

The Hamilton Cricket Association Senior Bylaws and Competition Conditions

1. Definitions

For the purpose of these Senior Bylaws and Competition Conditions:

- (a) “HCA” means the Hamilton Cricket Association Incorporated.
- (b) “WVCA” means the Waikato Valley Cricket Association Incorporated.
- (c) “The Board” means the Executive of the HCA.
- (d) “Club or Clubs” means any club affiliated to the HCA.
- (e) “Higher representative match” means any match in which a player is representing a District or Major Association or New Zealand (whether age group or otherwise) but shall not include for example University; Armed forces; ethnic.
- (f) “Senior” means Premier; Senior A; Senior B and Senior C grades.
- (g) “Marquee Player” means an NDCA contracted first-class player who was allowed to play his club cricket in a selected District Association at the same time as representing an alternative District Association representative side.
- (h) “Unfinancial register” is a list of players who owe subscriptions to an HCA or WVCA club.

2. Laws of Cricket:

The 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket (including any revision) and the current New Zealand Cricket First Class Playing Conditions shall apply to the HCA competitions unless such laws or conditions are inconsistent with these Senior Bylaws and Competition Conditions. In the event of a conflict, these bylaws take precedence.

3. Entry and Grading of Teams:

After each Annual General Meeting the board shall nominate a date by which all clubs wishing to play shall notify the HCA by completing the entry form provided of the teams the club wish to enter and in which grades. The board shall determine in which grade each team entered shall compete, may divide any grade into sections, and may at any time, vary the grading of any team and the form of the competition. Furthermore, the board may impose criteria and responsibilities on clubs wishing to enter teams.

4. Qualification of Players:

- (a) The Board has the right to permit or decline any person to play within the jurisdiction of the HCA.
- (b) Every club entered in HCA competitions must provide the HCA with a list of their players by the 1st of November. The database must include first and last names; email address and mobile number. This list must be updated on the 31st of January each season.
- (c) No player shall be eligible to play more than one game conducted by the HCA on the same day, unless that player has been nominated as a 12th player in one of the games.
- (d) No player shall be eligible to play in a club final if that player has not played at least one-third of the available playing days for that team during the season in that competition, (rained off matches will not count), however a player may play in a higher-grade final if that player has met the minimum playing day requirements at the lower grade.

This rule applies throughout the grades (excluding Twenty20); however, the board reserves the right to make allowances under extenuating circumstances, (which includes higher Representative matches).

- (f) Any player registered with the HCA by any club as unfinancial cannot play in any competitions under the jurisdiction of the HCA or WVCA.
- (g) Any player who continues to play for their club and has been registered by that club as unfinancial will be removed from the unfinancial register.
- (h) Prior to the commencement of the season the HCA and WVCA will provide all clubs with a copy of the unfinancial register. On receipt the clubs will have seven days to register or delete (update) the register with HCA and WVCA.
- (i) Any player under suspension must serve the full sentence. If a suspended player plays for any team under HCA or WVCA jurisdiction whilst under suspension; the player; team or club may be penalised.
- (j) Players are only eligible to represent the District in which they play their club cricket. The Boards of the respective Districts can reserve the right to make allowances under extenuating circumstances.
- (k) Marquee players are not sanctioned by either the HCA or the WVCA and have no extraordinary rights.
- (l) A player attending a tertiary institution in the Waikato, outside/above that of secondary school can elect to play club cricket in HCA competitions and still represent their District of origin. The club in which the person elects to play their club cricket must inform the District Association of their intentions prior to the start of the representative season.

5. Transfer of Players:

- (a) No player can play for two clubs in New Zealand during the same season without transferring from one club to the other.
- (b) No club shall permit any players to play for a team in any HCA competition until that player has been registered as a member of that club and has complied with rule 5 (a). Registration must be authorised by the HCA at the commencement of the season and new registrations during the season submitted for approval no later than 5.00 pm on the Wednesday of any given week and shall include a copy of the approval from the club and District Association from which the player is transferring from.
- (c) Any player may transfer from one club to another during the course of the season on obtaining the consent of both clubs and/or District Association involved and providing a copy of the consent/s to the HCA. Any transfer not receiving the consent of both clubs or District Association can be appealed in writing to the board for a decision. It shall be the responsibility of the club to which the player is transferring to, to advise the HCA of the change or of the failure of the clubs to agree to the transfer.

