

Notices of Motion/Agenda Items AGM 3rd August 2010

AGM Item 1 - from SMCA Executive.

Code of conduct: (Change the existing Code of Conduct to the following)

The Code of Conduct of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association is written and designed with the express intention to provide clear guidelines under which the SMCA Executive, member clubs and officials wish to see the game of cricket played in all matches involving SMCA registered players, teams or clubs.

The Code of Conduct is enshrined in the bylaws of the association with the express intention of all participants to be bound to play, administer and watch the game of cricket within the SMCA with goodwill and sportsmanship and within the boundaries of normal and acceptable community standards.

The Code of Conduct applies to all registered players, officials, office bearers, club members or supporters, member clubs including SMCA Umpires association.

Additionally the Code of Conduct will apply to any functions sanctioned by the SMCA such as Annual General Meeting's, Special General Meeting's, President and Executive meetings, Association windups, Inter-association matches and functions where SMCA members, officials, umpires or spectators are involved.

Breaches of the code of conduct may be referred to the SMCA Protests and Disputes Committee under bylaw 63a. and must be referred in any of the following manner:

1. Report by an SMCA appointed (official umpire) or a team captain in the event that the match does not have an SMCA appointed official umpire. A report from a club captain must be counter signed by a club official as confirmation that the club supports the captain's decision to make the report. All reports must be lodged within the specified time frame and by the method as outlined in bylaw 63a (iii)
2. Any report received by the SMCA Administrator will be referred for investigation and hearing by the P&D provided it meets the criteria as outlined above. If a report falls outside of the criteria, it can be referred as a matter to the P&D only if it is referred directly by the executive after discussion and review at an executive meeting or by a review of the information by another medium, most notably being email or phone between all available executive members.
3. Member clubs who breach the code of conduct will be subject to fines and penalties including penalties towards the Champion Club award if found guilty of any offence.

If a player, official, spectator or club is found guilty of a breach or breaches of the code, penalties as outlined in bylaw 65b will be applied by the P&D. The guideline for offences and penalties shall act as an indicator for the P&D but the P&D have the autonomy to apply penalties as it deems appropriate.

Breaches of the code will include but not be limited to:

Verbal abuse of another player, spectator, official or umpire

Assault or attempted assault of another player, spectator, official or umpire

Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards another player, spectator, official or umpire

Dissent

Equipment abuse/property damage

Excessive appealing

Failure to control spectator behaviour inclusive of club members

Misconduct

Vilification

Breach of Code of Conduct Offences:

All breaches of the code of conduct will be graded in severity and the below chart is to be used as a guide only for reporting purposes. A further recommendation from the P&D to upgrade the severity of any charge brought before it will be allowable at the time of the P&D hearing or before. Any upgrade in a charge against a reported player or club will be taken into consideration in the determining any penalty handed down by the P&D.

Level 1 Offences:

Equipment abuse, excessive appealing and dissent towards an umpires decision, sending a batsman off by pointing or gestures when a wicket has fallen which will carry a minimum penalty of a one (1) match ban and a maximum of two (2) matches

Level 2 Offences:

Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards an umpire, official or player including verbal abuse, running aggressively towards a batsman or non striker when a wicket has been taken, vilification of a minor type, attempted assault or light contact with another player will carry a minimum penalty, three (3) matches and a maximum penalty of six matches. The offending player/official's club to be fined \$100 per offence a player/official is found guilty of and be penalised towards club champion award.

Failure of Clubs to control spectator behaviour, inclusive of club members whilst club members are spectators will carry a minimum penalty \$100 fine with maximum penalty to be \$500 plus possible suspensions depending on severity of each case.

Players or officials from one club acting as spectators at another club may also be covered under this rule and subject to penalties such as fines and suspensions as deemed appropriate by the P&D.

