Sixers Cricket League – CHDCA Bylaws

Except as varied hereunder, the MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 Code – 4th edition 2026 shall apply.

Preamble – Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Version Control

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1.0	31 July 2025	Draft
1.1	3 September 2025	Draft with suggested changes from subcommittee. Green to be added and red to be removed.
1.2	30 September 2025	Final
1.3	30 September 2026	Clause 14g - 2nd Grade move to synthetic if semifinal on turf washed out. MCC laws 4th Edition 2026

1. SEASON

a) The Association competition shall commence and be completed on a date(s) to be determined by the Committee of Management

b) Should a Captain's meeting be held prior to season commencing, each team must be represented by either their Captain or a senior member of the team intending to play in that grade. Each team that is represented and identified as playing in that grade prior to the season break in December, shall be awarded two points. Clubs can apply for an exemption if the player that attended was required to play in a different grade for a reasonable reason.

2. NOMINATIONS OF TEAMS and PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

a) Nominations of teams shall be in the hands of the Committee of Management on a date to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting

b) The SCL-CHDCA Competition will consist of 1st Grade to 4th Grade in seniors, Juniors; U16s, U14s, U12s, U10s & U8s

c) Affiliated clubs must not nominate more than one team per grade unless grades 1 to 3 have first been nominated.

d) All intending players must be registered online via Play HQ through www.playcricket.com.au. The player's full name, current local address, telephone and/or email address and date of birth must be provided. A registration will not be accepted if all information is not completed during the registration process.

e) To be eligible to play in any round a player must be registered online via Play HQ through www.playcricket.com.au prior to the match.

f) Registration of players will not be accepted after 31 January following the commencement of the season in progress, unless the player has moved to the area to commence employment or education. Verification must be provided by way of confirmation of enrolment at an Education facility or letter from employer.

g) Only players on the list or who have been registered throughout the season and who meet the other qualification criteria will be eligible to play in the Final series (refer to by-law 10)

h) Where a club has two nominated teams competing in the same grade, player movement between the nominated teams will not be allowed after 31 October. Any request for player movement between teams in the same grade must be in writing and addressed to the CNSW Competition Coordinator, prior to 5pm on the day prior to the match. The player must remain in that team for the duration of the season. If the player is moved up or down grades and then returns to the same grade, he or she must resume his or her position in the same team.

3. CLEARANCES

a) Players wishing to change from one Club to another within the Association or transferring from another Association for the current season must apply for a TRANSFER through Play HQ with approvals from the previous Club and/or Association. Transfers must be approved through Play HQ before any player is *eligible* to play. Failure to comply with this regulation renders a player liable to suspension for such a period as the Association deems fit and the team concerned lose all points gained in any match the unqualified player has played in with a minimum of three (3) points.

4. GRADING

a) The competition shall be conducted in such grades or forms as the Association Executive shall specify from year to year. The Committee of Management shall have the power to decide the grade in which a team will compete.
b) The Committee of Management has the power to grade and re-grade players.
c) Cannot drop two grades in one week or following a bye. Exemption required
d) Players must be 13 years of age to be eligible to play senior cricket or apply for an exemption through the Committee of Management prior to taking the field.
e) An exemption may also be sought for a player to play in a lower age group and may be subject to restrictions
f) Junior players can move up and down senior grades without penalty.
g) Players can only be named in one team each week for seniors

5. FORFEITS

a) Any team (seven players constitute a team) failing to take the field within fifteen minutes after the scheduled time on either day of play shall forfeit the match. Any club which forfeit's a match must submit a written explanation detailing reasons for the forfeit within 48 hours of such occurrence. The Committee of Management may determine whether that club should be further penalised by way of loss of points in lower grades or imposition of fines. A forfeit must be claimed by the non-offending team prior to commencement of the day's play and the match card marked accordingly. A team receiving a forfeit shall be awarded the maximum number of points gained in that grade for that round. The team that forfeits will also lose a point.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOME TEAM

a) The home team is to contact the travelling opposition and umpires by 3 hours prior to commencement of play if the game is cancelled or to be delayed due to weather.
b) The toilets and change rooms must be opened at least 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the match by a representative of the home team
c) Home and visiting teams must ensure that all rubbish is collected and removed from the playing area and change rooms at the end of play. Fines and/or loss of points will be imposed for failure to comply with this regulation.

