

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS CRICKET LEAGUE STRUCTURE FOR THE 2015/16 SEASON

The League competition will be structured as follows

a. **Premier League (50 overs Limited Overs Competition)**

1	Blanco
2	George
3	Harlequins Forces
4	Mossel Bay
5	NMMU
6	Pacaltsdorp United
7	Pirates United
8	Sussex
9	Union Stars
10	Western Hope

This league will be contested with a league of ten teams to play a 'round robin' home-and-away series. Each team will play 18 pool matches. At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the four teams finishing with the higher number of match points will compete in the semi-finals. In the semi-final's the teams finishing 1st will play against the team finishing 4th and the team finishing 2nd will play the team finishing 3rd. Each semi-final will be played at the venue's of the teams finishing 1st and 2nd.

The winning teams in each semi-final will compete in the final. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the competition; the team with the better overall net run rate qualifies for the higher log positions.

b. **T20 Knock-Out League.**

This league will be contested starting with a preliminary round of four pools with all affiliated clubs participating. Within each pool the teams playing a 'round robin' single round. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the knock-out phases - Quarter final's, Semi-Final's and the Final.

The team with the superior ranking will enjoy home ground advantage with exceptions in the qualifying round whereby matches will be grouped to a certain venue as well as in the final's (which will be played at the REC Ground). The competition should start at the beginning of the season with 9 January 2016 as identified date for semi- final's and final.

c. **Promotion League (One-Day Competition: 50 overs)**

This league will be contested in three pools of six or seven teams each. Each team within a pool will each play one another twice on a home-and-away format. The top teams in each pool will qualify for the semi-final. The fourth team for the semi-final's will be the team that finish as the best runner-up from the respective pools; namely the team with the highest number of average match points. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points or average match points at the end of the pool matches; the team with the better overall nett run rate qualifies for higher log position.

The winners of the respective pools will be rated according to number of match points to determine the rating in determine the draw for the semi-finals. In case Teams 1 (versus team 4) and Team 2 (versus team 3) will have home ground advantage in the semi-final draw. The final will be contested between the winning teams of each semi-final. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the pool matches; the team with the better overall nett run rate qualifies for higher log position.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
Bongolethu	Albertinia	Knysna Cavaliers
Calitzdorp Young Stars	Hartenbos	Kranshoek Cobra's
Dysselsdorp	Heidelberg	Kwanongaba
Ladismith	Melkhoutfontein	Pioneers
Mayflower	Riverdale	Ramblers
Selbourne	Slangrivier	Wilderness
	Thembaletu	New Dawn Park

d. **Reserve League: Limited Overs Competition (50 overs)**

This league will be contested in two pools of six and seven (7) teams each. Each team within a pool will each play one another twice on a home-and-away format. The two top teams in each pool will compete in the semi-final play-off matches (team finishing in first position in Pool A versus team finishing second in Pool B and *vice versa*). Each semi-final will be played at the venue of the teams finishing 1st in the respective pools. The final will be contested between the winning teams of each semi-final. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the pool matches; the team with the better overall net run rate qualifies for higher log position.

Pool A

1	Blanco 'B'
2	Bongolethu 'B'
3	Harlequins 'B'
4	Union Stars 'C'
5	Thembaletu 'B'
6	Union Stars 'B'
7	Western Hope 'B'

Pool B

1	George 'B'
2	Hartenbos 'B'
3	Mossel Bay 'B'
4	NMMU 'B'
5	Pirates United 'B'
6	Ramblers 'B'
7	Sussex 'B'

e. **Women's League: Limited Overs Competition (50 overs)**

This league will consist out six (6) teams and will be contested on a double round robin format adding up to eight preliminary round matches per team.

The two top teams-based on number of match points-will compete in the finals. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of average match points at the end of the preliminary round; the team with the better overall net run rate qualifies for higher log position.

