



# **Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association**

## **Senior Playing Rules Season 21/22**



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## 1. INTERPRETATIONS

### (a) Laws of Cricket

The Laws of Cricket, as adopted by the Victorian Cricket Association, shall apply except where as hereinafter modified. Any changes to the Laws of Cricket shall not be adopted by the MPCCA unless notified prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

### (b) Changes to the Rules

Changes to Playing Rules, Association Rules and By-Laws shall only be changed at the AGM or Special General Meeting by a vote of Members.

### (c) Junior Rule Changes

Junior Rule Changes will be submitted to the Senior Pennant Committee for approval.

### (d) Program of Matches

All Clubs of the Association shall compete in a series of matches, the program of which shall be arranged by the MPCCA Board. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Pennant Committee may, if necessary, alter the program in respect of dates, time grounds, colour of ball and format on which any of the matches shall be played. A One-Day competition (or competitions) separate to the Jack Peacock Cup may be conducted each season under rules to be determined by the Pennant Committee.

### (e) The Competition

The competition (Clubs) shall be graded into four Grades known as Provincial, Peninsula, District (with compulsory first and second elevens) and Sub-District and then other Elevens graded in Grades - as seen fit by the Board.

(f) The competition for 21/22 shall consist of 14 rounds with 14 one day matches. Subject to change based on covid-19 restrictions.

(g) Notwithstanding the above, any Sub-District Club may apply to the Board in writing to play their first eleven in a grade other than Sub-District 1st XI. Such application shall be lodged with the Association not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting preceding the Season to which the application refers. The Board shall at its discretion reject or agree to the application. If the Board agrees to the application, it shall grade the team to an appropriate grade for that year only. A new application shall be required from the Club as set out above for any subsequent Season.

### (h) By-Laws

The Playing Rules of the Association are to be read in conjunction with the By-Laws of the Association.

## 2. WEATHER AND GROUND CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Weather

(a) The Board shall appoint an Adverse Weather Committee which can make a decision that there will be no play on any day. If this Committee has not cancelled all matches for any day of any round, then the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather, or light for the commencement of play shall be judged by the umpires .

(b) Before the commencement of play on any day, umpires shall see that any necessary steps are taken to improve the ground or pitch with a view to expediting play and shall not draw stumps until the hour fixed by the Rules for the conclusion of the day's play unless satisfied there is no possibility of play.

(c) Umpires residing – Laws 2.7 & 2.8 applies. (Laws of Cricket)

### (d) No Umpire Residing

(i) The captains shall be responsible for starting or suspending play or not resuming play after an interval or stoppage. In the case where captains disagree, play shall be suspended.

(ii) If there has been no play prior to 3.00pm for one day games, the day's play shall be abandoned.

(iii) In the case where Captains disagree that play should be suspended, Players must stay at the ground until the Tea interval unless agreement is reached to end play.

(e) An appeal against light and/or any later resumption of play must be decided by the umpires from the point of objection. No more than two (2) appeals against the fitness of light shall be allowed in any one



innings on any one day. After the second appeal, the fitness of light shall be in the hands of the umpires. Due consideration should also be given to the possibility of lightning strikes.

**(f)** On days where matches or games have resolved to ordinary conditions, an over shall be started if time has not been reached and shall be completed at the end of the day's play.

**(g)** If the boatman considers the bay too rough on the day of the match, then the match is to be drawn.

**(h)** In the event of an active thunderstorm or electrical storm in the immediate vicinity of the ground, play is to cease immediately and all players and umpires are to find safe shelter without delay. (Safe shelters include cars or large substantial buildings with electric or telephone wiring and/or plumbing that provides a safe current to the ground. Players and others should not remain in open areas or take refuge beneath trees.)

Play should not resume less than 30 minutes after the last visual lightning strike.

The provisions of this rule are non-discretionary and may not be ignored or varied by agreement or unilateral decision by captains or umpires.

## **2.2 Grounds and Pitches**

**(a)** If a ground is not playable due to issues other than weather, the match may be re-located by the General Manager or the Chairman of the Pennant Committee if possible.

