowler's individual allocation shall not exceed 20% of the total overs to be bowled in the innings.

F14 The Follow on (Law 14)

Shall not apply

F15 Declaration or forfeiture (Law 15)

Shall not apply, No team shall declare their innings closed.

F16 Result (Law 16)**A TIE**

16.1 A tie may result in Saturday/ Sunday T20 / Club 20 League matches. Refer to points

THE WINNER

16.2 The winner shall be a side scoring most runs in the overs permitted or having the better "Run rate" in a curtailed match,

16.3 If it is not possible to bowl the minimum of 16 overs, 8 per team, the match will be a draw.

PLAYER RESTRICTIONS

16.4 No player may play for one team in the first session and a different team in the second session.

Director & Reserve League teams shall be allowed to select alternative players for the afternoon fixture, than those who participated in the morning fixture in the case of a double header on the same day.

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

MATCH POINTS		PENALTY POINTS	
Win	4 pts	Failure to fulfill a fixture	-4 pts
Tie	2 pts	Each unregistered/ underage player fielded by a team	-4 pts
Draw	2 pts	Team responsible for abandoning a match	-4 pts
Lost	0 pt	Team played with the incorrect ball	-1 pt
		Team filling in incorrect player names (Dishonesty)	-4 pts

PLAY SUSPENDED DUE TO WEATHER OR LIGHT

- 16.5 If, due to weather or light, the starting time of a match is delayed, or suspended, the object shall number of overs. The calculation for the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on the rate of one over per 4 minutes or part thereof.
- 16.6 A minimum of 8 overs per team will be necessary for a result to be obtained unless a team is bowled out in fewer than 8 overs or a team reaches its target in less than 8 overs.
- 16.7 If a side, batting first, is bowled out within the number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, its run rate shall be calculated on that number of overs scheduled or agreed to be faced, and not the overs actually faced.
- 16.8 The definition of **OVERS FACED** used in calculation 16.11 and 16.12 below shall be: -
- (i) Either the actual number of overs faced if a team is not bowled out in fewer than the scheduled number of overs or a revised number of overs as calculated below.
 - (ii) Or the number of scheduled overs or revised number of overs as calculated below if a team is bowled out in fewer than those overs.
- 16.9 See calculation sheet in appendices

Abandoned matches

- 16.14 Matches abandoned due to ground, weather or light conditions before a decision has been reached, shall not be regarded as postponed fixtures. In such cases points shall be awarded as laid down according to the state of the match and the time it was abandoned.
- 16.15 In the event of no official Umpire being present, the respective Captains shall decide in this regard. Result sheets shall be forwarded to the Union in the prescribed manner.
- 16.16 Matches abandoned for any other reason other than ground, weather and light will be viewed in a serious light. The team causing the abandonment of a match, by leaving the field or failing to resume play after an interruption or an interval shall be deemed to have lost the match. The opponents shall be awarded four (4) points for a win.

Matches not completed

Twenty runs shall be added to the score of the batting team for each over not completed in the scheduled or revised time.

- 16.17 The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first, unless the latter have been bowled out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- 16.18 If the overs in a match are reduced for any reason whatsoever and the team batting first is all out before the agreed number of overs, the team batting second shall not have the right to claim those overs not faced by the team batting first, as their own.
- 16.19 In the case of Club T20 matches not completed, due to weather or light, the matches shall be regarded as a draw, unless a result can be calculated

THE RESULT

- 16.20 If no official Umpires are officiating in a match, any decision regarding the correctness of

the score shall be the responsibility of the Captains. If the Captains cannot reach agreement regarding the correctness of the scores, they shall refer the matter to the Club Cricket Committee for a final decision.

- 16.21 If a team has overs deducted and the match has to be decided by a run rate calculation, due to ground, weather and light, the team having overs deducted shall automatically lose the match regardless of the outcome of the run rate calculation.

F17 The over (Law 17)

- 17.1 As per law

F18 Scoring Runs (Law 18)

- 18.1 As per law

**F19 Boundaries (Law 19)
Boundary allowances**

- 19.1 6 runs shall be allowed for a boundary 6; and 4 runs for a boundary 4

F20 Dead Ball (Law 20)

- 20.1 As per law

F21 No Ball (Law 21)

Law 21 shall apply but in addition, either Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball" if a ball, which they Consider to have been fairly delivered: -

- 21.1 Bounces two times or more before reaching the popping crease unless previously touched by the batsman or his bat.
 21.2 Rolls along the ground before reaching the batsman.
 21.3 Is a full pitch ball, which passes or would have passed above the striker's waist standing in an upright stance at the crease. (Slow or fast beamer)
 21.4 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a No Ball, any other runs resulting shall be scored as runs to the batsman if hit or as extras, as the case may be.
 21.5 The definition of a short-pitched ball shall be as described in Law 41.
 21.6 A bowler shall not be permitted to bowl short-pitched balls (bouncers). Either umpire shall call and signal "No Ball" upon the bowling a short-pitched ball.

