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SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS CRICKET: ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of these Administrative Conditions is to inform Members about the Club Cricket standardisation regulations after the conclusion of the Club Cricket Workshops held during June 2018 which was intended to standardise Club Cricket within CSA Member structures.

BACKGROUND

2. The role of Club Cricket is to create a hospitable environment that attracts and retains individuals who want to participate in the game of cricket in the community.
3. Cricket South Africa Members are guided by the following administrative principles when registering a club or ascertaining the health status of their Club Cricket program which drives the CSA Presidential Plan objectives for Club Cricket.
 - a. Minimum administrative compliance
 - b. Number of registered teams as well as feeder systems
 - c. Ability to provide playing and practice facilities.
 - d. Suitably qualified coaches
 - e. Membership minimum guidelines
 - f. Competition structures
 - g. Playing conditions, Byelaws, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary procedures and Penalties
 - h. Compile and update data base
 - i. Manage player transfers.
 - j. Log generation

TERMS OF REFERENCE

4. A brief outline of some key terms in this document aims to aid understanding of both the context and content of the regulations that follow and that is guided by the following Cricket South Africa reference documents:

- Cricket South Africa Memorandum: Club Cricket Standardization Regulations and Standardized Regulations – dated 10 September 2018.
- a. **Member** – the organising body presiding over cricket clubs within a specific affiliate in CSA.
- b. **Member Board** – the executive committee responsible for decisions made regarding the affiliated cricket clubs within that Member.
- c. **Member Club Coordinator** – the person appointed by the specific Member Board to handle inter- provincial club (player) transfers, national championship registrations and sundry administrative duties.
- d. **Player** – assumed to be any player (male or female) with South African citizenship or residency (provided the latter has been valid for two years and the initial intends to continue their stay in the country).
- e. **Under-aged Player** – any player (male or female) who is younger than eighteen years old.
- f. **Tertiary Player** – any player (male or female) who is registered as a full-time student at a tertiary institution.
- g. **Foreign Player** – a person who does not possess South African citizenship or someone who has not had South African residency for two years.
- h. **Club cricket** – cricket played by players while registered to clubs that are affiliated to CSA at Member level.
- i. **Premier League** – referring to clubs or competitions with clubs that are affiliated to CSA at Member level and receive funding from CSA.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CRICKET CLUB IN SOUTH AFRICA?

5. Minimum requirements for participating in club cricket at Member level:
- a. The club must have a constitution that provides for the proper management and control of the club and is aligned to the Memorandum of Incorporation of the Member Board and CSA.
 - b. The club must have a functional and properly elected management committee responsible for the running of the club.
 - c. The club must also have a business plan outlining its recruitment strategy (including intent of engaging surrounding schools), its demarcated area of operation, all self-sustaining initiatives and its list of players.
 - d. An annual affiliation fee is payable by all clubs in order to affiliate with the Member.

amount is determined by the Member Council and may change from season to season.

- e. A club must submit a letter with their registered bank account details, where the name of the account is in the name of and controlled by the club, to the Member Board.
- f. The Member Board will only deposit money due to the club in an club-registered account.
- g. All clubs affiliated with the Member are expected to submit an asset register, the minutes of their Annual General Meeting as well as approved financial statements to the Member Board annually.
- h. The definition of a "Club" refers to the registered entity. A club will be allowed to field various teams in the SWDC competitions.

CRICKET SOUTH AFRICA (CSA) PRESIDENTIAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS

6. Compliance Requirements

- a. Premier league clubs to register a minimum of **three (3) senior teams** and must be able to fulfil all their obligated fixtures for a specific season.
- b. Premier league clubs to have at least **1 (one) Women's team participating** in the respective women's leagues with appointed level 1 coach.
- c. Premier league teams should have a **CSA Level 2 qualified coach** to be completed must be appointed by 1 September 2025.
- d. The completion of a CSA Safeguarding Clearance Certificate in an ongoing process and specific deadlines for completion – **namely the start of the 2025/26 season - was** instructed.
- e. Premier league teams **and Women Division 1 teams** should **have a minimum of 2 (two) players of colour** in their teams at all **times and in all competitions**, of which 1 (one) should be Black African.
- f. The regulation pertaining to 2 (two) players of colour will be fully enforced in all official CSA national competitions.
- g. All Premier and Promotion League fixtures will be live scoring events. The live scoring service will be administered by CSA scoring APP.
- h. Clubs not adhering to points A to F above will not be allowed to participate in the Premier League Competition.
- i. **Teams** not adhering to point E above will forfeit full match points.

DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS DURING THE REGIONAL PLAY- OFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP STAGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CSA.

- 7. The qualifying club agrees to ensure that:
 - a. They will comply with all decisions regarding the championships taken by the CSA or the assigned administrative body.

- b. They will provide the names of the players, i.e., **13 Players and a Manager and Coach** to participate during the entire stage of the championship.
- c. All players taking part in the entire stage of the championship should be **bona-fide** players of that club; **bona-fide** means that all players are registered members and have played for the club in the current season.
 - This include a club registered player who have been unavailable for club cricket during the season due to provincial commitments.
 - A registered player who has been unavailable due to injury for the whole season and becomes eligible to play before the tournament starts.
 - No loan players will be eligible at any stage of the competition.
- d. The composition of the active participating team shall always reflect a minimum of two (2) players of colour **on the field of play** of which one must be Black African
- e. The participating club will be responsible for its own white cricket apparel and have a tournament logo on the sleeve of their playing shirt.
- f. The club will cover their own medical expenses incurred during their participation for the entire championship stages.
- g. Where rental transport is making use of for the participating club, the designated drivers must be over the age of twenty-three for the purposes of insurance. Any damages incurred will be for the club's own account.
- h. Costs for dinner, telephone or other bills will be for the club's own account.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

8. **Premier League (50 overs Competition)**

1	George Cricket Club
2	Harlequins Forces Cricket Club
3	Knysna Cavaliers Cricket Club
4	New Dawn Park Cricket Club
5	Pacaltsdorp United Cricket Club
6	Sussex Cricket Club
7	Union Stars I
8	Union Stars II

This league will be contested with a league of eight teams to play a double round. Each team will play 14 pool matches.

At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the team that finishes with the highest number of match points will automatically progress to the final. The team finishing second will host the qualifier for the team finishing third. At the conclusion of the qualifier, the winner will play against the team that attained first position at the conclusion of the preliminary round. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the competition; the team with the better overall nett run rate qualifies for the higher log position.

Players that represent Union Stars I or Union Stars II, in two league matches, will be allocated and play for one of the specific nominated team for the duration of the competition. The “window” period for movement between Union Stars I and Union Stars II will close on 31 December annually. Professional players allocated to the specific teams will not be allowed to move between Team I and Team II

9. **Twenty/20 Knock-Out Competition.**

- a. This league will be contested starting with a preliminary round of eight (8) pools with all affiliated clubs participating. Within each pool the teams playing a ‘round robin’ single round. At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the team that finishes with the highest number of match points will progress to the Quarter final.
- b. Should no pool matches be played (due to rain/ground/weather/light) the highest rank pool team will advance to the play off stages.
- c. Should matches be abandoned as a no result during the play off stages of the competition the team with the highest nett run rate up and until that stage of the competition will advance to the next round or phase. If the nett run rate is equal the team with the highest ranking at the start of the competition will advance.
- d. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the competition; the team with the better overall nett run rate qualifies for the higher log positions. The team with the superior ranking will enjoy home ground advantage in the quarter finals play-offs. Semis and Final’s will be played at the Recreation Ground or an alternative neutral ground.
- e. No movement of players between teams for Union Stars I and Union Stars II for the duration of the competition will be allow. Players that represent the SWD U/19’s in the Twenty/20 competition will not be permitted to play (if applicable) for their registered club during the T20 Competition.

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Calitzdorp Young Stars Dysselsdorp Mossel Bay Union Stars I	Hartenbos Kranshoek Cobras Knysna Cavaliers Thembaletu	Beaufort West Harlequins Forces Masakhane NMU	Blanco Kwanonqaba New Dawn Park Pacaltsdorp United

POOL E	POOL F	POOL G	POOL H
George Mayflower Ramblers SWD U/19 Squad	Headliners Heidelberg United Plett Pioneers Riversdale	Bongolethu Pirates United Union Stars II Western Hope	Albertinia Ladismith Melkhoutfontein Sussex