6. Substitutions:

- (a) If a player has been selected to play in a higher representative match it shall be permissible for that player to be replaced for a club match or part of a club match and for that players replacement from another grade to be replaced but subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) If a player is not out at the end of the first days play no continuation of that players innings is allowed by the replacement player.
 - (ii) The name(s) of the player(s) to be replaced and their replacement(s) are to be provided to the opposition captain prior to the commencement of the days play.
- (b) Notwithstanding condition 6 (a) premier teams shall be allowed to replace three players on the second day of a two-day match and five players may be replaced in any other division.

(c) Any member of a club who is selected for a higher representative match and who declines selection in such a match shall obtain approval of the board before playing in any club match in lieu of such a higher representative match.

(d) No replacements are permitted during any club final, except in extenuating circumstances and must be applied for and approved by the HCA

7. Player Absence (late arrival/s)

Premier teams must name their team prior to the match commencing by providing their team list to the official umpires or opposing captain should an official umpire not be standing. On this basis any named player who arrives late may play an immediate part in the game.

Senior A-C grades must notify the opposing captain of any shortfall in their numbers prior to commencement of play. On this basis any player arriving late may play an immediate role in the game.

It must be noted that:

(a) The late arrival has not played in any other HCA Senior fixture on that day apart from acting as a 12th player.

(b) The captain advises the opposing captain of any 12th player commencing play at the start of the days play so that the player may be replaced by a player arriving late.

8. Conduct of Matches:

The order of draw, points and playing times for matches shall be decided by the Board before the commencement of each competition. The order in which teams meet shall be decided by lot unless otherwise determined by the Board.

9. Grounds:

(a) All matches must take place on the grounds and pitch allocated to them.

(b) No match will be held on a ground which has been closed.

(c) The condition of all parks and changing sheds are the responsibility of those clubs using the facilities. All parks and changing sheds are to be left in a tidy state using rubbish receptacles provided. Facilities are to be left secure and locked at the end of the days play. Failure to comply with this instruction may render teams liable for penalties as imposed by the board.

(d) Teams are not to practice or warm up on any part of the grass blocks.

10. Cancellations:

(a) Only in extreme circumstances will the decision to cancel cricket and close grounds be made on a Friday.

(b) The cricket committee will be responsible for any cancellations and the General Manager will convey any cancellations to the clubs and umpires by either SMS, Facebook and/or website.

(c) If cricket is to be delayed or cancelled on a Saturday the Cricket Committee will meet at an appointed venue by 8.00 am and instruct the General Manager to convey their decision to the clubs and umpires.

(d) If play is delayed the official umpires or captains of teams will be responsible for determining any further delays in commencement of play.

(e) Where no official umpires are present for a match and a dispute arises as to the playing conditions, then any other official umpire or an independent official of the HCA

shall determine if and when play shall take place. If neither is available then play shall take place when both captains agree. The object is to play as much cricket as possible.
(f) If the majority of games in any senior grade are abandoned then all games are deemed abandoned.

11. Cessation of Play:

Regardless of the agreed number of overs or hours of play all matches must cease by 7.00 pm.

12. CricHQ scoring and Reporting.

(a) All players must be registered on CricHQ in order to play. In extreme circumstances (late call ups/ring ins) players may not be registered in time and exceptions may be made in some circumstances.

(b) All club cricket results must be recorded through CricHQ and is the responsibility of the team named first in the online draw to ensure that full score cards are submitted.

(c) Premier results must be in CricHQ by 10.00 am the day following play.

Senior A-C results must be in by 6.00 pm the day following play. (This includes Day 1 of all two-day matches).

(d) Failure to meet the requirements set out in 12 (a-c) will result in a club fine and/or a points deduction.

(e) In the event of technical issues with CricHQ, the team responsible for scoring must ensure that an email explaining the issue is sent to hamiltoncricketnz@gmail.com before the deadline for results (refer (c)).