**(b)** Grounds that are unfenced or partially fenced MUST have the boundary clearly marked to a minimum distance of 65 metres and Grounds that are totally fenced MUST clearly mark the boundary to a minimum distance of 65 metres by the home club. The EXCEPTION to this requirement is where physical constraints do not provide sufficient area to comply. Cones must also be placed three metres inside any fence or obstruction.

**(c)** All matches must be played on approved pitches. Spikes are prohibited on synthetic pitches.

## **3. MATCH CONDITIONS**

### **(a) One-Day Matches**

#### **(i) Commencement of Matches**

All matches shall commence at 1.00pm, or 12.30pm before daylight saving.

The exception to this will be games played at French Island which may be set according to the Ferry timetable

#### **(ii) Interval Time and Duration**

A break of 20 minutes shall be taken at the completion of the 40th over of the match unless the innings of the team batting first is completed after the start of the 32nd over, in which case the 20 minute break shall be taken at the change of innings.

#### **(iii) Uninterrupted Match**

Each match shall consist of a MAXIMUM of 80 overs. The team batting first, if not previously dismissed, shall compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 40th over. The team batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to 40 overs maximum.

Neither team shall be permitted to declare its innings closed.

Matches must consist of one Batting innings and one Bowling Innings each per competing team.

#### **(iv) Interrupted Match**

In the event of the match getting started as scheduled then being interrupted for any reason (Weather, injured player etc) by more than 15 minutes in either Innings, play shall be continued until the allotted overs (max 80) have been bowled for the day or a result has been achieved as long as the match does not extend beyond 7.30pm.

Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches Max 80 (as the case may be) or bad light or weather does not permit such play.

**(v)** No start of play at 1:00pm (1sts and 2nds only)



If due to weather or ground conditions the match cannot start at 1:00pm then the total number of overs to be bowled for the match can be reduced as per the Table specified in section 22 of these rules.

This table also has reduced total overs that can be bowled by individual Bowlers as well as changes to fielding Restrictions

**(vi) No Play**

If there has been no play prior to 3.00pm, the game shall be abandoned.

**(vii) Early End of Play**

In All grades matches will finish once a first innings result has been decided.

**(viii) Restrictions**

In all one day matches, a bowler shall not bowl more than 8 overs in an innings.

If in 1sts and 2nds only a reduced over game has commenced then the maximum overs per bowler will be reduced as per the table shown in rule 22

**(ix) Fast short pitched deliveries (All Grades)**

**(a) Balls passing above shoulder height and below head height**

In any one over a bowler shall be permitted to bowl two fast short-pitched balls, which, having bounced, passes or would have passed over shoulder height and below head height of the striker standing upright at the crease. Should there be a further repetition in the same over, either umpire shall call and signal 'no ball'.

**(b) Balls Passing above head height**

Any short pitched ball bowled that is deemed to have passed over head height of the striker standing upright at the crease, shall be called "NO BALL" .

**(i)** In the case where there are two official Umpires either may call the No Ball

**(ii)** In the case where there is only one official Umpire only that Umpire may call the No Ball.

**(iii)** In the case where there are no official Umpires then either Umpire presiding may call No Ball.

If it is considered by the Umpire presiding that the bowling is of intimidatory nature then Law 41 from The Laws of Cricket shall apply.

**(x) Leg Side Wide Ball (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven Only)**

**(a)** Leg side: All balls that pass down the leg side and behind the striker shall be interpreted as negative bowling and called "Wide". The delivery is not a Wide if it passes between the striker and leg stump.

**(b)** Wide - Reverse Sweep or Switch Hit. When a switch hit or reverse sweep is played or attempted by the striker. The leg stump wide interpretation is no longer in play.

**(xi) Inner Field Restrictions**

For First XI and Second XI games only, the home club will be responsible for creating a fielding restriction area as follows:

- Two semicircles shall be drawn on the field of play.
- The semicircles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch.
- The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 27.5 metres.
- The semicircles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field.
- The fielding restriction area should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at seven metre intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by white plastic or rubber (but not metal) discs.



- A Limit of 2 players can be outside the fielding restriction area for the first ten overs, with a maximum of 5 players outside the circle from 11 – 40 overs.

**(c ) Substitutes**

A captain may request for a player to act as a substitute fielder and such will be permitted upon approval of the opposition captain.