Quarter Final (Home ground advantage for superior ranked team)	Semi Finals & Final: Recreation Ground
Top Half: Pool A vs Pool B (Semi-Finalist 1) Bottom Half: Pool G vs Pool H (Semi-Finalist 2)	Semi-Finalist 1 vs Semi-Finalist 2 (Finalist 1)
Top Half: Pool C vs Pool D (Semi-Finalist 3) Bottom Half: Pool E vs Pool F (Semi-Finalist 4)	Semi-Finalist 3 vs Semi-Finalist 4 (Finalist 2)

Rankings, based on final positions after the 2024/25 season limited over competition, will be used as formula for the draw after conclusion of the preliminary rounds for the draw and Quarter Final Play-off and Semi-final play-off. The home teams for the quarter final will be based on the ranking below with the highest ranked team that will have home-ground advantage in the quarter final's.

1. Union Stars I
2. Sussex CC
3. Pacaltsdorp United CC
4. George CC
5. Knysna Cavaliers CC
6. Union Stars II
7. Harlequins Forces CC
8. Plettenberg Bay Pioneers CC
9. Mossel Bay CC
10. Heidelberg United CC
11. New Dawn Park CC

12. Ramblers CC
13. Themba lethu CC
14. Pirates United CC
15. Nelson Mandela University (George)
16. Ladismith CC

10.

Promotion League: (50 overs Competition)

This league will be contested in one pool of ten (10 teams)

1. George B
2. Heidelberg United
3. Ladismith
4. Mossel Bay
5. NMU Madibaz University (George)
6. Pirates United
7. Plett Pioneers
8. Ramblers
9. Riversdale
10. Themba lethu

This league will be contested with a league of ten teams to play a single round. Each team will play 9 pool matches.

At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the team that finishes with the highest number of match points will automatically progress to the final. The team finishing second will host the qualifier for the team finishing third. At the conclusion of the qualifier, the winner will play against the team that attained first position at the conclusion of the preliminary round. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the competition; the team with the better overall nett run rate qualifies for the higher log position.

11. **Reserve League Division 1: (50 overs Competition)**

This league will be contested in three pools:

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
Beaufort West	Blanco CC	Albertinia CC
Bongolethu CC	Kranshoek Cobras CC	Hartenbos CC
Dysselsdorp CC	Kwanonqaba CC	Headliners CC
Harlequins Forces C	Pacaltsdorp United B	Mayflower CC
Masakhane CC	Western Hope CC	Melkhoutfontein CC
Union Stars B		

This league will be contested in two (2) pools of five (5) teams each and one (1) pool of six (6) teams. Teams within a pool will play each other on a home-and-away format adding up to eight (8) and ten (10) matches per team.

The respective pool winners will qualify for the semi-final play-off matches together with the fourth team which will be the team with the highest points or net-run rate of the respective runners-up in Pool A, B and C. Semi-finals will be contested between number one (1) vs number four (4) and number two (2) vs number three (3) rated teams based on the log positions as described.

The Semi-finals will be played at the venue of the teams finishing with the highest **average match** points. 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.

12. **Reserve League Division 2: Limited Overs Competition (40 overs)**

This league will be contested in four pools:

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Knysna Cavaliers B	Beaufort West B	Hartenbos B	George C
Knysna Cavaliers C	Calitzdorp Young Stars A	Mossel Bay B	George D
Plett Pioneers B	Calitzdorp Young Stars B	Ramblers B	New Dawn Park C
Plett Pioneers C	Harlequins Forces B	Sussex B	Pacaltsdorp United C
Pirates United B	Western Hope B	Thembaletu B	Sussex C
		New Dawn Park B	

This league will be contested in four (4) pools of two (2) pools with five (5) teams and two (2) pools of six (6) teams. Teams within a pool will play each other on a home-and-away format adding up to eight (8) and ten (10) matches per team.

The respective pool winners will qualify for the semi-final play-off matches. Semifinals will be contested between number one (1) vs number four (4) and number two (2) vs number three (3) rated teams based on the average log positions (as calculated considering the number of teams participating in each pool).

The Semi-finals will be played at the venue of the teams finishing with the **highest average number match** points as describe above. 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.

13. **Women's League: Division 1: Limited Overs (50 overs)**

The participating teams are:

1	George Cricket Club
2	Harlequins Forces Cricket Club
3	Knysna Cavaliers Cricket Club
4	Pacaltsdorp United Cricket Club
5	Sussex Cricket Club
6	Union Stars Cricket Club

Limited overs (50 overs) This league will be contested between six (6) teams to play a double round of matches. Each team will play ten (10) pool matches.