Fielding Restrictions

- 21.7 **The number of onside fielders shall not exceed five (5), of whom, not more than two (2) may be behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery. In the event of an infringement of this law, either Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball". There are no other fielding restrictions other than those Stated above. i.e., NO POWER PLAYS on 20 over matches**
- 21.8 **Power plays only with T20 matches and an official is present. (first 6 overs only 2 fielders outside circle, thereafter 5 outside)**
- 21.9 **Fee hit on all no balls in T20 matches and an official is present**

F22 Wide ball (Law 22)

- 22.1 As per law in addition
 22.2 **2 lines shall be marked on either side of the wickets parallel to the return crease (450mm from the return crease). The line shall extend from the popping crease to the bowling crease.**
 22.3 **Should a ball deemed to be fairly delivered pass between these lines it shall not be regarded as a wide ball.**
 22.4 **However should it pass to the leg side of the leg side line or to the offside of the offside line it shall be regarded as a wide ball except with T20 matches as anything down leg will be called wide with an official present**
 22.5 **Should a "player umpire" not apply this Bye Law correctly, their team shall be removed from the league and their playing record expunged.**

22.6 In addition to the penalty run for bowling a Wide ball, any other runs resulting shall be scored as wide runs.

F23 Bye & Leg bye (Law 23)

23.1 As per law

F24 Fielders absence; Substitutes (Law 24)

24.1 As per law and in addition

24.2 If at any time, for any reason, a member of the fielding side leaves the field or fails to return after an interval, no substitute shall be allowed

F25 Batters innings; runners (Law 25)

25.1 No runners are allowed

F26 Practice on the field (Law 26)

26.1 As per law

F27 The Wicket –keeper (Law 27)

27.1 As per law

F28 The Fielder (Law 28)

28.1 As per law and in addition

Protective helmets

28.2 When protective helmets are not in use by the fielding team they shall only be placed on the ground behind the wicketkeeper. In the event of the ball striking the helmet whilst in this position, whether played or not, 5 penalty runs shall be awarded. The fielding side may have more than one helmet in use at any one time.

Limitation of on side fielders

28.3 At the instant of the bowlers delivery there shall not be more than 2 fielders, other than the wicket-keeper behind the popping crease on the on side. A fielder will be considered to be behind the popping crease unless the whole of his/her person whether grounded or in the air is in front of this line. There shall not be more than 5 fielders on the on side. In the event of infringement by any fielder the strikers umpire shall call and signal NO Ball.

F29 The wicket is down (Law 29)

29.1 As per law

F30 Batter out of his/her ground (Law 30)

30.1 As per law

F31 Appeals (Law 31)

31.1 As per law

F32 Bowled (Law 32)

32.1 As per law

F33 Caught (Law 33)

33.1 As per law

F34 Hit the ball twice (Law 34)

34.1 As per law

F35 Hit wicket (Law 35)

35.1 As per law

F36 Leg before wicket (Law 36)

- 36.1 As per law
- F37 Obstructing the field (Law 37)**
37.1 As per law
- F38 Run out (Law 38)**
38.1 As per law
- F39 Stumped (Law 39)**
39.1 As per law
- F40 Timed out (Law 40)**
40.1 As per law in addition
40.2 1 min 30 sec for timed out
40.3 Incoming and dismissed batter to cross at the inner ring
- F41 Unfair play (Law 41)**
41.1 As per law
- F42 Players Conduct (Law 42)**
42.1 As per law

