

RULE 5 PROGRAMS FOR FINALS ROUNDS

5.1 MEN'S ONE-DAY COMPETITION

Men's One-Day Finals matches shall be played as per **Error! Reference source not found..**

5.1.1 Final

The two highest ranked teams will play off in the Final. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team shall be declared the winner.

5.2 CRICKET VICTORIA SHIELD

Note: All Cricket Victoria Shield finals matches shall be played under **Error! Reference source not found..**

5.2.1 Quarter Finals

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the teams finishing first to eighth as per **Error! Reference source not found.** shall play quarter-finals as follows: 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher ranked team in the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

5.2.2 Semi-finals

The quarter finals winners shall play in semi-finals as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the team ranked higher at the conclusion of the quarter-finals shall be declared the winner.

5.2.3 Final

The semi-final winners shall play in the Final. Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher ranked team at the conclusion of the semi-finals shall be declared the winner.

5.3 WOMEN'S FINALS

5.3.1 Semi-finals

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the semi-finals will be played as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

Note: In a five-team competition a semi-final will be played between 2 v 3 with 1st place progressing straight to the final.

- All semi-final matches shall play according to **Error! Reference source not found..**
- If play does not commence (i.e., no ball is bowled) on the scheduled day, the match shall be rescheduled for the following day where possible.
- In any match should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

5.3.2 Finals

The two semi-final winners will then play in the Final.

- All Final matches shall be played according to **Error! Reference source not found..**
- One reserve playing day shall be scheduled.
- If play does not commence (i.e. no ball is bowled) on the scheduled day, play shall be rescheduled to the reserve day.

5.3.3 Result

Should there be a tie, a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

5.4 TWENTY20 FINAL

The two highest-ranked teams from the scheduled Twenty20 matches (as per **Error! Reference source not found.**) will contest the Final and play according to **Error! Reference source not found..** Should there be a draw or abandonment without play, the higher-ranked team at the conclusion of the home and away series shall be declared the winner.

5.5 FINALS VENUES

Venues for all finals matches shall be determined by the Pennant Committee.

5.6 PRESENTATION TO PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

A pennant and/or shield shall be presented to each winning club. Each winning club shall receive a maximum of 15 medals or badges for distribution to players and such others as deemed appropriate.

RULE 6 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN'S ONLY)

6.1 WEIGHTING OF PREMIERSHIP POINTS

CV clubs shall compete in a Club Championship which shall include points from all matches played for premiership points but excluding the competition finals.

Grade	Weighting:
1 st XI	5
2 nd XI	3
3 rd XI	2
4 th XI	1

6.2 DETERMINING THE WINNER

The Championship shall be awarded to the club with the highest aggregate of weighted points and if clubs have equal highest points each shall be declared a joint winner.

RULE 7 ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS

7.1 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

7.1.1 *New player eligibility*

A player who has not previously played CV Premier cricket shall be eligible to play with any CV club.

7.1.2 *Residency*

To play CV Premier Cricket a player must be a bona fide resident in the State of Victoria, unless the prior approval of the Pennant Committee is obtained.

7.1.3 *Interstate/Overseas players*

New arrivals from beyond Victoria shall not play without a permit from the Pennant Committee.

7.1.4 *Requirement for permit*

Every player taking part in the program of matches shall play with the club for which he is qualified under these rules and shall continue to play with that club unless he obtains a permit to play with another competing club.

7.1.5 *Registration of playing members*

Lodgement and administration of player registration shall be undertaken via the online system.

7.1.6 *Pennant Committee's powers re registration*

The Pennant Committee shall have power to inquire into and determine the residential or other bona fides of any player seeking registration or who is already registered. Should it be found that a player or an official of a club has knowingly furnished information which is false the Pennant Committee may suspend the player from playing in CV matches for such time as is deemed appropriate and/or penalise the official's club in accordance with 7.7.1.

7.2 TRANSFER TO LOWER XI (MEN'S)

7.2.1 *Limit of matches played*

Unless he obtains the sanction of the Pennant Committee no player who has played with the 1st XI in ten (10) or more matches shall be allowed to play in a 2nd XI match during the remainder of the season. The same principle shall apply to all players transferring to lower XIs.

7.2.2 *Playing in the same round in Lower XI match*

A player having played with the 1st, 2nd or 3rd XI shall not be eligible to play with a lower XI in the same round of Premier matches when circumstances have required lower grade matches of that round to be rescheduled and played on a later date, except with the prior approval of the Pennant Committee. A player shall only be permitted to play in one **Error! Reference source not found.** match per round.