If the opposition captain declines the request, the Umpire will adjudicate under Law 24 of the laws of Cricket.

**(d) Semi-Final Matches and Grand Final Matches**

The hours and conditions of play for Semi Final and Grand Final matches shall be as follows -

**(ii) Semi Final One Day Matches.**

Play shall commence at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment is to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. One-day matches shall consist of 40 overs per side. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 80.

In all cases, the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, must receive at least the same number of overs as the team which batted first. No reserve day will be allowed in Semi Finals.

**(iii) Grand Final One Day Matches.**

Each Final shall comprise 80 overs - 40 (allotted) overs for each team. Play shall commence each day at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment shall be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time.

If the innings of the team batting first has not been completed by the end of the 40th over, then it shall be compulsorily closed and the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat for the same number of overs (40).

A Finals match shall be completed in the 80th over unless a result has been achieved sooner.

A second day shall be reserved for completion of matches in case loss of time through light or weather or other unavoidable delays arise, if the scheduled day of play prevents a decision being reached.

**5. INNINGS TERMINATION**

In the event of an innings terminating within three minutes of an adjournment, the game shall be resumed at the time fixed for the conclusion of that adjournment.

**6. MATCH POINTS**

(a) The results of matches shall be recorded on the points system, viz:-

1st Innings win	12 points
Tie on 1st Innings	8 points
Bye / Forfeit	12 points
Draw	6 points

**(b) Signing the Scorebook**

The captains and official umpires must sign the scorebook at the close of the day's play. The umpires shall indicate the time of commencement of play. Umpires must enter start and end time of a days play.

**8. MATCH DOCUMENTATION**

**(a) Team Sheets**

Before the toss the captains of each Eleven MUST show the opposing captain a list of the eleven chosen to play in the match. Both teams shall be entered into both scorebooks and must be signed by both Captains and having done so, no alteration shall be made without the consent and signature of both captains. Where



umpires reside, the signed scorebooks are to be presented to the umpires prior to the toss. The team sheet shall remain in the scorebook. This will need to be looked at due to COVID-19 protocols and may need to be modified to comply with government requirements

**(b) Match Results** This will need to be looked at due to COVID-19 protocols

Must be signed by both captains and retained in the scorebook. All results and the First Eleven scorecards for each days play are to be submitted electronically by the “home” Club no later than 12.00 noon on the day following play (11.00pm on Sunday for Sunday games). All other grade scorecards to be electronically submitted no later than 11.00pm Monday following each days play. Scorecards are not required for U/10’s.

**(c) Assigning Players**

Each Club will assign all Players to their respective teams electronically no later than 11.00pm on the day of play and must agree with the team sheet in the scorebook. Once players are assigned, the scorecards shall be opened immediately for preparation for Scorecard entry.

**(d) Umpire Reports**

**(i) Captain’s Report**

After the completion of the match, both Clubs must submit an Umpires report electronically by 5.00pm on Monday following play in each & every match, including finals in all grades, where an MPCUA umpire officiates.

**(ii) Umpire’s Report**

After the completion of the match, Umpires must submit a match report electronically by 5.00pm on Monday following play in each & every match, including finals in all grades, where an MPCUA umpire officiates.

**(e) Umpire Trends & Rankings**

The General Manager shall on behalf of the Pennant Committee, report to the Umpires’ Appointments Panel any trends arising from the Captains Umpires’ reports and provide the overall rankings of Umpires as provided electronically. On no account are individual reports by Captains to be conveyed directly to Umpires. Any correspondence from Clubs or persons indicating that an Umpire has not fulfilled his duties as an MPCA Umpire shall be reported to the Umpires’ Appointments Panel.

Fines as set out in the Table of Fines may apply for the non-submission of each document and shall be imposed on the offending Club.

**9. MATCH PROTESTS**

**(i)** Protests against Match results. The protesting club shall electronically enter the protest to the Association a copy of such protest shall be forwarded by the Association to the opposing team. A deposit of \$200 must be forwarded to the Association which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Such protest shall be considered at the next meeting of the Pennant Committee.

**(ii)** When a protest is open for discussion, any person who is a member of a club concerned in the protest shall refrain from voting on such protest. Representatives of teams concerned in a protest shall be entitled to be heard. Protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the game in question.