PART G: CONCUSSION REPLACEMENT

- 1.2 If a player sustains a concussion or suspected concussion as a result of a head or neck injury during the course of the relevant match, a Concussion Replacement may be permitted in the following circumstances:
 - 1.2.1 the head or neck injury must have been sustained during play and within the playing area.
 - 1.2.2 a concussion or suspected concussion must have been formally diagnosed by the Team Medical Representative / coach
 - 1.2.3 the Team Medical Representative or coach shall submit a Concussion Replacement Request to the official umpire
 - 1.2.4 identify the player who has sustained the concussion or suspected concussion.
 - 1.2.5 specify the incident in which the concussion or suspected concussion was sustained, including the time at which it occurred.
 - 1.2.6 confirm that, following an examination, the Team Medical Representative / coach believes or suspects that the player has sustained a concussion as a result of the incident and
 - 1.2.7 identify the requested Concussion Replacement, who shall be a like-for-like replacement for the player who has sustained the concussion or suspected concussion.
 - 1.2.8 The Concussion Replacement Request must be submitted as soon as possible after the incident if a Concussion Replacement is to be permitted.
 - 1.2.9 The decision of the umpire in relation to any Concussion Replacement Request shall be final and neither team shall have any right of appeal.
 - 1.2.10 Once the Concussion Replacement has been approved by the umpire, the replaced player shall play no further part in the match.
 - 1.2.11 Both the Concussion Replacement and the replaced player shall be considered to have played in the match for records and statistical purposes.

PART H: UMPIRING DISCIPLINARY CARD SYSTEM

ADOPTED BY THE EASTERN CRICKET

A. GREEN CARD (Caution)

A green card serving as a caution will be issued for the following:

- 1) General swearing only audible on-field;
- 2) Showing dissent towards and umpire's decision by word or action;
- 3) Disregarding an umpire's instruction or request;
- 4) Engaging in verbal contact with an opponent that is not clearly audible to at least one umpire.

The issuing of a green card is intended to serve as a preventative measure in order to diffuse any potentially volatile or conflict situations from escalating.

Once a green card is shown for any of the above transgressions, it will serve as a caution to the particular player as well as to the whole team for the rest of the innings.

B. YELLOW CARD

A yellow card will be issued for the following:

- 1) Receiving a second green card (even though it may not be the same player, or should the first green card have been issued as a team caution);
- 2) Loud swearing audible by spectators as well;
- 3) Swearing directly at a fellow participant or umpire;
- 4) Giving a send-off to a batsman upon dismissal by gesture or verbal comment;
- 5) Making obscene gestures directed at a fellow participant or umpire;
- 6) Making of verbally abusive comments of a personal nature to or about a fellow participant or umpire.

Sanction for receiving a yellow card when batting:

- a) If the batsman is out 5 penalty runs to be awarded the fielding team;
- b) If the batsman is not out:
 - i. in a 50 overs match – sent off for 5 overs – can only return at the fall of a wicket;
 - ii. in a 20 over match – sent off for 2 overs – can only return at the fall of a wicket.

Sanction for receiving a yellow card when fielding:

- a) In a 50 overs match – sent off for 5 overs – Can only return at the start of a new over;
- b) In a 20 over match – sent off for 2 overs – Can only return at the start of a new over;
- c) No substitute fielder allowed during the period of the send off;
- d) Returning player can bowl immediately after the over in progress has been completed.

The issuing of a yellow card needs to be reported to the Eastern Cricket Offices for purposes of recordkeeping, and possible disciplinary action.

A yellow card shown to a player, will be kept on that player's record for a period of 12 months and that player's record will be cleared should he/she not receive another yellow card during that period of time.

C. RED CARD**A red card will be issued for the following:**

- 1) Deliberate physical contact with an opponent or umpire;
- 2) Any threat of assault or physical harm to an opponent or umpire;
- 3) Using language or a gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, color, descent or national or ethnic origin;
- 4) Upon any member of the same team receiving a 3rd yellow card in the same match (Even though it may not be the same player receiving the 3rd yellow card).

Sanction for receiving a red card when batting:

- a) Player is sent off for the rest of the match;
- b) The umpire needs to report the matter where after the disciplinary process of Eastern Cricket will follow.

Sanction for receiving a red card when fielding

- a) Player is sent off for the rest of the match;
- b) The umpire needs to report the matter where after the disciplinary process of Eastern Cricket will follow.

D. GENERAL

- 1) If the player refuses to leave the field after receiving a yellow or red card, the law regarding a team refusing to play will apply.
- 2) If the same player receives a 3rd yellow card within a year of receiving his second yellow card, a disciplinary hearing will be held under the auspices of Eastern Cricket, resulting in possible suspension of the player as per the Code of Conduct of Eastern Cricket
- 3) If a batsman is sent off the field and there are no new batsman remaining to come in, the innings is terminated

DISCIPLINARY CODE A – Code of Conduct

Particular reference is made to the Preamble of the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code.