(f) Captains shall be responsible for the correctness of score books/ CricHQ scoring. If an official umpire is not standing scores must be agreed on by both the captains at the completion of any session/innings.

(f) Umpires reports are mandatory for all matches involving official umpires and must be submitted by both team captains. The report deadlines are 10.00 am on the day following play. The reports can be accessed online. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a points deduction and/or a fine.

13. Attire:

The dress for all Senior grades must be authorised by the HCA and no other attire shall be acceptable.

14. Stumps:

Wooden stumps of the prescribed length shall be used in all games.

15. Balls:

All grades shall use a new four-piece leather ball

Minimum requirements are:

Premier: Kookaburra Turf or Regulation.

Senior A: Kookaburra Regulation or Club Match.

Senior B: Kookaburra Club Match or Senator.

Senior C: Kookaburra Senator.

Notwithstanding the above requirements any of the above mentioned can be used throughout the grades in T20 fixtures.

16. Lost Balls:

In the event of play being delayed by reason of a lost ball, the match shall recommence after three minutes at the request of either captain and no claim for lost time shall be allowed.

17. Trees:

If during any match a ball struck by a batsperson hits any part of a tree within the boundary on the full, it shall be deemed a six, and if not on the full, it shall be deemed a four.

18. Covers:

The HCA will endeavour to cover wickets during the week leading up to weekend club cricket, however placement cannot commence prior to Wednesday evening.

(a) The team named second in the online draw is responsible for ensuring the covers are removed at a suitable time before play and for correctly rolling the covers and drying the scrim and placing both in the designated storage area.

(b) During play it is the responsibility of the batting side to cover the wicket if required.

(c) Under no circumstances are players to run over covers in spikes. This may result in a fine to the club in addition to the cost of any repairs to the covers.

19. Harassment:

Harassment is any unwelcome comment, conduct or gesture directed toward an individual, or group of individuals which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading or offensive, and is either repeated or of such a significant nature, that it adversely affects someone's performance, contribution, enjoyment or the HCA environment in general.

Harassment may be focused on an individual's or group's race, colour, gender, physical characteristics, sexual orientation or any other distinguishing characteristic. Sexual harassment is any unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature.

In most cases, harassment is an attempt by one person to inappropriately exert power over another person. Harassment ranges from mild conduct such as gestures or comments to conduct which may be physical, forceful and violent.

Harassment will not be tolerated in any HCA situation.

Anyone who feels they have been subjected to harassment OR has observed harassment should report it to a Board Member.

The HCA will respond promptly, appropriately and fairly to all complaints at all times respecting the rights and privacy of all parties.

Where appropriate Harassment complaints will be dealt with under the HCA code of conduct. If the code of conduct is insufficient to deal with the complaint, then the board may take extraordinary measures to ensure the wellbeing of the complainant.

20. Disputes and Complaints:

It is important that teams in all grades maintain playing standards. These standards exist to ensure the quality and enjoyment of the game for all players and supporters.

In the case of any dispute or complaint from any club, umpire, HCA employee, match official, board member or any other interested party concerning these by laws or any match conducted by the HCA, the required procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) The dispute or complaint shall be emailed or delivered to the General Manager of the HCA by 5.00 pm on the Monday following a Saturday match or 5.00 pm Tuesday following a Sunday match and shall clearly state all the facts.
- (b) The General Manager shall immediately send a copy of the dispute or complaint to the other party with a show cause notice identifying which rules have been breached.
- (c) That party shall have the right to reply in writing to the General Manager within two days i.e. 5.00 pm Wednesday/Thursday of the same week.
- (d) The cricket committee will appoint adjudicators and those persons may impose any penalty they think fit including debarring a player, team or club from participating in matches conducted by the HCA for any length of time, forfeiture of points whether for the match in question or otherwise, or a monetary fine.
- (e) The Board shall be informed of all outcomes.
- (f) There shall be no right of appeal.

21. Right of Delegation:

The HCA Board has vested the powers or functions to the Cricket Committee for the Senior bylaws and competition conditions and may also be delegated to any independent adjudicator/s appointed by the Cricket Committee.