**(iii)** Protests against Fines received in respect of Rule 8 must be in writing with a fee of \$200 which shall be forfeited if protest is not sustained.

**10. UMPIRES**

Umpires for all matches shall be appointed by the Umpires’ Appointments Panel comprising a Board Member who shall be the Director of Umpiring and two others who shall be appointed by the Board and one other who shall be a current Accredited Umpire elected by the MPCUA members.

If commencement of play is delayed on the day in any match that is not played out due to the late start, the matter shall be reported to the Pennant Committee for adjudication as to the match decision. Fines, as set out in the Table of Fines may apply.





The procedure of reference to the Pennant Committee shall be as to protests (see Rule 9) and the umpires, if appointed by the Umpires' Appointment Panel, shall submit individual reports on the circumstances. If for any reason play does not commence within ten minutes of the time appointed the umpires shall on appeal declare the match as a forfeit by the club unable or refusing to proceed with the match.

**11. APPROVED BALLS**

Balls used in any one match shall be of a make, character and size approved by the Board. In all matches a new ball shall be used for the opening of each innings by each team. If requested by either captain, the umpires shall determine if the ball in play is unfit and substituted if necessary.

<b>MPCA approved Kookaburra balls (MPCA Logo) are to be used exclusively as shown in the table below:</b>		
<b>The determination of whether the 1st &amp; 2nds match will be a red or white ball will be determined by the fixture.</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI</b>	<b>1 day matches</b>	<b>4 piece 156g white Kookaburra</b>
		<b>4 piece 156g Red Kookaburra</b>
<b>A,B,C Grades</b>	<b>1 day matches</b>	<b>2 piece 156g red Kookaburra</b>
<b>Jack Peacock Competition</b>		<b>4 piece 156g white Kookaburra</b>

**12.POSITIONS OF TEAMS – FINAL POSITIONS**

If two or more teams are equal in points, their relative positions shall be determined by averages. For the purpose of ascertaining averages, the following system shall be adopted:

The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The bowling average against such team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the number of wickets taken. The former shall be divided by the latter. The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance. i.e.

**Total Runs Scored Divided by Total Runs Against, Total wickets Lost Total Wickets Taken**

The four competing teams that have obtained the highest number of points in each grade at the completion of the program series of matches shall compete in a semi-final round of matches, the first playing the fourth and the second playing the third. Should either of the semi-final or final games not reach a first innings decision within the provisions of these Rules, or a tied result, the winner shall be deemed the team higher on the list at the completion of the program series of matches.

**13. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION SYSTEM Must have 7 fixtured games to constitute a season**

A Promotion and Relegation system will apply automatically in each Season in the Association between Provincial, Peninsula, District & Sub-District competitions – Provincial, Peninsula & District bottom teams to go down, Premiership teams in Peninsula, District and Sub-District to go up, subject to Sub-District Clubs complying with Rule 1.

**14. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

**(a) Registrations**

Subject to player eligibility rules, all players must sign an application for Registration, and such application shall be held by the Club and details electronically entered on that Club's Player list by the Club no later than 11.00pm on the first days play (8.30pm on Sunday for Sunday games) The Pennant Committee shall have the power to review any registration of a player and shall have the power to debar any person playing.

**(b) Eligibility**

**(i)** Clubs playing ineligible or unregistered players shall lose all points gained for the match and in the case where the team attracted no points, it shall lose 12 points. The awarding of points to the



opposition team shall be determined by the Pennant Committee. A fine, determined by the Pennant Committee from time to time, shall be imposed upon the offending team.

(ii) No player under 12 years of age as at 1st September in the current playing season shall be permitted to play or substitute in senior cricket in that Season.

**(iii) Permits**

A player can only drop to the next lower grade in which his club has a team drawn, or in the case of a player changing clubs during a season – to the next lower grade in which his new club has a team drawn – except with the consent of the Pennant Committee. Permits will only be considered if complete details are supplied in writing.