- A 1 Persons must not assault, attempt to assault or threaten to assault a spectator, another player or umpire.
- A 2 Players must not abuse or dispute, as distinct from question, an umpire's decision, or act in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner either towards an umpire, his decision or generally following an umpiring decision.
- A 3 Players must only wear and use approved clothing and equipment. The wearing or display of unauthorized commercial logo is not permitted.
- A 4 Players must not use crude/abusive language. An umpire would be expected to caution the player and advise the captain of his concern before reporting any player for this type of behavior.
- A 5 Player must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game.
- A 6 Players must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.
- A 7 Persons must at all times abide by the playing conditions, rules and regulations, playing regulations and contracts of Eastern Cricket.
- A 8 Any person by way of his actions or statements brings the game of cricket or Eastern Cricket into disrepute shall be guilty of misconduct.
- A 9 A provincial player may only wear his provincial headgear whilst batting in Eastern Cricket club matches.
- A 10 No player may wear the provincial clothing of another Union whilst playing in a match played under the auspices of Eastern Cricket.
- A 11 No Senior Men's Provincial player may wear their provincial clothing, except headgear (See A9), whilst batting or fielding in club matches. This shall not apply to EJCCA or Schools Provincial clothing worn by persons under the age of 19.

DISCIPLINARY CODE B – Offenses & Mandatory Actions

Should the Disciplinary Committee find the person guilty of committing the offence, the mandatory actions as listed below shall be applied. Should the perpetrator be the captain of the team or a committee member of a Club or Association, the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to double the specified mandatory sentence.

- B1 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to suspend all or part of the sentence for a period, as they deem fit in the case of a first offence to a maximum of 25%.
- B2 The Disciplinary Committee shall not be allowed to suspend all or part of a sentence for a second or third offence. Any suspended sentence imposed for a first offence must be added to the sentence for a second offence, provided the period for which the suspended sentence was imposed has not expired.
- B3 If an offender is found guilty of any other offence other than the offence for which they were first found guilty, it shall be deemed to be a second offence.
- B4 The time between committing the first offence and a second offence shall be 2 years. The time between committing the second offence and a third offence shall be 2 years.
- B5 Any suspension handed out by the Disciplinary Committee shall be applicable to all activities of cricket including playing, practicing, coaching, umpiring, scoring and administrating.

PERPETRATORS

1. A registered club member
2. An Umpire or Scorer
3. An Eastern Cricket Director or President
4. An Eastern Cricket Employee
5. A Club Official
6. A Members Official
7. An Eastern Cricket Sub-Committee Member
8. A Spectator

VICTIMS

1. A registered club member
2. An Umpire or scorer
3. An Eastern Cricket Director or President
4. An Eastern Cricket Employee
5. A Club Official
6. A Members Official
7. Eastern Cricket Sub-Committee Member

Criticism of the President, Directors or any of the policies of Eastern Cricket will be acceptable behavior at any of the official meetings of Eastern Cricket. However, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the right to eject any person from the meeting who he deems to have overstepped the bounds of normal behavior at such meetings.

ALL ACTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE IN WEEKS & APPLY TO THE CRICKET SEASON ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

No.	Offence	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Abuse – In any language or medium.	6	12	24
2.	Physical assault.	48	Life	
3.	Threat of assault.	6	12	24
4.	Incitement of any person to physically assault.	6	12	24
5.	Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between persons.	24	36	48
6.	Incitement of any person to verbally abuse.	6	12	24
7.	Use of crude or abusive hand signals or gestures.	6	12	24
8.	Engaging in public acts of misconduct or unruly public behavior whilst representing Eastern Cricket.	6	12	24
9.	Engaging in public acts of misconduct or unruly public behavior whilst representing a Club.	6	12	24
10.	The making of any racial/derogatory remark or a remark that could be interpreted as racial/derogatory in nature on or off the field of play in any language.	12	18	24
11.	Incitement of any person to utter a racial remark.	12	18	24
12.	The making of any death threat or a remark that could be interpreted as death threat in nature on or off the field of play in any language.	48	Life	
13.	Consuming of alcoholic beverages on the field of play whilst umpiring or playing.	6	12	24
14.	Consuming of alcoholic beverages off the field of play whilst the match is still in progress by any player involved in the match.	6	12	24
15.	Consuming of alcoholic beverages not purchased from the home club. Or consuming of alcoholic beverages at a Club where the consumption of such beverages is prohibited.	6	12	24
16.	A captain of a team causing the abandonment of a match by refusing to continue play.	12	24	48
17.	Causing unnecessary holding of disciplinary hearing, which could be prevented if the party involved had known the Playing Regulations or the Laws of Cricket.	6	12	18
18.	Giving false information at a disciplinary hearing.	24	48	Life
19.	Abuse of cricket equipment on or off the field of play. Cricket equipment shall be deemed to be personal equipment and opposition equipment. Equipment need not be damaged by such abuse.	4	8	12
20.	Theft of Eastern Cricket or Eastern Cricket member's property.	48	Life	
21.	Theft of Ekurhuleni Metro property.	48	Life	
22.	Theft of property belonging to opposition club.	48	Life	

