

RULE 1 APPLICATION OF LAWS AND RULES

1.1 LAWS OF CRICKET

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 4th Edition – 2010) shall apply to all matches, except as hereinafter modified.

1.2 PENNANT COMMITTEE POWERS AND EMERGENCY RULINGS

1.2.1 The Pennant Committee shall have the power to take any action deemed appropriate against a club or player breaking a CV Rule or a Law of Cricket.

1.2.2 Subject to the Articles and By-Laws of CV, the Pennant Committee shall have the power to decide all questions arising out of CV matches not provided for in these Rules.

RULE 2 PROGRAMS OF MATCHES

2.1 DETERMINATION OF PROGRAMS

The Premier clubs shall compete in programs as arranged by the Board of CV and approved by CV Delegates prior to the commencement of the season.

2.2 VARIATION TO PROGRAM

Subject to the approval of the CV Board, the Pennant Committee may, if necessary, alter the program in respect of dates or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played.

RULE 3 MATCH VENUES - NOMINATION APPROVAL AND AVAILABILITY

3.1 NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF VENUES

3.1.1 Prior to the Annual General Meeting of CV in each season each club shall nominate, for the coming season, the ground to be the home venue for:

- (a) 1st and 2nd XI matches
- (b) 3rd and 4th XI matches
- (c) Women's 1st and 2nd XI matches

3.1.2 Such grounds shall be subject to the approval of the Pennant Committee.

3.2 AVAILABILITY OF VENUES

3.2.1 *Men's 1st and 2nd XI grounds*

Nominated grounds approved by the Pennant Committee for 1st and 2nd XI matches shall be available for all matches scheduled by the CV Board in respect to or in connection with:

- (a) the Premier competition;
- (b) all CV Pathway Competition matches;
- (c) matches scheduled by the CV Board in connection with
 - the VMCU Inter-association Competition;
 - the VCCL Country Week Competition; and
- (d) such other competitions as the CV Board determines.

3.2.2 *Men's 3rd and 4th XI grounds and Women's 1st and 2nd XI grounds*

Nominated grounds approved by the Pennant Committee for 3rd and 4th XI matches shall be available for all matches scheduled by the CV Board for the CV Premier and CV Pathway competitions.

3.3 CHANGING NOMINATED VENUES

3.3.1 The grounds nominated pursuant to 3.1.1(a) and approved pursuant to 3.1.2 shall not be changed without approval of the Pennant Committee.

3.3.2 Any application to change the nominated venue for any scheduled match shall be lodged in writing with the Pennant Committee not less than one week prior to the first date for which approval is sought.

3.3.3 Any such application must nominate an alternative venue for the dates the ground will be unavailable and the reason for the ground being unavailable on those dates.

3.3.4 The Pennant Committee shall have no obligation to consider any application received within one week of the date for which approval is sought.

3.4 APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES

3.4.1 The Pennant Committee shall have an absolute discretion as to whether or not to approve an application brought under 3.3.

3.4.2 In exercising its discretion the Pennant Committee shall be entitled to take into account the suitability of the proposed alternative venue and the policy of CV regarding the use of nominated grounds during the cricket season for purposes other than the playing of cricket.

3.4.3 Notwithstanding the approval of any application made under 3.3, a club changing its nominated venue may be fined a sum to be determined by the Pennant Committee.

3.5 REFUSAL OF APPROVAL TO CHANGE VENUES.

Should approval sought by a club not be granted by the Pennant Committee and the ground subsequently not be available for the playing of any match scheduled by the CV Board in accordance with these rules, the club shall be in breach of these rules and subject to the following penalties (which are cumulative with any penalties which may be imposed by CV pursuant to its Articles of Association or its By-Laws):

- (a) the club may be fined a sum to be determined by the Pennant Committee for each day on which the ground is scheduled for use for the playing of a match or matches and during which the ground is not available for such use; and
- (b) the Pennant Committee shall have the power to award points to the opposing club.

3.6 NON-AVAILABILITY OF GROUND - ACCEPTABLE REASONS

A club shall not be in breach of the rules by reason of its nominated and approved ground not being available if, but only if:

- (a) the weather is such that even with the use of covers the ground has been rendered unfit for play, or
- (b) the Pennant Committee has, pursuant to 3.8, given approval for the ground not to be available.

3.7 FAILURE TO MEET ENGAGEMENT OR TO HAVE GROUND FIT

Any club failing to meet its engagement or, with due regard to the weather, to have its ground, or a ground to be approved by the Pennant Committee, in a proper condition for play, shall be fined an amount determined by CV, and/or the Pennant Committee shall have the power to award points to the opposing club unless the Pennant Committee accepts the reasons given.