**(iv) Eligibility for Finals**

For a player to be eligible to play in a semi-final or grand final match in any grade they must play at least five (5) home and away games in one day matches, with that Club in that grade or lower grades in the current Season. This may change if a reduced number of fixtured matches in the season are determined due to Covid-19

A permit may be granted by the Pennant Committee for a player to play in the next lower grade in a Semi-Final if the club has a grade and their next lower grade playing in finals. On no account will a Permit be issued for any player dropping more than one grade and if granted MUST be used. This permit is for the Semi Final only. Should the same, or other permit, be required for the Grand Final then the club must submit a separate application.

**(c) Statutory Declaration**

The Association may demand a Statutory Declaration from any player it may have reason to consider not qualified, and in every case of such demand the said player's Club shall be notified. Any player refusing to sign a Declaration shall be disqualified during the pleasure of the Association.

**(d) Clearances and Transfers**

(i) The Pennant Committee shall have the power to grant permits and clearances. Clearance applications apply from 1st August to 31st December each season. All applications must be prepared in the prescribed form and lodged electronically by the Club requesting the Clearance.

(a) Clearances shall only be used for players moving between MPCA Clubs. Clubs must not use the Transfer System for movement of players between MPCA Clubs. Penalties shall apply as determined by the Pennant Committee.

(b) Transfers are only to be used for Players coming into the MPCA. Once a Transfer is completed, the Club must lodge a request for a Permit. The Permit shall contain details about the Players previous Club/s and level of Cricket played along with the Clubs estimation of points for that player. **No player Transferred into the MPCA shall play unless first receiving a Permit from the Association otherwise the player will be considered to have played illegally.**

(ii) The club from which the Clearance is being sought will then have 14 days from the date of notification in which to communicate their decision to the Club requesting the Clearance; otherwise the clearance will automatically be granted by the Association.

(iii) In the event of a clearance being granted, the Association shall consider the player's Permit to play and notify the Club to which the player has been cleared of the situation. Once the Permit has been granted the player will then be registered with his new club. Before refusing an application for a clearance, the Club must meet with the player within the required 14 days.

(iv) A clearance shall not be necessary for a player to transfer from one club to another, within the Association, if the player has NOT played with his former Club in the previous 3 seasons. All such requests shall be forwarded to the General Manager.

**(v) Clearance Appeals**

Any player who has been refused a clearance by his club may appeal to the Pennant Committee.



**(vi) VCA or VSDCA Players**

All Premier club players when not required by their Premier club, can return to their registered MPCA club without a permit but first must obtain written approval from their Premier club to play. Written approval must be passed onto the Pennant Committee.

**(vii)** Interstate, International or players from outside the MPCA must obtain a Permit to play from the Pennant Committee prior to playing within the MPCA. Clubs must submit details of the player together with the points allocated for that player electronically. Players coming to the MPCA may be required to meet with the Pennant Committee.

**15. PLAYER ATTIRE/BEHAVIOUR**

**(a) Attire**

All players must wear appropriate white cricket attire, either white or cream trousers, shirt or jumper, in ALL Red Ball one day games (1sts/2nds A/B/C One Day games) - or alternatively the club uniform which must be approved by the Pennant Committee.

In 1st/2nd XI White Ball One Day games, ALL players must wear appropriate coloured shirt and jumper, with the option of wearing coloured trousers if so desired - which must be approved by the Pennant Committee. In season 2018-19, we will move to full coloured clothing for ALL 1st/2nd XI grades. Cricket Pads (clads) – All players are required to wear white pads (clads) when a red ball is in use and coloured pads (clads) when a white ball is in use.

Clubs must provide a photograph or sample to the General Manager clearly showing the design and colour of the uniform before approval will be given. Once approved, Clubs must not change the design or colours without resubmitting the design for re-approval. Once approved, must be worn by all players participating in that match. Cricket/Sporting shoes must be predominantly white. A cricket cap, helmet or hat should be preferably in Club colours. Fines, as set out in the Table of Fines shall apply should inappropriate attire be worn.

**(b) Players, Members & Officials Behaviour**

Clubs shall be held responsible for the maintenance of order by their members, Players and Officials before during and after the match. The Pennant Committee may hear any matter referred to it and Penalties as determined by the Pennant Committee will apply.

Smoking on the field is strictly prohibited. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted by any players upon arrival at the ground until cessation of the game they are playing in.