Level 3 Offences:

Bringing the game into disrepute, which may include failure to control player, official or spectator behaviour resulting in loutish or anti social behaviour and which may cause the SMCA or the game of cricket's reputation to be tarnished in the eyes of member clubs, the general public or the WACA as the governing body of cricket in Western Australia.

Vilification of a major nature including but not limited too, racial, religious, colour, ethnic origin, cultural or severe personal nature.

Assault of a player, spectator, official or umpire.

A minimum penalty for individuals of six (6) matches to apply and a further penalty over and above six (6) matches to be deemed appropriate by the P&D for the offence depending on the charge brought before it.

A minimum penalty for a club is a \$500 fine and the maximum of \$1000 may be levied by the P&D. A further penalty of disqualification from the champion club award for the participating season and a forfeiture of the match in which the team is competing may also be applied by the P&D.

Players or officials from one club acting as spectators at another club may also be covered under this rule and subject to penalties such as fines and suspensions as handed down by the P&D.

AGM Item 2 - from SMCA Executive.

7 (b): seven (7) changed to five (5).

Should a team fail to provide completed match report within 7 days they lose their points. Change to 5 days so points lost prior to next fixture.

AGM Item 3 - from SMCA Executive.

11 (b) (ii) During the period of the season where grades, other than first grade, are involved in two days matches, players from these grades may only move to the One-Day only Grades provided the following criteria are met :-

Issue of 2nd to 6th Grade fixed

AGM Item 4 - from SMCA Executive.

Rule 15 (a). If seventy-five (75) over's have been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play shall cease. If seventy-five (75) over's have not been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play will continue until the stipulated over's have been bowled.

Removed 6:00pm and replaced with "the scheduled close of play"

AGM Item 5 - from SMCA Executive.

21 (e). In the event of a tied or drawn semi or elimination final the higher ranked side at the end of the qualifying matches shall be declared the winner.

Added words *in a semi final or elimination final*, just to completely clarify this rule does not apply to the Grand Final

AGM Item 6 - from SMCA Executive.

22. In the event of a tied match both teams shall be declared as “Joint Premiers”. In the event of a drawn Grand Final the higher ranked side at the end of the qualifying matches shall be declared the winner.

The second sentence was added to clarify the result in the case of a drawn Grand Final.

AGM Item 7 - from SMCA Executive.

25 (a). One innings per team, being limited to forty (40) (six) ball over’s, provided however that if the team batting first has not been dismissed and has not received forty (40) (six) ball over’s by 3.30pm, the innings will continue until 40 over’s have been bowled or the side is bowled out. After a 20 minute tea break, the team about to bat will receive only the number of over’s it bowled by 3.30pm **and shall be entitled to receive these overs even after a result has been achieved or the side is bowled out.**

This rule did not stipulate that the match can go on in the second innings after the side batting second has passed the score until either 40 over have been bowled or the side is bowled out.

AGM Item 8 - from SMCA Executive.

33. Qualification for Mid Season One Day Final

(a). A player must take part in at least six (6) days of fixtured games with his club to be eligible for finals. Should a season be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive may restate the number of qualifying days.

(b). Qualification for finals: No player shall play in a lower grade final unless he has played the majority of days in that grade or lower. For the purpose of this rule the term “majority” means more than half.

(c). Only in the event that a club has teams in consecutive grades within that clubs structure, in a finals match on a particular day: If a player has qualified with the club in the higher grade but is not selected to play in that team, he may be considered for selection in the next grade regardless of the number of qualifying matches he has played in that grade. Such a player may continue to play in the lower team for the duration of the final matches. Players may only drop down one grade when these special conditions apply. Once a team is eliminated in a final no player from that grade may be relegated to a lower grade unless covered by **By-Law 33.a and 33.b.**

(d). Lower grade players can be promoted at any time.

The by-law changed to bring into line with qualification for the end of season finals – By-Law 41.

AGM Item 9 - from SMCA Executive.

35b. Refer to By-Laws 19.i, 19.ii, 20.iv, 20.v, (32.a through to an including 32.g)

Typo corrected.