7. CRICKET ATTIRE

a) White or coloured clothing must be worn in matches played in the SCL-CHDCA competitions. Boots shall not be regarded as clothing. Colours that are similar in colour to the ball must be approved by the Committee of Management
b) Spiked or appropriate cricket footwear must be worn on all turf pitches. Players will not be permitted to bat or bowl in non-approved, spiked footwear. Non-spiked cricket footwear may be worn on turf wickets
c) Club or sponsor logos may be attached anywhere on cricket shirts. An effort should be made to ensure that only club caps or floppy hats are worn.

8. RESULTS

a) Result for all teams shall be completed via the Live eScore App. The home team is responsible for eScoring the game with the away team being responsible for scoring in a scorebook.
b) In the event of Live eScore App failure, results in all grades must be entered by 5 PM on the day after the completion of each match
c) The penalty for late entry of results shall be 2 competition points.
d) Teams penalised for result notification irregularities shall be notified in writing by Conference Administrator.
e) Teams submitting consistently incomplete or irregular result notification shall be penalised as the Committee of Management deems fit
f) Teams penalised for result notification irregularities have the right of appeal at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee of Management
g) Notification of results including names of team members shall be given online for all games including washed out games and forfeits
h) During the regular competition play is to take place wherever possible unless otherwise advised by the Association in the event of the closure of grounds. In matches where no umpires are present the decision on whether or not play will take place rests with the Captains or their representatives. If the captains cannot reach a decision the match must be played.
i) Teams must be named on Play HQ by three hours prior to the commencement of any match. Squad lists can be amended up until the commencement of play. In the event of a draw, team lists must not be amended beyond the scheduled commencement time of the match. Failure to comply will result in first official warning then two (2) Competition point penalty per non-compliance.

9. UMPIRES

a) Umpires shall be appointed to all matches when available by the CHDCUSA. Priority shall be given to highest grade matches. The Committee of Management reserve the right to overrule umpire appointments as they deem necessary. Captains reports are to be used to assist in appointing umpires to finals matches based on merit. Umpires reports are to be made available to the CHDCUSA.
b) In the event of the absence of Official Umpires the captains shall appoint umpires for both ends and the umpires should be members of the batting side or other qualified persons acceptable to both captains.
c) In the event of only one umpire officiating the umpire will take the bowlers end and square leg will be taken by a member of the batting side or other qualified person acceptable to both captains. In this instance the square leg umpire must always wear enclosed footwear

10. ELIGIBILITY FOR SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

a) A player must be a registered player with the club
b) Subject to By-Laws 11 C and 11 E below, a player must have played at least one third of the scheduled competition matches of the season to be eligible to play in a semi-final or final with that team, or
c) A player who has qualified in a lower grade team satisfies the qualification criteria for b) above
d) Where clubs have multiple teams in any grade a player cannot be qualified for more than one team

e) During finals series when a club's two adjoining grades are playing on the same day, players can be switched between those adjoining grades if they are qualified for one of those grades
f) For qualification only, a washed-out match or a forfeit shall be deemed a match. In these cases, player's names must be submitted with the online result. Byes will not form part of qualification process for players as teams are not nominated for byes. If teams are not named in accordance of Bylaws requirements, then player will not be deemed eligible for that game to count.
g) Players who have played a minimum of five competition matches but do not qualify for the finals as outlined in by-law 11 B above may apply to the Committee of Management to decide which grade, if any those players may play in the finals. Such application must be in writing and received by the Competition Administrator by 5PM on the Monday following the completion of the last premiership match. The decision of the Committee of Management shall be final

11. QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS

a) Semi-final positions shall be determined by the Committee of Management at a meeting on the Monday night following the completion of the last match of the regular season
b) In the event of two or more teams having equal points at the completion of the regular season their position on the competition table will be decided on the averages of each team as determined by Play HQ. Take the NRR for 2-4 grades and juniors, and Quotient for 1st Grade only
c) All match figures will be considered. Averages will be determined as follows:
    1. The batting average of each team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost in scoring the runs.
    2. The batting average against each team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against the team by the total number of wickets taken.
    3. Bylaw 11.C.1 shall be divided by the Bylaw 11.C.2 to obtain the average.
    4. The team having the highest average shall be considered to have the better performance
d) When a team is all out but had batters missing, wickets lost shall count as ten
e) Finals Structure – Seniors:
    a. Qualifying Final = 1st vs. 2nd
    b. Elimination Final = 3rd Vs. 4th
    c. Preliminary Final = Loser of QF Vs. Winner of EF
    d. Grand Final = Winner of QF Vs. Winner of PF
    e. In the event of weather abandonment, the higher-ranking team in the final will advance or be awarded the win
f) Finals Structure – Juniors:
    a. Major Semi-Final = 1st vs. 4th
    b. Minor Semi-Final = 2nd Vs. 3rd
    c. Grand Final = Winner of Major Semi-Final Vs. Winner of Minor Semi-Final
    d. In the event of weather abandonment, the higher-ranking team in the final will advance or be awarded the win

12. RESTRICTIONS ON SENIOR PLAYERS PLAYING 4th GRADE

a) Any player over the age of 18 years (as at September 1st of the current season) must retire upon reaching 40 runs while batting in 4th grade fixtures. Once retired at 40 runs a batter will be considered out and may not return to the batting crease during the same innings. All runs scored from the batter's final scoring stroke shall count. For example, if a batter strikes a boundary whilst on 39 they will be considered retired out on 43.

b) Any player over the age of 18 years (as at September 1st of the current season) must cease bowling once the player has taken 3 wickets. The player will be allowed to complete the over where the 3rd wicket is taken. Any further wicket taken prior to completion of the above mentioned over shall count.

c) This restriction will apply to the lowest grade offered by SCL-CHDCA in any given year. Under By Law 4, SCL-CHDCA reserves the right to grade players or teams

13. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL and SMOKING

a) The consumption of alcohol by any player or official participating in a match is not permitted on or off the field while ever the game is in progress.

b) Any individual found guilty of consuming alcohol will be suspended for a minimum of one competition fixture. Any club found guilty of permitting the consumption of alcohol by any player whilst the match is still in progress will be fined a minimum of $100 for the first offence during any season. Any subsequent offence by that club during the season will be fined an amount to be determined by the Committee of Management.

c) Smoking is not permitted on the field of play or in any change room. Smoking should be discouraged by all clubs where underage players are present.

14. PITCHES AND COVERS

a) Turf pitches shall be used in first and second grade where available. If a turf pitch is not available for second grade to due wash out or any other reason, a synthetic pitch will be appointed and used.

b) The Association appointed curators are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the turf pitches

c) Failure to cover the pitch as per Playing Conditions by the home team may result in the loss of six competition points. In the event that the wicket is already wet, the away club and a member of the Committee of Management must be notified. Penalty for failure to notify all relevant parties will result in a loss of three competition points.

d) Teams playing on turf pitches shall be responsible to assist with their preparation and maintenance if requested by the Association

e) After removal of the covers play shall commence as soon as possible as deemed by the umpire.

f) Any person who is found to have interfered with the pitch in an attempt to make it unfit for play either before or during the course of a match in progress will be suspended for life from participation either as a player or administrator. The matter may be referred to the Police for further action. The person's club will forfeit the match and may face further action from the Association.

g) If a 2nd Grade semifinal is washed out from turf, the game will be moved to a suitable and available synthetic pitch.