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

If the scheduled limited over match is completed before 13:00 an unofficial T20 fixture must be played.

14. **Women's League: Division 2 - Limited Over Competition (30 overs)**

The participating teams are:

1	Dysselsdorp Cricket Club
2	New Dawn Park Cricket Club
3	Plett Pioneers Cricket Club
4	Thembaletu Cricket Club

Limited overs (30 overs) The limited over competition (30 overs) will also be contested by the above five (5) teams to play a **double** round of 30 over matches. The two top teams-based on number of match points will compete in the final. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the preliminary round; the team with the better overall net run rate qualifies for higher log position. The team that won the final will be promoted to the top tear (Women's Division 1).

15. **T20 Competition.** The participating teams are:

POOL A	POOL B
George Cricket Club	Dysselsdorp Cricket Club
New Dawn Park Cricket Club	Harlequins Forces Cricket Club
Pacaltsdorp United Cricket Club	Knysna Cavaliers Cricket Club
Plettenberg Bay Cricket Club	Thembaletu Cricket Club
Sussex Cricket Club	Union Stars Cricket Club

The competition will be contested into two (2) pools of five (5) teams each to play four (4) T20 pool matches each. The top team in each pool will compete in the final of the T20 competition-based on number of match points. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at the end of the preliminary round; the team with the better overall net run rate qualifies for higher log position. **The T20 competition winner will represent the SWD in the play-off matches to qualify for the National T20 Club Championship**

GENERAL RULINGS

16. **Scheduled matches.** Matches shall be played on the date and venue on the administrative rulings (fixture and official list) as circulated by the Clubs and Facility coordinator by Friday noon (12:00).

17. **Re-scheduling of Fixtures.** The re-scheduling of a fixture between clubs should be communicated to the SWD Cricket Office before **Thursday at 16:00** prior to the weekend fixture. The club requesting the postponement must agree with the opponents on a suitable date and venue and communicate such information and agreement to the SWD Cricket office. Re-scheduling of fixtures must be authorized by the Cricket Services Manager.
18. **Rained Out Matches.** Matches that are rained out may not be re-scheduled. Such matches will be declared No Result matches (2 points) and points will be awarded accordingly.
19. **Finals and Play-Off matches.** If the final, semi-final or quarter 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.
20. **Venue for Final.** The final of all competitions will be played at the Headquarters of SWD Cricket or on a neutral venue as determined by SWD Cricket.
21. **Promotion/Relegation.** Automatic promotion relegation will take place at the conclusion of the season between the following league's:
- a. The winner of Promotion League will be promoted to the Premier League. The team finishing at the bottom of the log in the Premier League will be relegated to the Promotion League.
 - b. The winner of Reserve League Division 1 will be promoted to Promotion League. The team finishing at the bottom of the log in the Promotion League will be relegated to the Reserve League Division 1. The winner of Reserve League Division 2 will be promoted to the Reserve League Division 1.
 - c. Should the team that qualifies to the premier league does not meet the minimum requirements to adhere to the compliance requirements to qualify for the premier league and/or prefer not to be promoted to the premier league the runner-up in the promotion league final will be promoted to the premier league.
 - d. In case where neither of the qualified clubs that qualifies for promotion accepts or qualifies for promotion the “*status quo*” will remain.

22. **Registration process for players.** Every player participating in league competitions under the control of CSA Members must be registered with the Member Board. The club for which the players play must register them with the Member Board.

a. **Only electronic registration forms will be accepted.** All registration must be done at noon (12:00) on the Wednesday preceding a match according to the prescribed form – **SWDC: Registration of players** (2025/2026 season) and set requirements namely:

- i. Only on form as provided by SWD Cricket.
- ii. Non-Players and Executive members of clubs will be on a separate registration list.
- iii. **List must be typed and sign by the player himself.**
- iv. Making provision for Name, Surname, ID Number and Contact Number of Registered players.
- v. Registration form signed by the Chairperson/Secretary of the club.
- vi. Captured by Club Cricket Coordinator
Verified by Cricket Service Manager.

b. The Club Coordinator will annually by 30 April circulate the club registration list/registered players as registered the previous year and that players will be automatically registered for the new season. Clubs will only be responsible to register new players that join the club during the season or transfer from other clubs with the necessary prescribe documents.

c. **The annual transfer window opens on 1 May.**

d. In case of a discrepancy regarding the registration of players with reference to the official SWDC registration list at the provincial office registration *versus* the CSA Scoring App with SWDC registration list will apply. The same principle as applicable to penalties will apply.