AGM Item 10 - from SMCA Executive.

41. (a). A player must take part in at least six (6) days of fixtured games with his club to be eligible for finals. Should a season be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive **may** restate the number of qualifying days.

(b). Qualification for finals: No player shall play in a lower grade final unless he has played the majority of days in that grade or lower. For the purpose of this rule the term "majority" means more than half.

(c). Only in the event that a club has teams in consecutive grades within that clubs structure, in a finals match on a particular day: If a player has qualified with the club in the higher grade but is not selected to play in that team, he may be considered for selection in the next grade regardless of the number of qualifying matches he has played in that grade. Such a player may continue to play in the lower team for the duration of the final matches. Players may only drop down one grade when these special conditions apply. Once a team is eliminated in a final no player from that grade may be relegated to a lower grade unless covered by **By-Law 41.a and 41.b.**

(d). Lower grade players can be promoted at any time.

Previous c and d combined and e changed to d. Last line in 41c now refers to 41a and 41b. In 41a the word shall changed to may.

AGM Item 11 - from SMCA Executive.

Bylaw 42 (b) & (c)

Dates to be altered to read 30th of September

AGM Item 12 - from SMCA Executive.

Bylaw 62 (a) The Protests, Disputes and Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as the P&D) may consist of up to five (5) persons who will make up a sitting board to hear any matters brought before it. Alternate persons may be co-opted to assist this board to carry out its duties if so required.

Elaboration on current By-Law

AGM Item 13 - from SMCA Executive.

Delete 62 (f) which says the same as the new 62 (a).

AGM Item 14 - from SMCA Executive.

62 (e) At any P&D hearing, the matter shall be heard and determined by the Board Chairman and two other appointed or co-opted persons.

Changed to bring in to line with 62 (a)

AGM Item 15 - from SMCA Executive.

62 (j) change to \$1000

Changed to bring in to line with new Code of Conduct

AGM Item 16 - from SMCA Executive.

62 (l) change to \$50

Updated from \$25

AGM Item 17 - from SMCA Executive.

62 (m) change to \$100 and/or a three match suspension

Updated from \$50 and/or a one match ban

AGM Item 18 - from SMCA Executive.

Bylaw 63 (a) (ii) add after score books “(where appropriate)” and change the Match Day Referee to “Association Administrator within 24 hours of the completion of the days play.”

Updated

AGM Item 19 - from SMCA Executive.

63 (a) iv. A copy of the report documents shall be handed to each of the P&D members and the reported player/s by the Convenor prior to the commencement of the P&D hearing and/or forwarded to P&D members and relevant Clubs prior to the hearing as appropriate.

Allows information to be forwarded to Clubs prior to the P&D

AGM Item 20 - from SMCA Executive.

(c) change to \$500

Updated from \$300

AGM Item 21 - from SMCA Executive.

64 (e) change to read the following:

If a player receives two cautions during a season the player will be suspended from the next two club competition matches for which he is eligible. Any player receiving a third caution during the same season will automatically receive a doubling of the previous two match penalty and a doubling of any penalty for each subsequent caution received.

Updated from one match

AGM Item 22 - from SMCA Executive.

(h) change both references of a one match ban to read two match ban.

Add: Any player receiving a third caution during the same season will automatically receive a doubling of the previous two match penalty and a doubling of any penalty for each subsequent caution received.

To keep in line with 64 (e)

AGM Item 23 - from SMCA Executive.

By Law 65 (a) change last sentence to finish "if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard."

Changed from "if it sees fit for any reason."

AGM Item 24 - from SMCA Executive.

Remove listed penalties and current 65 (b) and replace with the following
65 b. Reportable Offences

Equipment abuse, excessive appealing and dissent towards an umpire's decision, sending a batsman off by pointing or gestures when a wicket has fallen
One match ban

Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards an umpire, official or player including verbal abuse, running aggressively towards a batsman or non striker when a wicket has been taken, vilification of a minor type, attempted assault or light contact with another player
Three match ban

All other breaches of the Code of Conduct are to be heard by the P&D at a properly convened hearing.