Captains are responsible for player's behaviour during a match and could be sanctioned for any breach of this rule.

**16. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**(a)** Any player competing in a senior grade who is eligible to play in any of the underage competitions of the Association shall at all times be subject to the requirement that when batting must wear a helmet including an appropriate faceguard.

**(b)** Each home club or team shall provide an efficient first aid kit. Any club failing to provide same shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors.

**(c)** A Club who forfeit a one day side shall forfeit their lowest one day side (excluding D Grade) or lose points for all sides lower than that forfeited. Fines shall also apply.

**(d)** Teams have until prior to round 5 to withdraw a team without any penalty, teams that withdraw after round 4 will be subject to forfeit fee's for the remainder of the season. Refer table of fines.



**(e)** Any club that plans to forfeit a match must notify the league admin manager and the opposition club by the following times;

Saturday Games – By 6pm on Friday Night

Midweek Games – By 12 noon on gameday.

Sunday Games – By 6pm Saturday Night

Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$100 plus any umpire costs. Notification must be by phone and email to ensure it is documented.

If a team receives a forfeit, a team sheet must be submitted in mycricket and the relevant players shall be deemed to have played in the match for the purpose of all qualifications and eligibility requirements.

(Note. Those players listed cannot play for another team in the same round.)

No team forfeiting a match shall be permitted to enter a team sheet for that round.

Any club forfeiting a match shall be fined \$100 per team for the first offence and this will increase to \$150 for every subsequent forfeit.

In addition, any clubs nominating a team in the same grade that was withdrawn in the previous season a bond of \$500 would apply which will be repayable provided that this team does not withdraw in the current season.

## **17. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PENNANT COMMITTEE**

**(a)** The Pennant Committee is responsible, through the Board, for the Program of Matches for all Cricket in the MPCCA. The Pennant Committee has the power to inquire into and adjudicate upon all disputes arising out of or in connection with matches. Subject to the Rules and By-Laws of the Association, the Pennant Committee has the power to decide all questions arising out of the Association matches not provided for in the Rules.

**(b)** Any Club refusing or neglecting to abide by the Committee's decision shall be excluded from competing in such matches for such time as the Association may determine, or shall pay such fine as the Association may direct, and in default of such payment, shall not be allowed to continue in the series of matches. An Appeal may be made to the Association within 48 hours after receipt of such Decision.

The Pennant Committee shall determine all Appeals against refusals of Clearances and applications for Match Permits. All Permit applications must be submitted in writing and must have been submitted to the player's Club. Such applications must be made on the appropriate Form.

**(c)** Permits will also be considered in lieu of Clearances – in the case of a player wishing to play with a Club in a higher Grade *"to play at a higher level"*. Such Permits will only be granted for a player to play in the 1st XI Grade of that Club, and for specified matches played prior to the Christmas break. Any player having played with another Club on Permit and desiring to continue to play with that Club shall only be permitted to do so upon applying for and receiving a Clearance from his Club in accordance with MPCCA Rules.

**(d)** The General Manager shall call on the disputing Clubs to appear before the Pennant Committee, who shall, after hearing evidence decide thereon. The Pennant Committee reserves the right not to call the Clubs. A member of the Committee being a representative from any disputant Club shall not vote on the matter.

**(e)** The Pennant Committee receives copies of the Umpires' Report on Ground Conditions on which the Umpire reports on Ground Condition, Pitch Condition, Pitch Markings, Stumps & Bails, incorrect dress and hours of play, as well as Player Behaviour. The Pennant Committee shall advise Clubs of any adverse comments relating to any of these and shall ask that any problems be rectified otherwise Fines may apply.

**(f)** The Pennant Committee shall arrange changes of venues should existing venues be declared unavailable, or should matches be rescheduled to another venue – in accordance with MPCCA Rules.



If a ground is not playable, the match may be relocated on the joint application of the Captains or Secretaries of the competing Clubs to the General Manager or the Chairman of the Pennant Committee who may fix other days or times for commencing or continuing the match.

Care will be taken to endeavour to ensure that competing Clubs, and Umpires, are given adequate advice of changes.

**(g)** The Pennant Committee shall deal with all matters which are deemed by the Board to fall into the category of those matters which are within these Powers and Responsibilities of the Committee, where such matters are brought to the attention of the General Manager between scheduled (monthly) MPCCA Board Meetings.