7.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINAL SERIES (MEN'S)

7.3.1 *Number of games played*

A player of a club, other than a representative player, shall not be eligible to play in Final Series matches unless he has played three matches or more with the club during the current season or the Pennant Committee gives approval in special circumstances, such as return from long-term injury or representation of the club in a lesser level competition.

7.3.2 *Permit to play in lower XI*

No player who has played with a 1st XI shall play in the Final Series 2nd XI matches unless he has previously played in the 2nd XI during the current season. If the club's 1st and 2nd XIs are both in the Final Series, a 1st XI player may obtain a permit to play with the 2nd XI. The same principle shall apply to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs.

7.3.3 *Eligibility to play in lower XIs*

A player, unless granted permission by the Pennant Committee, shall not be eligible to play in a final series with

- (a) a lower XI if the number of games played in that XI or a lower XI is less than the aggregate of games played by him in higher XIs;
- (b) a 3rd XI if he has played in more than two games with a 1st XI; and
- (c) a 4th XI if he has played in more than two games with a 1st and/or 2nd XI during the programmed series of that season.

7.3.4 *Determining eligibility*

In determining a player's eligibility for Final Series matches, games of the same round played in different XIs as allowed in 7.4 shall both be counted but games in higher XIs as a replacement player under 7.4 shall not be counted.

7.3.5 *Games in One-day Finals*

Games played in one-day Twenty20 finals shall not be counted when determining finals eligibility for Cricket Victoria Shield Finals.

7.4 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER REPLACEMENT

7.4.1 *Representative player – definition*

For the purpose of this rule a representative player is:

- (a) a player selected to take part in a First Class or other match controlled by, or under the sanction of Cricket Australia or CV; and/or
- (b) a player contracted by CV; or
- (c) a player in Women's 1st and 2nd XI selected as a player, manager or other official for matches defined in (a) above.

7.4.2 *When a representative player can replace/be replaced*

A representative player named as a member of an XI in a CV Premier match of which a day of play coincides with a scheduled day of a match as in 7.4.1, may replace or be replaced by a player approved by the Pennant Committee. A named player who is injured while on representative match duties between scheduled days of a CV match may also be replaced in accordance with this rule provided:

- (a) the coach or captain of the representative side reports the injury was sustained in the representative match; and
- (b) a statement is furnished to the Pennant Committee prior to resumption of play in the CV Premier match.

The Pennant Committee may consider any request from the State Chairman of Selectors for any contracted or representative player to be selected to participate in any Premier club match at any time.

7.4.3 *Representation known prior to match commencement (Men's)*

A club requiring a representative player to replace or be replaced by another player shall notify the names of the two players involved to the Pennant Committee.

If representation is known prior to the start of the Premier match:

- (a) Notification to the umpires and opposing captain is to be made prior to the start of the Premier match affected.
- (b) All replacements pertaining to the match shall be noted on the team sheets.
- (c) Approval of the Pennant Committee shall be required prior to the replacement taking effect and the notification shall be made as follows:
 - by 12 noon on the day prior to the start of the replacement match; or
 - by such time as the Pennant Committee deems reasonable in the particular circumstances.

7.4.4 Representation not known prior to match commencement (Men's)

If representation is not known prior to the start of the Premier match: Notification to the umpires and opposing captain is to be made not less than 30 minutes prior to the start of play on day 2. Approval of the Pennant Committee shall be required prior to the replacement taking effect and the notification shall be made as follows:

- by 12 noon on the day prior to day 2 of the replacement match; or
- by such time as the Pennant Committee deems reasonable in the particular circumstances.

In anticipation of a player being selected for a representative match notification of the names may be given prior to the representative team announcement and approval from the Pennant Committee shall not be required.

7.4.5 Representative player replacement (Women's)

A club requiring a representative player to replace or be replaced by another player shall:

- (a) notify the umpires and opposing captain prior to the start of the match affected; and
 - (b) note all replacements pertaining to the match on the team sheets.
- In the case where a player is not available for a match her club shall be permitted to name a player who may or will participate in a lower grade of her club on the same weekend, thereby allowing her to play in more than one game during a given round.