24. **Registration of under-aged Players**

- a. Any under-aged player (that is, a player who is younger than eighteen) who registers at a club must complete the appropriate club documents.
- b. An indemnity form – as provided by SWD Cricket – as completed by the player's parents or guardian must accompany their registration before the player is eligible for election in any club.

25. Registration of Foreign Players

- a. A foreign player (that is, a person who does not possess South African citizenship or South African residency for two years) may register with a club when their intention is to participate locally and continue residing in South Africa. This regulation is subject to the South African Home Affairs regulations.
- b. The number of foreign players playing in the Premier League is restricted to one player per team. The number of foreign players representing clubs in lower leagues is not restricted.
- c. All registered foreign players participating in official CSA club fixture will be regarded as white players. This regulation also applies to players representing their teams at the national club competitions.

26. Transfer of Players

- a. The Board, represented by the Cricket Service Manager, must approve all transfer of players. Transfers within the province will only be allowed up to and including the 31st December annually. **An exception in terms of the set date for transfers (31 December) will be made in the case whereby bona fide students register at a tertiary institution after 31 December.** Players who wish to be transferred from one-club to another between seasons may proceed with such request at the completion of a season. **As per clause 22 (c) above the transfer window will opens on 1 May annually.**
- b. A Cricketer may not play for more than one club or one province **in any season (September to April annually)** 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 (the CSM 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. Should clubs objects to the releasing of players as authorised by the Cricket Service Manager such clubs must declare a complaint that will be referred to the Social and Ethics Committee.
- c. Clubs/Provinces will have 3 (three) working days to release a player after receiving such request. **Only electronic Transfer of Players and related forms will be accepted.**
- d. **The procedure will be as follows:**
 - i. The acquiring club must submit a **Transfer Approval Form** accompanied by a **Clearance Certificate** (from the previous club/province) before 12h00 on the Wednesday preceding the game on that weekend.

- ii. “*Bona fide*” students and scholars attending institution and/or schools outside the area of jurisdiction can 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 16H00 the Wednesday preceding the game for that weekend for approval.
- iii. Affiliated clubs are responsible for the registration of all players. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiting of full match points as applicable.
- iv. The office will on a weekly basis (by 16:00 every Thursday) circulate a confirmation of player registration to clubs and the umpire’s association. The purpose thereof will be to allow clubs the opportunity to verify the registration list. A window period of 12 hours is permitted for clubs to point out corrections to the SWDC office. Corrections must be circulated before the start of matches.

27. **Tied Matches: Quarter-final, 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/competition.

28. **Calculation of Net-Run Rate.** The net-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 net-run rate of +0.04.
- d. The team with the highest net-run rate (as stipulated) will be placed in the superior log position.

- e. For the calculation purposes of the net-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 net-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 net run rate formula.
- f. No-Result, Forfeited or Default Matches will not be used in the calculation to determine the net run rate.

29. **Withdrawal of teams and non-fulfilment of fixtures**

- a. Clubs forfeiting any competition fixture shall be levied with a fine of **R1200**
- b. If a ~~club~~ **team** 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 no 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 **16:00** on the **Thursday** commencing the weekend whereby a fixture has been forfeited. Proof of payment of fines must be submitted to SWDC Office 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 forfeit 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 forfeit matches due to outstanding fines full match points will be awarded to the non-defaulting team/s.

- 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 **R 1200.00** to be paid to SWD Cricket.
- i. If a club withdraws **a team** from any competition of SWDC such club will be fined by **R 2000.00**

30. 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 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.

31. Moving of players within teams of a Club

- a. 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. This ruling applies irrespective of the fact that different leagues can be contested on the same weekend (i.e. Twenty 20 competition and Reserve league).
- b. 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.
- c. In case of finals 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.