## 18. PLAYER POINTS

**(a)** Each player registered to a Club, will be assessed according to the point system set out below.

**(b)** Each Club is awarded points as shown in the Table of Points below, and shall be known as the “Club Points”. The total club points and individual player points are to be reviewed by the pennant committee each season. These points shall apply to a Club’s First Eleven Players only. The Team points are based on the total number of points for every player assigned to that team and must not exceed the Total Club Points. Any Club exceeding the total number of Club points will be considered to have played an illegal player and shall lose all points gained for the match and in the case where the team attracted no points, it shall lose 12 points. The awarding of points to the opposition team shall be determined by the Pennant Committee. A fine, determined by the Pennant Committee from time to time, shall be imposed on the offending Club.

**(c)** Each Player registered to a club as at **1st December 2006** shall receive one point; this shall be the “Base Point”. Points shall accrue in accordance with the Table of Points below and shall include any players transferred to another Club since **1st December 2006**. A Player will accrue points without any limits and shall reduce in accordance with Rule 18 (f); however, the maximum extra points per player for a match shall be three (3) points (plus one (1) base point, a total of four (4) points)

**(d)** The Player’s Senior “Home” Club shall be the MPCCA Club to which the player was last registered as at **1st December 2006**. The Player’s last Junior Club shall be the Club the player was last registered with before becoming a senior player and no longer eligible to play Junior Cricket.

**(e)** Any Player returning to their last Junior or the “home” Senior Club shall revert to one base point regardless of the level of Cricket they may have played. If that player transfers again to another club within the current season, then that player shall attract extra points shown in the table of points below. Any Junior Player who transfers Clubs shall be assessed to have extra points according to the Table of Points.

**(f)** Any points accrued by a Player prior to start of season 2019 shall be reduced by one point after every two full seasons and thereafter until the base Point is reached. Any points newly accrued by a player shall be deemed to be accrued in that season to which the points apply and for this purpose shall be deemed to have accrued as at the first day of that season.

**(g)** Any points newly accrued after start of 2019 by a Player shall be reduced by one point after the first two full seasons and one point ever season thereafter until the base Point is reached. Any points newly accrued by a player shall be deemed to be accrued in that season to which the points apply and for this purpose shall be deemed to have accrued as at the first day of that season.

**(h)** Additional points only apply to Players being Cleared, Transferred or on Permit from one Club to another and do not apply to the Player’s Home Club.

It is incumbent upon the **Player and his Club** to ascertain the Player’s previous playing history and to advise the General Manager of any player accruing more than one extra point. Penalties including fines and loss of match points will apply if the club has supplied false or misleading information regarding player history.

**(i)** Under exceptional circumstances, application may be made to the Pennant Committee to vary a Player’s points.

**(j)** If a Club ceases to exist, all players shall become free agents, and may be registered with another club and shall be recognised as the player’s new “Home” club and shall retain such points as previously held.



**(k)** The Association Secretary under direction of the Pennant Committee shall control the administration of the points system.

<b>TABLE OF POINTS</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLUB POINTS - 16</b>	
ANY OVERSEAS PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED INTERNATIONAL/STATE/ CRICKET IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	3
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED INTERNATIONAL/ STATE CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	3
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED COUNTY/MINOR COUNTY, PREMIER 1ST LEVEL CRICKET OR ITS INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	3
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED 1ST XI PREMIER CRICKET (AUSTRALIA ONLY) ALL STATES IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	3
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED 2ND XI CRICKET IN PREMIER CRICKET (AUSTRALIA ONLY) ALL STATES IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	2
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED VSDCA 1ST XI CRICKET IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	2
ANY PLAYER WHO PLAYS COUNTRY WEEK 1ST XI IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 1 YEAR	2
ANY PLAYER BEING CLEARED OR PERMITTED TO ANOTHER CLUB UNTIL THE 1ST SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING THEIR 19 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – HOWEVER WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA TWO POINTS FOR EACH AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER	2
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED 3RD XI OR BELOW IN PREMIER CRICKET (AUSTRALIA) ALL STATES IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	1
ANY PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED VSDCA 2ND XI OR BELOW CRICKET IN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS 3 YEARS	1
ANY PLAYER APON CLEARANCE TO ANOTHER CLUB WITHIN THE MPCA	1
ALL NEW PLAYERS COMING INTO THE MPCA AND NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLIES	0

**19. CLEARANCES**

Players who apply for a Clearance from one club to another may be required to meet with the Pennant Committee before being granted a Permit to play with his proposed Club. Should this be the case, the player’s proposed Club will also be required to attend.