23.	Theft of property belonging to opposition member.	48	Life	
24.	Vandalizing of Eastern Cricket, Ekurhuleni Metro or members property.	48	Life	
25.	Vandalizing property belonging to opposition member.	48	Life	
26.	Failure to leave a meeting when requested to do so by the Chairman of the meeting.	4	8	12
27.	A captain of a team who fails to control his players after having been requested to do so by an officially appointed Umpire and a player is reported.	Same as Player	Same as Player	Same as Player
28.	A person criticizing by any means Eastern Cricket, its policies or its Directors outside of the correct forums.	4	8	12
29.	Persons disputing an official umpires' decision or acting in a disapproving manner either towards an umpire, his decision or generally.	6	12	18
30.	A person bringing the game of Cricket or Eastern Cricket into disrepute by way of his actions or statements.	6	12	18
31.	A player wearing the Provincial clothing of another province in any match.	2	4	62
32.	A player making or receiving a telephone call on a mobile telephone on the field whilst the match is in progress.	2	4	62
33.	Any person who fails to serve out any action imposed by a Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Board.	-	12	24
34.	Captain of a team failing to produce a copy of the Playing Regulations and Information Book when requested to do so by the Directors – Club Cricket	1	2	3
35.	Captain of a team whose players do not assist with the placing/removal of covers.	4	8	12
36.	Chairman of a Premier League club whose club fails to place covers on the pitch at the times indicated in Clause B7. (Willowmoore Park is excluded)	2	4	8
37.	Any person purchasing an alcoholic beverage during a match with or without the intention of consuming it.	4	8	12
38.	Any person in possession of alcoholic beverages during a match.	4	8	12
39.	Altering of names on the official result sheet without the approval of the opposing captain.	6	12	18
40.	The captain of a team who allows an unregistered player to play under the name of a registered player.	6	12	18
41.	Disobeying the instruction of a Director of Eastern Cricket.	4	8	12
42.	Persons of authority witnessing breaches of the bye-laws/playing regulations/code of conduct and taking no action.	4	8	12
43.	Repeated transgressions of minor offences.	4	8	12
44.	The use of any method, outside the laws of the game, to influence the outcome of a match	52	Life	
45.	A player registered with or playing under the auspices of Easterns Cricket, EJCCA or the ESCA representing another province	52	Life	

46.	Contact in any form with the Disciplinary Coordinator or members of the Disciplinary Committee regarding pending disciplinary matters	4	8	12
47.	A person failing to comply with the proper ECU complaint reporting procedures	6	6 months	12 months
48	Any person/ player/ official sending written/ recorded correspondence of a derogatory/ defamatory nature to any Director or staff member	6 months	life	
49	Any person who verbally abuses any Eastern Cricket Staff member	4	8	Full season
50	Any Captain who fails to submit, by the deadline, a captain's report where an official umpire has stood in a match in which his team was involved	2 weeks for each non-compliance		

BYE-LAW APPLICABLE TO PREMIER LEAGUE TEAMS ONLY

If any player is found guilty of the offences, B2, B9 or B11 as listed in Eastern Cricket's Disciplinary Code B

Or

If two or more players are found guilty of any of the offences, listed in Eastern Cricket's Disciplinary Code B the following action shall apply: -

The team will be suspended from participating in the Premier League for the remainder of the season in which the offence was committed and for the entire following season.

The members of the team playing in the match, in which the offence was committed, will be barred from obtaining a transfer to another club for the remainder of the season in which the offence was committed.

The above suspension may be prevented should the majority of the clubs playing in the Premier League agree not to apply the suspension.