7.4.6 No alteration allowed after notification

In all circumstances once notification has been given no alteration shall be made without approval from the Pennant Committee prior to the Premier match involved.

7.4.7 Request from representative team selectors

Where representative team selectors have requested that a player, who has been nominated as a replacing player, be rested from a club match the player who was to be replaced by him may, with the prior approval of the Pennant Committee, be retained as a normally selected player in the match.

7.4.8 Requirements of replacement player

A replacing player shall be subject to the provisions of the CV Pennant Rules and Laws of Cricket as would have applied to the player he replaced if that player had continued playing in the match.

7.4.9 Lower XIs

The principle and provisions of the foregoing shall apply to allow consequential replacement or retention in 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs.

7.4.10 Substitute fielder

Where a replacement player has not been requested a substitute fieldsman shall be allowed.

7.4.11 Notification of substitute fielder

Before the start of a day's play the captain of the opposing side and the umpires shall be informed of the use of a replacement player or substitute fieldsman.

7.4.12 Representative player withdraws from match

A representative player who, for any reason, withdraws from a match as in 7.4.1 shall not be allowed to take part in any CV Premier match being played at the same time, without approval from the Pennant Committee.

7.4.13 Representative player role in the game

A player who, due to representative match duties,

- (a) arrives late on a day of a CV match in which he is nominated to play or is playing, shall not be limited as to when and how he may take part or resume in the match.
- (b) is a not out batsman and is unable to resume his innings shall be treated under Law 2.9 as retired owing to unavoidable cause and recorded as "retired, not out".

- (c) is a not out batsman shall replace/be replaced by the representative player or the nominated replacement player at the crease.

7.5 TRANSFERS TO AND FROM CV PREMIER CLUBS (MEN'S)

7.5.1 Definition of a CV player

A CV Premier club cricketer shall mean a player who has played 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th XI cricket with a CV Premier club.

7.5.2 Eligibility to play for more than one club

A player shall not play with more than one CV Premier club during the season unless he is expressly authorised by these Rules or by the Pennant Committee.

7.5.3 Transferring to another club- requirement

A CV Premier club cricketer may transfer to any other CV Premier club with a MyCricket clearance from his club and a permit from the Pennant Committee.

7.5.4 Refusal of clearance

Should a clearance from his club be refused, a CV Premier club cricketer may apply to the Pennant Committee for a permit.

- (a) He must give to the club with which he has played 14 days' notice in writing of his intention to apply for a permit.

- (b) The club with which he has played shall have the right to be heard by the Pennant Committee.

No permit will be granted under 7.5.2, 7.5.3 and 7.5.4 after 31 December of the current season.

7.5.5 Retention of Club Qualification

Any CV Premier player who ceases to play Premier Cricket remains tied for 10 years to the CV Premier club for which he last played should he wish to return to CV Premier club cricket.

7.5.6 Special Permits

Notwithstanding any condition elsewhere mentioned in these rules, the Pennant Committee, under special circumstances, may grant a permit to a player to play with a club other than the club or clubs for which he is qualified.

7.6 PROCESSING CLEARANCE APPLICATIONS (MEN'S)

7.6.1 Recording in Clearance Register

An application for a transfer between CV Premier clubs, whether directly from a player or through a club, shall be lodged via the on-line clearance system, which shall register the lodgement date..

7.6.2 Club notification to Pennant Committee

The said club on receiving the application shall consider the matter and register its decision via the on-line clearance system.

7.6.3 Time period for club to process clearance applications

If the notification from the said club is not received by the Pennant Committee within 14 days of the application's endorsed date of lodgement, the applicant player may be granted a permit, with immediate effect, to transfer to the club to which the transfer is sought.

7.7 PENALTY FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYER (MEN'S)

7.7.1 Penalties

Any club playing a player not possessing the requisite qualification shall, subject to the discretion of the Pennant Committee, be declared to have lost the match or matches in which such player took part and may be liable to a fine. For each match in which the club did not gain points a fine of a sum determined by the Pennant Committee may be imposed.

7.7.2 Awarding of points

The awarding of points to the opposing club or clubs under 7.7.1 shall be at the discretion of the Pennant Committee.

7.7.3 Player incorrectly identified as eligible

Where a club is notified under 7.7.1 that a player is eligible and that player is subsequently found to be ineligible, the club, except in the circumstance provided for in 7.7.2, shall not be penalised for any match in which the player participated prior to his ineligibility being brought to its attention.