The participating teams are:

Harlequins
Melkhoutfontein
Sussex
Thembalethu
Union Stars
Western Hope

GENERAL REMARKS

1. **Limited Over Competition (50 Overs)**

- a. Postponed Matches. No matches shall be played on any date or field other than that stipulated in the fixture list subject to clause 18 of these regulations.
- b. Rained Out Matches. Matches that are rained out may not be re-scheduled. Such matches will be declared No Result matches and points will be awarded accordingly.
- c. If the final or semi-final cannot be completed on the scheduled date (due to rain and a wet pitch or any circumstances beyond the control of SWDC – including CSA scheduled fixtures) a reserve date will be scheduled by SWDC. In the event of a No Result match on the Reserve day the team with the highest number of match points at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round shall be declared the winner. Should both teams have equal amount of match points the team with the best overall net run rate in the preliminary round shall be declared the winner.

- d. The final of all competitions will be played at the Headquarters of SWD Cricket or on a neutral venue as determined by SWD Cricket.

2. **T20 Knock Out Competition**

Matches during the Qualifying Round which are rained out or abandoned, will be rescheduled for another day as determined by SWDC.

If the final, semi-final or quarter final's cannot be completed on the scheduled date (due to rain and a wet pitch or any circumstances beyond the control of SWDC – including CSA scheduled fixtures) reserve dates will be scheduled by SWDC. Provision will be made for one reserve day. In the event of a No Result match on the Reserve day the team with the highest number match points at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round shall be declared the winner. Should both teams have equal amount of match points the team with the best overall net run rate in the preliminary round shall be declared the winner.

In the event of a match being tied a "SUPER OVER" will be played.

3. **Promotion/Relegation.**

The winner of the Promotion League competition will be automatically promoted to the Premier League on the condition that such club fulfills the set requirements for Premier league clubs (entering a team in Reserve League). No promotion/relegation matches will be played.

Should the Promotion League club that qualifies for promotion not adhering to the set requirements of a Premier League club and/or decline the opportunity to be promoted, the Premier League club to be relegated will not be relegated. The requirements for a club to be promoted to the Promotion League will be determined by the Executive Committee.

The Premier League team that will be relegated to the Promotion League will be the team that finished bottom of the log position in the log in the Premier League competition.

Should two or more teams be equal in the last position of the final Premier League log position – considering relegation to the promotion league – the team that forfeited the most (if any) matches during the course of the season will automatically be relegated irrespective of the net run rate. In case of no or equal number of forfeited matches the net run rate principle will apply.

4. **Tied Matches: Semi-Final's & Final's for Limited over competition (excluding T20 Knock-out competition)** If the scores are tied the result will be determined in the following order of priority:

- The team losing the lesser number of wickets.
- The team that won more matches against each other in the preliminary round
- The team with the most number of wins
- The team with the highest net run rate
- The team with the best over rate throughout the series.

5. **Calculation of Nett Run Rate.** The nett run rate is calculated by means of the following procedure:

- a. Adding-up all the runs scored by a team in the preliminary round matches throughout the competition (e.g. 2386 runs) and divided such figure through the number of overs batted (e.g 626 overs) = 3.81
- b. Adding-up all the runs scored by the opposition in the preliminary round matches throughout the competition (e.g. 2342 runs) and divided such figure through the number of overs batted (e.g 622 overs) = 3.77
- c. The team as applicable will have a nett run rate of +0.04.
- d. The team with the highest nett run rate (as stipulated) will be placed in the superior log position.
- e. For the calculation purposes of the nett run rate note should be taken that if a team was dismissed in less than the allocated number of overs (e.g. in the 37th of a 45 over match); the maximum number of overs will be used for the calculation of the nett run rate formula. If a team manages to reach the winning target in less than the allocated number of overs (e.g. the 42nd of a 45 over match); the figure of 42 overs will be used for the calculation of the nett run rate formula.
- f. No Result, Forfeited or Default Matches will not be used in the calculation to determine the nett run rate.