DISCIPLINARY CODE C – Reporting Procedure

C1 Eligibility to lodge a report

Only the following persons are eligible to lodge a report: -

- 1.1 Captain of a team.
- 1.2 An official Umpire appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association.
- 1.3 A Chairman of a member club.
- 1.4 An elected Eastern Cricket Director.
- 1.5 The Chairman of an Eastern Cricket meeting or committee.
- 1.6 The Chairman of an Eastern Cricket Affiliate of Association
- 1.7 An official scorer appointed by the Eastern Cricket Scorers Association.
- 1.8 The Members of Eastern Cricket's Disciplinary Committee.

C2 Reporting

- 2.1 Form – "Incident Report" must be completed and conveyed to Eastern Cricket offices.
 - 2.1.1 If faxed the confirmation slip should be retained as proof of transmission.
 - 2.1.2 If mailed it must be by registered mail and the registration slip should be retained as proof of mailing.
 - 2.1.3 If hand delivered a receipt must be obtained as proof of delivery.
 - 2.1.4 The form may be conveyed by means of electronic E-Mail.
 - 2.1.5 All sections of the form must be completed.
 - 2.1.6 The completed form must reach the Eastern Cricket Offices within 168 hours (7 Days) hours after the scheduled end of the match in which the incident occurs or within 168 hours (7 Days) hours of the incident occurring if not in a match.
- 2.2 The report must only give the facts and not be judgmental.

- 2.3 The report must clearly state the grounds on which the complaint or dispute is based.
- 2.4 If the Captain of a team initiates the complaint, the Chairman or Secretary of that Club must countersign the complaint.
- 2.5 If the Chairman of a Club initiates the complaint, another club Committee member must countersign the complaint. Only committee members whose contact details are lodged with the Union are eligible to countersign.
- 2.6 If an umpire, a Director, the Chairman of a committee or the members of the Disciplinary Committee initiates the complaint, the complaint need not be countersigned.

C3 Notification

Upon receipt of a report the **Disciplinary Coordinator/Executive Director Affiliates** shall decide, at his sole discretion and on the evidence of the written report that if there is a reasonable chance that the Club or person may be guilty of committing an offense, initiate the following steps:

- 3.1 Supply a copy of the report to the club or person who is the subject of the complaint or protest together with the charges.
- 3.2 Refer the matter to the EC Disciplinary Committee or an affiliate's Disciplinary Committee.
- 3.3 All parties will be advised of the date and time for a Disciplinary Hearing to take place. The hearing will not be held earlier than 4 days and not later than 14 days after the notice of the hearing has been sent. Notice of hearing must be sent within 30 days after receipt of form ECU.DC 01 with the proviso that no DC hearings take place between 15th December of one year and 15th January of the following year.
- 3.4 The Disciplinary Coordinator/ **Executive Director Affiliates** may seek a plea bargain agreement acceptable to all parties.
- 3.5 The Disciplinary Coordinator/ **Executive Director Affiliates**, at his sole discretion, request further information from the complainant or he may appoint a Commission of Enquiry to determine additional facts pertaining to the matter in an effort to establish if a breach of the Disciplinary Code has occurred.

C4 Umpire report of player

All the reporting procedures required by Law 41 shall be replaced by a verbal report to the captain of the team or his deputy that a player is to be cited. The absence of such a report shall in no way invalidate a complaint initiated by an Umpire.

DISCIPLINARY CODE D – Hearing Procedure

D1 Disciplinary committee

- 1.1 The disciplinary committee shall consist of up to twelve (**12**) disciplinary officers. Additional members may be co-opted from time to time.
- 1.2 At a hearing a maximum of five (5) and a minimum three (3) members shall hear the case.
- 1.3 One (1) of the members in 1.2 above shall act as Chairman. A person not forming part of the Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed as a minute Secretary and shall have no other function other than that of minute secretary.

D2 The hearing

- 2.1 All parties will be introduced to each other.
- 2.2 The defendant shall be informed of the charge, complaint or dispute, which initiated the hearing.
- 2.3 If the defendant is not present at the appointed date and time the hearing shall proceed in their absence.
- 2.4 Witnesses will be requested to leave the room.
- 2.5 The defendant shall be allowed one (1) person to represent him at the hearing. Such a person must be a member of the defendants Club, Association or Organization. If the defendant is from a Club, his representative must be registered with that Club and their name must appear on the Clubs list of members lodged with Eastern Cricket.
- 2.6 The defendant will be asked to plead.