3.8 USE OF GROUND OTHER THAN FOR SCHEDULED MATCHES

3.8.1 If a club wishes to make its ground or grounds available for a use other than the playing of scheduled cricket matches on a day or days during which a match or matches are scheduled for its grounds, the club must make a written application to the Pennant Committee not less than four weeks prior to the relevant date to obtain approval for such use.

3.8.2 If the application is made less than four weeks prior to the relevant date the Pennant Committee shall be under no obligation to consider the application later.

3.8.3 The Pennant Committee shall have an absolute discretion as to whether or not to approve the proposed use of the ground. In exercising its discretion the Pennant Committee shall be entitled to take into account the policy of CV regarding the use of grounds during the cricket season for uses other than the playing of cricket.

3.9 DETERMINATION OF SEASONS

Any club that wishes to allow the use of either of its ovals in contravention of the Determination of Seasons must obtain the written permission of the Pennant Committee.

3.10 WEEKLY GROUND AND PITCH REPORT - SEPTEMBER

During the month of September each club must report to CV on a weekly basis, on the condition of the ground and pitch on both of its ovals and on the progress being made to have them ready for play on the first Saturday in October.

RULE 4 POINTS AND TEAM RANKINGS

4.1 ALLOCATION OF MATCH POINTS (Premiership Series)

4.1.1 Two Day Matches (Error! Reference source not found.)

Result	Points
Win outright and first innings lead	10
Win outright and first innings tie	8
Win outright and behind on first innings	6
Win on first innings - no further points result	6
Tie outright - each team	5
Tie on first innings - no further points result	3
Tie on first innings with outright loss	2
Loss outright after first innings lead	4

4.1.2 One-Day Matches (Error! Reference source not found.)

Result	Points
Win	4
Tie	2
No Result or Loss	0

Bonus point (See notes below)	1
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- (i) The team that achieves a run rate of 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point. i.e. the team shall receive a total of 5 points (4 points for win, 1 bonus point).
- (ii) A team's run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced.
- (iii) Where matches are shortened and targets revised using the deciding score, bonus run-rates and defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score (less one run) and maximum overs.

4.1.3 Twenty20 Matches (*Error! Reference source not found.*)

Result	Points
Win	4
Tie	2
No Result or Loss	0

- (i) **A One1 Eliminator** will be played for the final only.
- (ii) **Votes for Player of the Season Awards.** One set of votes only (1-2-3) to be awarded by the umpires together.

4.1.4 Penalty Points Deduction

Premiership Series points gained under 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 (Women's T20 matches only) are subject to reduction for any penalties incurred for contravention of Rules **Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.**

4.2 CRICKET VICTORIA SHIELD SERIES RANKINGS: TEAM AVERAGES

4.2.1 Cricket Victoria Shield Ladder

All premiership points obtained in 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 count towards the Cricket Victoria Shield ladder.

4.2.2 Application and Calculation of Team Averages

Should there be equality in aggregate premiership points the team higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better team average. Team averages shall be calculated by:

- (a) dividing total runs scored by total wickets lost (batting average);
- (b) dividing total runs scored against by total wickets taken (bowling average); and
- (c) dividing the batting average (a) by the bowling average (b).

4.2.3 Determination of Wickets Lost

A wicket shall be recorded as lost or taken when an innings terminates with any batsman unable to commence, continue, or resume his innings within the scheduled playing time or compulsory number of overs; but a team declaring an innings closed or having it terminated under **Error! Reference source not found.** or forfeiting an innings shall be deemed to have lost only those wickets which have actually fallen.

4.3 PREMIER MEN'S ONE-DAY PROGRAM RANKINGS

4.3.1 One-Day Ladder

A separate one-day ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured one-day matches only.

4.3.2 Team ranking on ladder

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 4.1.2 but if there is equality in points the team to be ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate.

4.3.3 Net Run Rate – definition and calculation

Run rate is the average per over of runs scored in an innings. Net run rate is the difference between the average runs per over scored by a team and the average runs per over scored against it.

4.3.4 Run Rate calculation

The calculation of net run rate must include details of no result matches and include the full entitlement of overs of a team which has been dismissed in fewer overs.

4.4 PREMIER TWENTY20 PROGRAM RANKINGS

4.4.1 Twenty20 Ladder

A separate Twenty20 ladder will contain the points derived from the fixtured Twenty20 matches only.

4.4.2 Team ranking on ladder

Teams shall be ranked in the order of points gained under 4.1.3 but if there is an equality in points the team ranked higher on the ladder shall be the one with the better net run rate (refer 4.3.3 and 4.3.4).