

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association



## Formula 15 Competition

### 1. Playing Conditions

The Laws of Cricket shall apply except as varied below.

### 2. Duration of Match

Matches will consist of one innings per side, each innings being limited to 15 overs. Eight overs will be bowled consecutively from one end and the remaining 7 consecutively from the other end. The batsmen will change ends at the conclusion of each over (except after the 8<sup>th</sup>). A minimum of 5 overs per team shall constitute a match.

### 3. Hours of Play and Intervals

5:00pm – 5:55pm *Session 1* 5:55pm – 6:00pm *Interval* 6:00pm pm to 6.55 pm *Session 2*  
Night matches at Mills Park 2 will be played at agreed later times

#### 3.1 Interval Between Innings

If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the Interval, the Interval shall take place immediately and the Innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

#### 3.2 Intervals for Drinks

No drinks intervals are permitted.

### 4. Length of Innings

**4.1 In uninterrupted match** (ie. The match is neither delayed nor interrupted): 4.1.1 Each team shall bat for 15 overs unless all out earlier.

4.1.2 If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for the cessation of the first innings, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled and Playing Condition 11 shall apply.

4.1.3 If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 15 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 15 overs.

4.1.4 If the team fielding second fails to bowl 15 overs by the scheduled time for the cessation of the second innings, the hours of play for the match shall, subject to conditions of ground, weather and light, be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result has been achieved and Playing Condition 11 shall apply.

#### **4.2 In Delayed or Interrupted Match:**

In all matches, the intention will be to achieve the full 15 overs for each team even if this means, amending the hours of play. If achieving 15 overs each is not possible, rules 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 shall apply.

**The Duckworth-Lewis method of determining a result or replaying matches will not occur in this competition.**

##### **4.2.1 Delay to the start of the match**

If the match cannot be commenced at the scheduled time, the umpires may delay the start of the match on the agreement of both.

##### **4.2.2 Delay or interruptions to the innings of the team batting first.**

(a) When playing time has been lost the revised number of further overs to be bowled in the match shall be based on a rate of 4 minutes per over in the total remaining time available for play. When calculating the length of remaining playing time available for the match the duration of the interval between innings will be taken into account. Should calculations regarding numbers of overs result in a fraction of an over, the fraction shall be ignored. In the event of a suspension occurring in the middle of an over, the number of total overs to be bowled in the match will be calculated as if the over in progress at the time of the interruption had been completed.

The innings of the team batting first will continue from the point of the interruption. The revision of the number of overs should ensure, whenever possible, that both teams have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. (Where this is possible, if the total number of overs in the match thereby calculated results in an odd number of total overs in the match, then one over shall be added and the new total divided in half).

(b) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs.

##### **4.2.3 Delay or interruptions to the innings of the team batting second.**

(a) When playing time has been lost (see above) and, as a result, it is not possible for the team batting second to have the opportunity of receiving its allocated, or revised allocation of overs in the playing time available, the number of overs shall be reduced at a rate of 4 minutes per over in respect of the aggregated lost playing time. However, should the innings of the team batting first have been completed prior to the scheduled, or rescheduled time for the commencement of the interval, then any calculation relating to the revision of overs shall not be effective until an amount of time equivalent to that by which the second innings started early has elapsed. Should the calculations result in a fraction of an over the fraction shall be ignored. In the event of a suspension occurring in the middle of an over, the number of total overs lost will be calculated as above and the innings of the team batting second will continue from the point of the interruption

If a match remains unfinished, the winner will be the side which has scored the greater number of runs in the equivalent completed overs provided at least 5 overs have been bowled at the side batting second. In the case of the team batting first, the overs to be utilised in the assessment of its score to be computed on the same number of completed overs (commencing from the beginning of its innings) as received by the team batting second, the second team's score being, of course, assessed on the number of completed overs bowled to it. If the team batting second has not received 5 overs and a result has not been achieved the match will be a draw.

(b) A rescheduled time for the close of play will be fixed by applying a rate of 4 minutes per over in respect of each over already bowled and/or re-scheduled to be bowled in the innings. (The timing and duration of all relative delays and interruptions in play with respect to the second innings will be taken into account in specifying this time.) This calculation must not cause the match to finish earlier than the original time for cessation of play on the final scheduled day for play. If required the original time shall be extended to allow for one extra over for the team batting second. To constitute a match, a minimum of 5 overs have to be bowled to the team batting second subject to the innings not being

completed earlier. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs.

(c) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the revised overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled close of play, the hours of play shall be extended subject to conditions of ground, weather and light until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved, and Playing Condition 11 shall apply. In all reduced overs matches the fielding team will be given one over's leeway in addition to any time that the Umpires might allow for stoppages. Allowances prior to a stoppage are carried forward for the purposes of the application of Playing Condition 11 only - they do not influence the recalculated number of overs or the scheduled close of play.

## **5. The Ball**

Kookaburra brand balls should be used.