**20. JACK PEACOCK 20 TWENTY RULES**

The Jack Peacock Manual/Rules will be listed in its own section and will be put up on the MPCA Website

**21. TABLES OF FINES**

Under Rule 42 of the Rules of the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association Inc. the Board shall have the power to alter the levels of fines, deposits or other monetary amounts required to be paid there under by providing all member Clubs with at least twenty-one days written notice thereof.

Item	Fine (up to)	Rule Applying
Game not played	Forfeiting after round 4 will be \$100 first offence, \$200 second offence and \$300 further offences per team. Up to a maximum of \$1,500.	Rule 16 (c)(d)
Non Submission of Match Documents	\$50	Rule 8
Late Start – Game Not Played out	\$100	Rule 10
Inappropriate Attire	\$50	Rule 15 (a)
Clubs Failing to meet its Engagement	\$100	Rule 17(a)
Fail to Comply to Association Directions	\$50	Rule 17(b)



Fail to Attend Presentation Night	\$100	Rule 37
Failure to Attend Association Meeting	\$100	By Law 36
Team Registration Fees not Paid on time	\$50 Per team	By Law 23(c)
Failure to obtain or keep proof of age	\$100	Junior Rule 7 (c)
<b>Appeals or Disputes</b>	<b>Amount to be Lodged</b>	<b>Details</b>
Player or Club Appeals	\$500	Limited to one appeal only. To be lodged within 14 days of the decision which is the subject of Appeal.

**22. REDUCED OVERS PER GAME TABLE (1STS & 2NDS ONLY)**

STARTING TIME	OVERS/INNINGS	BOWLING RESTRICTIONS	
13:00 – 13:08	39	4x8	1x7
13:09 – 13:16	38	3x8	2x7
13:17 – 13:24	37	2x8	3x7
13:25 – 13:33	36	1x8	3x7
13:34 – 13:42	35	5x7	
13:43 – 13:51	34	4x7	1x6
13:52 – 14:00	33	3x7	2x6
14:01 – 14:08	32	2x7	3x6
14:09 – 14:17	31	1x7	4x6
14:18 – 14:26	30	5x6	
14:27 – 14:35	29	4x6	1x5
14:36 – 14:44	28	3x6	2x5
14:45 – 14:53	27	2x6	3x5
14:54 – 15:00	26	1x6	4x5

- (a) If there has been no play prior to 3.00pm, the game shall be abandoned
- (b) No afternoon tea break in a reduced game – 15 minute changeover only
- (c) Reduced Field Restrictions to be ¼ of the reduced overs – rounded down-no partial overs
- (d) If any further disruptions due to weather, match to revert to normal playing conditions e.g.



If Match was reduced to 30 overs/innings (Total 60) and a further 15 minutes was lost after commencement for any reason (Weather, injured player etc) by more than 15 minutes in either Innings, play shall be continued until the allotted overs (max 60) have been bowled for the day or a result has been achieved as long as the match does not extend beyond 7.30pm.

Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches Max 60 (as the case may be) or bad light or weather does not permit play or a result has been achieved.

**NOTE: Delays due to Covid-19 protocols are not to be considered in the 15minutes as an additional 30 minutes has already been allowed for the match if required for these protocols.**

### 23. COVID-19

(a) If further Rules are required to be implemented to adhere to State & Local Government, DHHS, Sport & Recreation Victoria and or Cricket Victoria covid-19 guidelines then the MPCA Board and the Pennant Committees will introduce them accordingly without needing to hold a general meeting.

(b) Non-adherence by individuals and clubs to Covid-19 protocols as determined in the MPCA Covid19 Safety Plan are to be dealt with by either the MPCA Board the Senior Pennant or Tribunal.