- 2.7 The witnesses shall be called in to testify. Should such a witness not be present at the time required for him to testify, the hearing shall not be delayed in any way.
- 2.8 The Disciplinary Committee members shall question the witnesses.
- 2.9 The defendant and/or his representative shall be allowed to cross question witnesses.
- 2.10 The defendant may request witnesses to testify on his behalf. However, should such a witness not be present at the time required for him to testify, the hearing shall not be delayed in any way.
- 2.11 The Disciplinary Committee or the defendant may recall witnesses to give further testimony to clear up uncertainties.
- 2.12 The hearing will then be adjourned.

D3 Deliberations

- 3.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall then consider all the evidence and reach a verdict.
- 3.2 The Disciplinary Committee must endeavor to reach a consensus as to the verdict in the case.
- 3.3 Should the Disciplinary Committee fail to reach a consensus then a majority verdict shall be accepted, and the minutes of the hearing shall clearly state that consensus was not reached.
- 3.4 The defendant shall have the right to a copy of the minutes of a disciplinary hearing within 7 days.

D4 Findings

- 4.1 The defendant shall be informed as to the findings of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.2 If the defendant is found guilty, he may present evidence in pleading for mitigating circumstances.
- 4.3 The findings shall clearly state the duration of the punishment and the commencement and termination dates of such punishment. The verdict shall be in force and effect immediately after it has been conveyed to the defendant by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.4 If the defendant is found guilty and a fine is imposed, the findings shall clearly state the due date for such a fine to be paid.
- 4.5 The findings must be kept on file at Eastern Cricket headquarters.
- 4.6 The defendant has a right of appeal to the Appeals Board within seven (7) days as per the Disciplinary Code E.
- 4.7 The findings shall be in force and effect during the seven (7) days unless an appeal is received. If an appeal is received the findings shall be suspended until the appeal process is completed.

D4 Additional charges

The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may convey to the Disciplinary Coordinator information arising out of the hearing which may allow the Disciplinary Coordinator to formulate charges against persons not originally charged with a breach of the Disciplinary Code or to formulate additional charges against persons originally charged.

DISCIPLINARY CODE E – Appeals Procedure

E1 Right of appeal

- 1.1 Any person, club or Association found guilty of any offense by Eastern Cricket's Disciplinary Committee or the complainant shall have the right to appeal to Eastern Cricket's Appeals Board.
- 1.2 Any person or club found guilty of an offense by the Disciplinary Committee and such a decision is upheld by the appeals committee shall have the right to appeal to Eastern Cricket's Appeals Board.
- 1.3 Any person, Club or Association may appeal to Eastern Cricket's Appeals Board a decision of a Director, employee or an Eastern Cricket sub-committee member.
- 1.4 The appellant shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or a lower Appeals Committee or against the penalty imposed.

E2 Conditions of appeal

- 2.1 The notification to appeal must be in writing and handed in at Eastern Cricket's offices within seven (7) days of the notification, whether verbal or in writing, of the decision appealed against. An appeal fee, as specified in the schedule of fees, shall accompany the notification to appeal. (See Part H).
- 2.2 The appeal shall set out fully the grounds of the appeal in detail.
- 2.3 The operation of the decision being appealed against shall be suspended pending the hearing of an appeal.

- 2.4 The appeal shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the Chairman of the Appeals Board.
- 2.5 All appeals shall be heard as soon as practical within fourteen (14) days of the lodging of the appeal, however, Religious holidays shall be taken into account and excluded when calculating the effective fourteen days, together with the half season break between the 10th December to 10th January of each season.

E3 Appeals board

- 3.1 The Appeals Board shall consist of twelve (12) disciplinary officers and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Additional members may be co-opted from time to time.
- 3.2 Members of the original Disciplinary Committee are excluded from sitting as members of the Appeals Hearing. Further the members hearing the appeal shall exclude any members of the club or association concerned or any person affected by the appeal.
- 3.3 At an Appeals Board hearing a minimum of three (3) persons shall hear the appeal.
- 3.4 One (1) of the members in 3.1 above shall act as Chairman. A person not forming part of the DC Committee shall be appointed as a minute Secretary and shall have no other function other than that of minute secretary.