## **6. Restrictions on the Placement of Fieldsmen – See Appendix 1 for information on fielding restriction circle**

6.1 At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fieldsmen on the leg side.

6.2 For the first 4 overs only of each innings, only two fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the fielding restriction circle.

6.3 For the remaining overs of each innings only five fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the fielding circle at the instant of delivery.

6.4 For the first 4 overs only of each innings there must be a minimum of two stationary fieldsmen (excluding the wicket-keeper) within 15 yards fielding restrictions of the striker at the instant of delivery. When a fast bowler is bowling the two stationary fieldsmen may be permitted to stand deeper than 15 yards (in the un-demarcated area) provided only that they are standing in slip, leg slip and gully positions.

### **6.5 Team Batting First**

In circumstances where the number of overs for the team batting first is reduced, the number of overs in regard to the restrictions in 6.2 and 6.4 above shall be reduced proportionately in a ratio of 6:20 (30%) in accordance with the table below for that innings only. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations re the number of overs. (If on resumption the number of overs for fielding restrictions has already been exceeded this should take effect immediately)

Total overs in innings	No. of overs for which fielding restrictions in 6.2 and 6.4 above will apply
5-6.....	1
7-9.....	2
10-13.....	3
14-15.....	4

### **6.6 Team Batting Second**

Where the number of overs for the team batting second is reduced the aim will be to maintain the restrictions in 6.2 and 6.4 for the same proportion of the second innings that they were maintained for the first innings (fractions to be ignored).

## **7. Number of Overs Per Bowler**

No bowler may bowl more than three overs, however in a delayed start or interrupted match, where the overs are reduced for both sides or for the side bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance. - e.g. after 6 overs, rain interrupts

play and the innings is reduced to 10 overs. Both opening bowlers have bowled 3 overs. One bowler can bowl 2 overs and two bowlers can bowl 1. Bowlers 1 and 2 have already exceeded this limit. They count as the two bowlers who were allowed the extra over (3 as opposed to 2) and so any other bowlers are limited to 2 overs.

When an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, he will be allowed to finish the uncompleted over. In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned. The number of overs bowled by each individual bowler shall be indicated on the scoreboard from the commencement of an innings.

#### **8. Laws 24.12 - No Ball - Penalty**

Law 24.12 will apply except that the penalty for a No ball will be 2 runs.

#### **9. Free Hit after a Foot Fault No Ball**

The delivery following a No ball called for a foot fault (Law 21.5) shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No ball or a Wide ball), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. The umpire will indicate the free hit delivery by making circular movements in the air with one raised hand. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called Wide ball. Field changes are permitted for free hit deliveries.

#### **10. Law 31 - Timed Out**

Law 40 will apply except that the incoming batsman must be in position to take guard or for his partner to be ready to receive the next ball within 1 minute 30 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket. The incoming batsman is expected to be ready to make his way to the wicket immediately a wicket falls, and is expected to jog to the wicket.

#### **11. Over-Rate Penalties**

All sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their 15 overs within 55 minutes playing time. In the event of them failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 6 runs for every whole over that has not been bowled. This will apply to both innings of the match.

If the side batting second is credited with runs in this way and this consequently takes their score past that of the side batting first then the match shall be deemed to be won by the side batting second.

All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the innings. If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or re-scheduled cut-off time, no over-rate penalty shall apply. If the innings is interrupted, the over-rate penalty will apply based on the re-scheduled cessation time for that innings. The Umpire shall inform the fielding team Captain when taking the field for the first time and on every subsequent occasion if play is interrupted by the weather, the scheduled cessation time for that innings. The Umpire at the bowler's end will inform the fielding Captain, the batsman and his fellow Umpire of any time allowances as and when they arise. (This matter will not be subject to retrospective negotiation). In addition, in all reduced overs matches, the fielding team will be given one over's leeway. Over-rate penalties apply only to innings of 10 overs or more duration. In innings of less than 10 overs duration, Umpires shall apply the penalty run Laws for time wasting especially strictly. This is the only penalty for a slow over-rate.

## **12. Player Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection players need to be registered for the club concerned although they do not have to be cleared from other clubs of which they are currently registered. Once a player has played a game for that team he/she will not be permitted to participate in another team within this competition during the same season.

If one club has two or more teams then players are restricted to the team in which they play for first

To qualify for the final players need to play at least one qualifying game

## **13 Points**

### **13.1 Preliminary Matches**

Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw/tie. In the event of teams with equal points the higher rated team will be determined by the higher net run rate

(a) A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.

(b) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

(c) Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculations.

### **13.2 Finals**

The Grand Finals match shall be played between the Highest rated team of Division 1 and the Highest rated team of Division 2

### **13.3 Venue for Finals**

The highest rated team shall be given the opportunity of hosting Finals; if that team declines the second rated team shall host the Grand Final.

## **14. Reporting of Results**

The use of on-line scoring is encouraged. However, if this is not practical, match reports must be submitted through MyCricket not later than 8pm on the following day

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