SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION
REVIEW COMMITTEE DECISION

SMCA Review Committee – Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club

Date: 8 October 2026

The Review Committee (RC) has reviewed Kardinya Lakes CC's appeal regarding the participation of Muhammad Waqas Akram in the Sixth Grade Round 1 match for 2026/27.

The RC accepts that the matter was an administrative oversight and not a deliberate attempt to breach SMCA By-Laws. However, the player was not registered to Kardinya Lakes CC prior to the match and was subsequently entered using the Fill-In Player function.

By-Law 46(a) requires all players to be registered prior to playing and states that Fill-In players will not be accepted. By-Law 46(d) prescribes the penalty for playing an unregistered player. The RC also notes that previous SMCA decisions in 2025/26 have resulted in penalties for breaches of By-Law 46. There is no room for discretion in the interpretation of these by-laws.

Decision:

The appeal is dismissed. The RC finds that a breach of By-Law 46 occurred and therefore, upholds the Administrator's decision. This includes the match forfeit, loss of points and $50 fine.

The RC also recommend that player in question be correctly transferred from his non-SMCA club, to Kardinya Lakes CC, so that he can appear on the list of eligible players to match selection.

Further to this, By-Law 67B requires that a $100.00 payment be made for an appeal to be reviewed. This $100.00 is to be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful. Although unsuccessful in this instance, the RC deems that this amount should be suspended for a 12 month period. This $100.00 amount will not be payable unless KLCC have another penalty within a 12 month period.