15. THE GROUNDS AND PLAYING SURFACE

a) It is solely for the Umpires together to decide whether conditions of ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to continue. Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal. The Umpires will only suspend or continue to suspend play if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.

b) The Umpires shall immediately suspend play, or not allow play to start or to recommence if they consider conditions of ground, weather or light, or any other circumstances are either dangerous or unreasonable

c) After any suspension of play, the Umpires, unaccompanied by any of the players or officials shall, on their own initiative, carry out an inspection immediately the conditions improve and shall continue to inspect at intervals. Immediately the Umpires agree that the conditions are no longer dangerous or unreasonable they shall call upon the players to resume play.

d) Boundary markers are to be placed 65m from the middle stumps and joined by a straight line parallel with the pitch.

16. INTER-DISTRICT

a) All players registered with the SCL-CHDCA are eligible for Inter-district and representative matches as organised. Officials of all representative sides, both Junior and Senior, to be appointed by the Committee of Management and subject to selection criteria (NCCC model to be used as template). Committee of Management reserves the right to amend as necessary. (Please note this falls under Constitution obligation of SCL-CHDCA and is not a playing condition)

b) Any registered player selected for a match must, if unavailable, contact the Chair of Inter-district Selectors no later than 60 hours prior to commencement of that match. Failure to comply will result in a 2 competition match suspension. Exceptional circumstances accepted

c) Players are required to be in attendance at all inter-district matches forty-five minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of the match.

17. PUBLICITY

a) The Association Facebook page and/or website shall be used to publicise all events and news items. The Association Competition Draw and By Laws shall be published on the website. Clubs or individuals cannot use media such as television, newspapers, radio or social websites to criticize or defame opposition players, teams, officials or Clubs.

18. FINALS VENUE

a) All Grand Finals will be played at the best available venues as determined by the Committee of Management. All semi-final venues will be played at the venue of choice for the highest placed team.

19. SCL-CHDCA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

a. The following formula will be used in order to calculate the correct point score for each individual team competing in the SCL-CHDCA Senior and Junior Competitions.

- Total competition points awarded to individual team
- Divided by total number of rounds minus any round where no points are awarded such as a Bye
- Multiplied by 10

b) The following structure is then to be used to award the SCL-CHDCA Club Championship

- First Grade x 2 points
- Second Grade x 1.75
- Third Grade x 1.5
- Fourth Grade x 1.25
- T20 x 1.25
- Under 16s x 1.2
- Under 14s x 1.1
- Under 12s x 1

c) If a club has multiple teams in a grade or age division, Club Championship points will only be awarded to the highest ranked team.

20. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

a) Association Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the Minor Premiers & Premiers in each grade. These trophies shall not be removed from the presentation area. Any club that wishes to 're-present' these trophies at their club presentation awards must gain permission from the Competition Administrator. Seven days' notice is required. Any damage that occurs to the trophy/trophies whilst in the possession of the club will be the responsibility of that club

b) The Association Recording Secretary's (Competition Administrator) main function shall be to determine the Grade Point Score. Individual performances for players who qualify for awards as per by-law rules shall be determined from online records.

c) All trophies shall be awarded on a grades basis and shall be awarded as follows:

Minor Premiership

The team heading the points table at the conclusion of the competition rounds will be declared Minor Premiers. The team will be recorded upon the perpetual trophy for that grade.

Major Premiership

The team that wins the Grand Final will be declared Major Premiers. In the event of a draw, washed out or abandoned Grand Final, the first team into the Grand Final shall be declared Major Premiers. The team will be recorded upon the Perpetual Trophy for that grade. In the event of a tied Grand Final, the competing teams shall be declared joint Major Premiers.

Batting Aggregate and Average

A player must bat in a minimum of five matches in the regular Association Competition and score a minimum of 200 runs (T20 not included for seniors)

Bowling Aggregate and Average

A player must bowl in a minimum of five matches in the regular Association Competition and take a minimum of 20 wickets (T20 not included for seniors)

Player of the Year

For consideration a player must earn a minimum of 10 points in two divisions and may earn them as follows during the regular season:

- Batting: 1 point for each 10 runs
- Bowling: 2 points for each wicket attributed to the bowler
- Wicket keeping: 1 point for each dismissal
- Fielding: 1 point for each catch (as recorded online)