6. **Withdrawal of teams and non-fulfillment of fixtures**

- a. Clubs forfeiting any competition fixture shall be levied with a fine of R600.
- b. If a club forfeits **three matches (irrespective of the league) during the season**, such club will immediately be suspended from the SWDC competitions for the duration of the season.
- c. Maximum match points according to the Playing Conditions will be awarded to the non-defaulting team.
- d. No team will be allowed to commence with scheduled fixtures unless fines were paid to SWD Cricket. Full match points will be awarded to the non-defaulting team scheduled to play the suspended club.
- e. Fines by defaulting clubs must be paid by 12:00 on the Friday commencing the weekend whereby a fixture has been forfeited. Proof of payment of fines must be submitted to opposing teams applicable for fixtures versus the club forfeiting fixtures. If the B-team of a club (for example forfeited a fixture) it will also influence the participation of the more senior team (for example the A-team).

- f. If a club forfeits three consecutive matches due to outstanding fines, such club will immediately be suspended from SWDC competitions for the duration of the season.
- g. If a club forfeits matches due to outstanding fines full match points will be awarded to the non-defaulting team.
- h. Clubs forfeiting fixtures must inform opposing teams and the office of SWD Cricket by 12:00 on the Friday before such match. Failure thereof will result that the fine of R600.00 will be paid over to the non-defaulting opposing team.
- i. If a club withdraws from any competition of SWDC such club will be fined by R2000.

7. **Players who withdraw from Provincial Teams**

- a. Should a player be unavailable to play in any representative game on tour, official, authorized, organized or promoted by Cricket South Africa and/or SWD Cricket Board such players will not be permitted to participate in any other league or friendly game of whatsoever nature until the said game is completed unless authorized by the CEO SWD Cricket
 - b. The club of a player contravening Administrative Ruling 7.a will forfeit league points as obtained in a match to the opposing team.
8. Where a team has a bye – referring to the most senior team of a club (namely the A-team) – a player (in other words players that represented the more senior team (i.e. the A-team) in a representative match during the previous weekend or the previous day (should such match be played on a Sunday) will not be eligible for selection for a lower team playing on that specific day.
9. In case of final's and semi-final's a "*window period*" of two weeks will apply for moving between teams – a player will therefore not be eligible to play for the lower team for two consecutive weekends.
10. **Result Cards, Umpires Assessment Forms and Pitch Report Forms. Match result cards, Captain's Reports on Umpires and Pitch Report Forms** and the **official team nomination form** must be submitted to the office of the SWD Cricket (E Mail: pieters@swdcricket.co.za or Fax to 044-272 6294) by no later than 15:00 on the Monday after completed matches. Clubs not adhering to this ruling will be liable to a fine of R50,00 per outstanding form.
11. **Teams representing the SWDCB at the National Club Championships.** The winners of the Premier League Limited Over competition will represent the SWD at this Cricket South Africa National tournament.

12. **Registration of Players**

The annual registration process for the 2015/16 season will commence on 17 August 2015 and affiliated clubs will register players with the Board no later than 23 September 2015 at 12:00. Players joining during the season must be registered with the Board and

must apply for registration before 12:00 on the Wednesday prior to the match on the following weekend. Affiliated clubs are responsible for the registration of all players on the prescribed format. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of match points as applicable. If both clubs not adhering to this ruling the match will be declared a Default match and no match points will be awarded. **Only e-mailed registration forms will be accepted.**

All registration must be done according to the prescribed form – **SWDC: Registration of players** (2015/2016 season) and set requirements namely:

- a. 12:00 on Wednesday – Clearance Certificate and Club Cricket Transfer Approval
 - Only on form as provided by SWDC
 - List must be typed
 - Making provision for Name, Surname, ID Number and Contact Number of Registered player
 - Signed by the Player himself
 - Registration Form signed by the Chairperson/Secretary of the club
 - Captured by Admin Assistant/ Club cricket coordinator
 - Verified by Amateur Manager