E4 The appeals hearing

- 4.1 The appeal shall not be conducted as a re-hearing of the case. Fresh evidence shall not be permitted except with the permission of the Chairman of the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board may, at its sole discretion, allow fresh evidence from the umpire if the original hearing was conducted in his absence.
- 4.2 The Appeals Board may consider the matter purely on the documentation submitted or may allow oral presentation in support of the documentation.
- 4.3 The Appeals Board shall have the power to adjourn the hearing wholly or in part, and having considered the contentions of the parties shall make one of the following decisions:
 - 4.3.1 To allow or dismiss the appeal.
 - 4.3.2 To alter the decision being appealed against.
 - 4.3.3 To reduce, increase or leave unaltered the penalty, if any, resulting from the decision being appealed against, provided it is a person's first offense.

D5 Findings

- 5.1 The appellant shall be informed, in writing, as to the findings of the Appeals Board.
- 5.2 The findings of the Appeal Board shall constitute the final appeal and the decision of the Appeals Board will be final and binding on all parties.

DISCIPLINARY CODE F – Protests, Disputes & Minor Complaints

F1 Protest, dispute and minor complaints procedure

- 1.1 Every protest, dispute or minor complaint must be made in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident which gave rise to the protest, dispute or complaint, to Eastern Cricket officers and must contain particulars of the grounds upon which it is founded.
- 1.2 A protest fee as specified in the Schedule of Fees must accompany the notification for a protest, dispute or complaint. (See Part H)
- 1.3 All or part of the fee may be forfeited to Eastern Cricket in the event of the protest, dispute or complaint not being sustained and the remainder, if any, will be refunded.
- 1.4 The **Executive Director Affiliates** in consultation with the Club Cricket Committee shall be the Arbitrators in cases of protest, disputes or complaints.
- 1.5 The format for settling the case shall be informal but each party to the dispute may support its case by witnesses.
- 1.6 The **Executive Director Affiliates** Cricket may order any person or body engaged in a protest, dispute or complaint to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred. Such a sum shall not exceed R1000.00.
- 1.7 Any protest relating to the ground or other appurtenances of the game, shall not be entertained by the Arbitrators, unless an objection has been lodged with the umpire or opposing captain before the commencement of the match. The umpire or opposing captain shall require the responsible team and/or

its officials to correct the cause of the objection, if this is possible without unduly delaying the progress of the match.

- 1.8 When an objection has been lodged with an umpire or any opposing captain, a protest must be made to Eastern Cricket and neither objection nor protest shall be withdrawn.
- 1.9 The Administrator of Club Cricket at Eastern Cricket shall send a copy of the protest to the body protested against.

F2 Findings

- 2.1 The parties shall be informed, in writing, as to the findings of the Arbitrators.
- 2.2 The findings of the Arbitrators shall be subject to appeal to the Appeals Board.

DISCIPLINARY CODE G – On-Field Disciplinary Measures

G1 Eligibility to exercise authority

Only official umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association may exercise the “On Field Disciplinary Measures”. (Send players off the field)

G2 Offences

On Field Disciplinary Measures will be applied for the following offences, amongst others:

- 2.1 Gratuitous use of foul language that may be heard from off the field.
- 2.2 Use of foul language towards another player.
- 2.3 Prolonged verbal harassment of an opposition player.
- 2.4 Player incorrectly dressed whilst umpiring.
- 2.5 Smoking on the field during play.
- 2.6 Giving a batsman a “send off”.

DISCIPLINARY CODE H – Schedule of Fees

H1 Protest fee

- 1.1 The fee payable to Eastern Cricket to lodge a protest shall be R100.00.
- 1.2 The copy of the receipt must accompany the protest.

H2 Appeal fee

- 2.1 The fee payable to Eastern Cricket to lodge an appeal shall be R100.00.
- 2.3 A copy of the receipt must accompany the appeal.

DEFINITIONS

Cricket Season:	is defined as being 21 weeks in duration
EC:	Eastern Cricket
ECUA:	Eastern Cricket Umpire's Association
ESCA:	Eastern Schools Cricket Association
EJCCA:	Eastern Junior Club Cricket Association
Members:	All Clubs and Associations affiliated to EC
Clubs:	A body of persons constituted as a club affiliated to EC
Associations:	A body of organizations or persons, with like minded objectives, constituted as an Association affiliated to EC
Scheduled Times:	Times laid down in the Playing Regulations. Late starts shall be a delayed start.
Registered Player:	A player who is registered on the EC System by a method determined by the Club Cricket Committee of EC.
DC:	Disciplinary Committee
Representative Match:	A match at any level representing EC
Regular matches:	Non - limited over matches