AGM Item 25 - from SMCA Executive.

Add new By-Law - 65 (c)

65 (c) In all cases penalties involving suspension should be taken to imply suspension from all matches conducted under the auspices of the SMCA and affiliated cricket bodies during the period of the suspension. The Administrator will advise Clubs as to the inclusive dates of the suspension, as determined by the P&D.

To ensure that it is known that a suspension includes all matches (eg Twenty20) until the suspension period is over.

AGM Item 26 - from SMCA Executive.

Add new By-Law - 65 (d)

65 (d) If a player, who has been found guilty of an offence in the past, is found guilty of another offence then his past indiscretions will be taken into consideration in the penalty handed down at the P&D. If no offence has been committed in the previous five years the penalty will be a standalone penalty based on the P&D finding of a guilty verdict in the current case before the P&D and be based on current guidelines.

To allow P&D to consider previous behaviour

AGM Item 27 - from SMCA Executive.

Bylaw 66 (c) change to \$100 deposit

Updated from \$50

AGM Item 28 - from SMCA Executive.

Bylaw 67 (e) change to \$100 deposit

Updated from \$50

AGM Item 29 - from Armadale.

Should the First grade competition remain as an Eight team competition in the 2011/2012 season then the eight teams in First grade remain the same as the 2010/2011 season.

AGM Item 30 - from Maddington.

Towards the end of the 2009-2010 season, we noticed that some clubs were dropping players from a higher grade in an attempt to help the lower grade side qualify for the finals. To stop this 'stacking' of sides, we propose that the following clause be inserted in By-Law 11:

11 (e) During the last two (2) qualifying matches, a team shall not contain any player, whose regular grade immediately prior to the second last game, was in a higher grade to that team, notwithstanding By-Law 10. Regular grade is defined as the grade/s in which a player has played 50% or more of their total SMCA games for that Club in the current season, where the player has played a total of four (4) or more games.

AGM Item 31 - from John Ipsen, Leeming Spartan.

I would like the SMCA Executive to consider the following points when finalising rules for the SMCA First Grade competition this season (2010 / 2011). The rules are pretty much extracted from the WACA playing conditions.

I believe these rules would definitely bring a lot more excitement and enjoyment to our game and make for interesting bowling / batting line ups when clubs select their one day sides etc. It would allow batsmen and bowlers to play and bat / bowl at different parts of the game and it would also allow players to come up the grades when they may not have otherwise played 1st grade cricket. In other words, clubs could pick a "purpose" one day side etc.

I would also like to see coloured clothing (SMCA approved) for the 1st Grade one day competition.

Rules that could be introduced for 1st Grade One Day Cricket in the SMCA (based on 40 over innings games).

1. BOWLERS LIMITATIONS (Rule 4:5:2 WACA Playing Conditions)
 - No bowler allowed more than 8 x 6 ball over's.
2. FIELD MARKING RESTRICTIONS (4:5:4)
 - A 30 Yard circle needs to be drawn and at the instant of delivery there should be no more than 5 fieldsmen on the "on side".
 - First 12 over's only 2 fieldsmen are permitted outside the circle at the instant of delivery.
 - First 12 over's there must be 2 catchers within 14 meters of the striker.
 - In the remaining 28 over's only 5 fieldsmen are permitted outside the circle.
3. WIDES (4:5:5)
 - Down leg side uncontactable.
 - Off side reasonable opportunity to score.
4. NO BALL (4:5:6)
 - 1 x short pitched delivery per batsman per over.
5. FREE HIT (4:5:12)
 - Any front foot or waste high "no ball" will result in a "free hit" to the batsman for the next ball. Fielders to remain in same fielding position as per previous (no ball) bowled.