13. **Transfer of Players**

The Board represented in this case by the CEO must approve all transfer of players. Transfers within the province will only be allowed up to and including 31 December 2016 of the for the 2015/16 season. A Cricketer may not play for more than one club or one province in any year except that if he is transferring clubs or provinces on a written clearance given by the transferring club or province, which clearance shall not be unreasonably withheld (CEO will have the authority to release players if in his/her discretion clearance is unreasonably withheld) and provided the club or province has exercised its decision in the best interests of promoting participation by the Cricketer in club and/or provincial cricket. Clubs/Provinces will have 3 (three) working days to release a player after receiving such request. **Only e-mailed Transfer of Players and related forms will be accepted.**

The procedure will be as follows:

- a. Application for Registration must take place before 12h00 on the Wednesday preceding the game on that particular weekend
- b. The **Club Cricket Transfer Approval Form** must be accompanied by a Clearance Certificate (from the previous club/province) before 12h00 on the Wednesday preceding the game on that particular weekend.
- c. Bona fide” students and scholars must apply for temporary registration on the prescribed form. The registration must be accompanied by a letter of release/approval from the applicable tertiary institution/school and must be submitted to the Board before 12h00 on the Wednesday preceding the game for that particular weekend for approval.

- d. The moving between B- and C-teams for a club in the Reserve League will not be permitted within the same weekend of scheduled matches.
 - e. Affiliated clubs are responsible for the registration of all players. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of full match points as applicable.
 - f. The office will on a weekly basis (by 12:00 every Thursday) circulate a confirmation of affiliation.
14. **Procedures when Umpires not Reporting to Officiate.** When the unlikely incident occurs where umpires failed to report to officiate in a scheduled fixture the following will apply:
- a. Captains will nominate players to officiate as umpires (one player from each team).
 - b. Should a sufficient number of members not be available to officiate (for example team A, which is the visiting team do not have enough members available), the batting team will provide both umpires for the duration of the match.
 - c. Should only one officiating umpire report for duty – that umpire will officiate at the bowlers end for the duration of the match and the square-leg umpire will be provided in accordance with clauses 14.a. and 14.b.
 - d. Clubs not adhering to this ruling will forfeit the match points. If both clubs not adhering to this ruling the match will be declared a No Result match and no match points will be awarded.
15. **Provincial Duties.** The use of the SWD provincial 12th man (as applicable for home Three Day matches) for club cricket on a Saturday will not be permitted. Conditions will be stipulated in official signed-off teams.
16. **Approval and control of balls.** All balls to be used in any SWDC Competition, having been approved by the umpires and shall be in possession of the umpires before the toss and shall remain under their control throughout the match.
- Used balls of the same make and type as the new ball shall be used as replacement balls. Umpires must ensure that each club provides two (2) spare balls before the commencement of matches for in case of deterioration or loss of balls.
17. **Anomalies in Conditions of Play.** Should any anomaly arise regarding the Conditions of Play – SWD Cricket will deal with such complaint if received in writing within 72 working hours. The decision by the SWD Board of Directors will be final. **All disputes must be resolved within seven (7) working days.**
18. **Preparation of wicket.** Clubs issued with pitch covers by the SWDC must cover the wicket on the evening before the scheduled fixture.
19. **Late arrival of teams.** Teams arriving late after the scheduled time of a fixture match will lose the toss. Matches should be called off after 14h30 on match day. The

Duckworth/Lewis calculation method should be applied in the case of late arrival. Irrespective of the outcome of the match, the defaulting team will be penalized with (two) 2 league points.

20. **Mandate.** The CEO has the mandate to amend fixtures and dates according to decisions as taken and requirements that may arise as well as the authority to call off matches in case of wet conditions (on the Friday before scheduled matches).

21. **Prize Money for League Winners & Runners-Up**

Winners

- Premier League R8,000
- Twenty/20 League R6,000
- Promotion League R6,000
- Reserve League R4,000
- Women's League: R6,000

Runners Up

- Premier League R4,000
- Twenty/20 League R3,000
- Promotion League R3,000
- Reserve League R2,000
- Women's League: R3,000