- 32. Result Cards, Umpires Assessment Forms and Pitch Report Forms.** Match result cards (Including Linear Score Cards), Captain's Reports on Umpires and Pitch report forms and the official team nomination form – for both teams - must be submitted to the office of the SWD Cricket (**E Mail: pieters@cricket.co.za** by no later than 13:00 on the Monday after completed matches. Clubs not adhering to this ruling will be liable to a fine of R100,00 per outstanding form.

33. **Resolution: Operational matters for consideration - SWD umpires Association.**

- a. The captains report on umpires to be implemented with effect from 2024/25.
- b. The on-field Code of Behaviour report from as presented to be implemented with effect from 2024/25.
- c. To be compensated as an officiating umpire, umpires must submit (presented quarterly updated feedback to Cricket Committee
 - Fair play rating and assessment form.
 - Facility assessment form.
 - Captain's reports on umpires.

34. **Teams representing SWD Cricket at the National Club Championships.** The winners of the Premier League and Women's league limited over competitions will represent the SWD Cricket in the regional play-offs and declare as winners of the regional play offs will represent the Western Cape at the Cricket South Africa National tournament. The duties of the qualified participating clubs in the Club Championships and Qualifying matches is stipulated in clause 7 above.

35. **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 enough 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 bowler's end for the duration of the match and the squareleg umpire will be provided in accordance with clauses 20.a.
and 20.b by the batting team.
- 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.

36. **Provincial Duties.** The use of the Garden Route provincial 13-men squad (as applicable for home Four Day matches) for club cricket on a Saturday will not be permitted. Conditions will be stipulated in official signed-off teams.

37. **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.
38. **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 a reasonable time.** A delegated member of the Cricket Committee is mandated to deal with all the on-field disputes. His/her decision will be final.
39. **Preparation of wicket.** Home clubs – the team listed first on the fixtures will be responsible for the preparation of playing facilities (including wicket preparations and outfield). Fields should be prepared by the scheduled start of the match. This shall exclude fields being prepared but not ready for play because of conditions of ground, weather or light. Clubs not adhering to this ruling will be forfeiting full match points.
40. **Late arrival of teams.** Teams arriving late after the scheduled time of a fixture match will lose the toss. Matches should be called off if a team is more than 60 minutes late on a match day.
- The team arriving late will be deducted overs in their batting innings based on the over rate for the applicable Playing Conditions for the match. The no defaulting team will bat their full complement of overs unless the match is reduced due to conditions of ground, weather or light. Irrespective of the outcome of the match, the defaulting team will be penalized with (two) 2 league points.
41. **Mandate.** The Cricket Services Manager 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).
42. **Hospitality - Umpire's and Scorers.** Home teams (**must**) are responsible to provide meals and drinks to officiating umpire's and scorers. Clubs not adhering to this will be liable for a fine of R300,00.
43. **Pitch Covers.** Providing weather conditions, the pitch should be covered within **48 hours** prior to the scheduled fixture with an appropriate pitch cover. Clubs found guilty of not adhering to this ruling will be forfeiting full match points.

44. **Players involved in Disciplinary Prosses.** The particulars of players that **were found guilty of the transgression of the Rules and Code of Conduct** must be circulated to all clubs as well as the SWD Cricket Umpires Association at the date of conclusion of the disciplinary procedures.
45. **Suspension of League due to Natural or Pandemic.** Should the league be suspended due to a natural disaster and/or pandemic the league winners and/or promotion relegation will only be affected should more than 50% of all the pool matches be completed. The log standings at that stage will be considered to determine the league winners and effect promotion relegation. Should two or more teams have an equal amount of match points at such stage the team with the better overall net-run rate will be the winner in case of relegation the team with the worst overall net-run rate will be relegated.
46. **Non-Turf Pitches.** All Premier League matches shall be played on natural turf pitches. In all other leagues non-turf pitches may be used but only at venues where there is no natural turf pitch.

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

Winners

• Premier League	R 10,000
• Men's Twenty/20	R 8,000
• Promotion League	R 7,000
• Reserve League Division 1	R 5,000
• Reserve League Division 2	R 4,000
• Women's Division 1	R 7,000
• Women's Division 2	R 4,000
• Women Twenty/20	R 4,000

Runners Up

•Premier League	R 5,000
• Men's Twenty/20	R 4,000
• Promotion League	R 3,500
• Reserve League Division 1	R 2,500
• Reserve League Division 2	R 2,000
• Women's Division 1	R 3,500
• Women's Division 2	R 2,000