



**GIRLS  
CRICKET  
LEAGUE**

**By-Laws**

## PLAYER QUALIFICATION

### Provisions applying to all players.

#### Age Clarification

1. Wherever in these Bylaws (in this or any other section) reference is made to a player being under a certain age as at 1<sup>st</sup> September in the current season, the player shall be qualified if her relevant birthday falls on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September.

#### Unqualified Players

2. Any clubs playing a player not possessing the requisite qualification, registration, permit or who is ineligible to play, shall be declared to have lost the match, or matches, in which such player took part and shall lose all points gained in that match, or those matches, unless otherwise decided by the competition administrator(s) on the grounds that there were exceptional circumstances justifying the lack of requisite qualification, registration or permit. The award of points to be allotted to the opposing team shall be on the basis of a first innings win.
3. The same procedure shall apply should any player participate illegally in any match (e.g. playing without necessary permit or player participating under a false name).

#### Players Requiring a Transfer

4. The registration of a transfer must be entered into the PlayHQ online management system by the new club. An email will be forwarded to the previous club and the competition administrator(s) indicating that the transfer process has commenced.
5. If the player submits a transfer request to her previous SGCL club after 1 August and before 1 March and the club does not respond to this request within fourteen (14) days, the application may be forwarded to the competition administrator for determination. Between 2 March and 31 July, a club has thirty-one (31) days to respond to the request.
6. If the transfer is to be granted:
  - 6.1. The previous club must select 'Approve' via the PlayHQ online management system. This will become an official electronic signature of approval from the previous club.
  - 6.2. After this time, the competition administrator(s) must select 'Approve' via the PlayHQ online management system. This will become an official electronic signature from the competition administrator(s).
7. A transfer is only to be denied if the player requesting the clearance owes money to the previous club. If the clearance is to be denied:
  - 7.1. The previous club must select 'Decline' via the PlayHQ online management system and provide reason as to why the transfer has been refused.

#### Permits

8. Players will only be permitted to play in a competition below their correct age group if a permit request form is completed and written approval of the application is granted by the competition administrator(s).
  - 8.1. The granting of any such request shall apply to the current season only and may be revoked at the discretion of the competition administrator(s).
9. Permits will be granted at the discretion of the competition administrator(s).
10. Permits may be revoked if the competition administrator(s) deems they are being misused.

## THE COMPETITION

### Grades

11. Teams competing in the Strikers Girls Cricket League shall be divided into the following grades.
  - 11.1. Non-premiership competition – Metropolitan: U/12
  - 11.2. Premiership competitions –Metropolitan: U/15, U/18, Barossa: U/16 and Upper Fleurieu: 16/U
    - 11.2.1. Metropolitan: U/12, Metropolitan: U/15, U/18, Barossa: U/16 and Upper Fleurieu: 16/U competitions will be split into divisions based on geographic locations (Central, South, and Upper Fleurieu)
12. Teams that have a bye may not select a player to play in a lower grade if the player played in a higher grade the previous round without permission of the competition administrator(s).
13. Any player that plays without complying with this Bylaw shall be subjected to a potential penalty under Bylaw 2.

### Minor Round

14. The teams in each Grade shall, except when otherwise determined by the SACA Competition Administrator(s), play matches in the minor round in the order shown in the fixture.
  - 14.1. Metropolitan: U/15, U/18, Barossa: U/16 and Upper Fleurieu: 16/U competition – Matches will be programmed as T20 matches.

### Major Round

15. In the Metropolitan: U/15, U/18 and Upper Fleurieu: 16/U competitions the four (4) leading teams on points at the completion of the Minor Round shall compete in a Major Round to decide the premiership.
  - 15.1. Semi Finals: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3
  - 15.2. Grand Final: Winners of Semi-Finals
16. The remainder of the competition may play during Semi-Final weekend (if numbers permit) to determine final placings for the season (e.g. 5 v 6).
17. If two (2) or more teams are equal on points at the end of the Minor Round, the team with the higher quotient shall occupy the higher relative positions (see Bylaw 28 for the method determining the quotient).
18. A player is deemed eligible for finals after competing in four (4) or more Minor Round matches throughout the season.
  - 18.1. Clubs may submit a permit in writing to the competition administrator(s) for any player that is ineligible.

### Program of Matches

19. The competition administrator(s) will prepare a match program before each season.
20. Changes to the program may be made only under the following procedures:
  - 20.1. A Strikers Girls Cricket League delegate may alter the ground of any individual match, subject to the approval of the competition administrator(s).
  - 20.2. The competition administrator(s) may alter the date or ground of any individual match.
21. Should a change or cancellation of an entire round of matches be required in any Grade, such change may be made by the competition administrator(s).

### Forfeits

22. If a team has to forfeit a match, a Club Official must notify the competition administrator(s) who will be responsible for notifying the opposing team and the potential SACA umpire.

23. In the event that a team receives a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team may submit a team sheet to ensure all players appearing upon the said team sheet shall be counted as having a 'game played' for the purpose of finals eligibility.
24. A forfeit will be claimed against any team that cannot field the minimum number of players for that age group within fifteen (15) minutes after the agreed start time. If both teams cannot field a minimum number, the result is a non-game. In the result of a forfeit or non-game, the teams may play a practice match in the remaining allotted time. If a practice match is played, no individual statistics are to be recorded on the PlayHQ management system.

### Premiership Points

25. The following points shall be awarded in all Minor Round Metropolitan: U/15, U/18, Barossa: U/16 and Upper Fleurieu: 16/U matches:
 

First Innings Win	10 points
Win on Forfeit	10 points
First Innings Tie	5 points
Drawn Match	5 points
Abandoned Match	5 points
First Innings Loss	0 points
Loss on Forfeit	0 points
Bye	0 points
  
26. In Grades and competitions where two (2) or more teams gain the same number of points, their relative positions shall be determined by quotient. For the purposes of ascertaining the following systems shall be adopted:
  - 26.1. The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost.
  - 26.2. The batting average against a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken.
  - 26.3. The former shall be divided by the latter, and the team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.

### Competitions with unequal matches

27. For competitions with an unequal number of matches fixtured for each team, the match ration system shall be used to equalise the competition. For the purposes of ascertaining the following system shall be adopted:
  - 27.1. The total number of points received by a team will be divided by the number of matches they have played.
  - 27.2. The team with the higher quotient shall be considered to have had the better performance.

Example.

Team A (30 points divided by 4 matches) = 7.5 Match Ratio

Team B (25 points divided by 3 matches) = 8.3 Match Ratio

As a result, Team B would finish higher on the ladder.

## REPORTS OF BREACHES IN LAWS & BY-LAWS

### Definitions

28. For the purposes of this section:
  - 28.1. "Player" means any playing member of a club who is registered, or who should be registered, pursuant to these By-Laws.
  - 28.2. "Club Official" means any person representing a Club in any official capacity or recognised by a Club as holding or occupying any official position within that Club, including (but not necessarily limited to) any coach, assistant coach, scorer, team manager, committee member or person holding any position or role recognised by the constitution or rules of that club.
  - 28.3. "Disciplinary Enquiry Panel" (DEP) means the panel established under By-Law 36.
  - 28.4. "Match" includes all matches played under these By-Laws.
  - 28.5. "Crude" when used in the Code of Conduct includes indecent or offensive, including, in particular, racial sledging or abuse.

### Code of Conduct

29. All players, parents, and club officials shall comply with the Code of Conduct.
  - 29.1. Any breach of the Code of Conduct shall be considered to be misconduct under these By-Laws.
30. Coaches are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 6<sup>th</sup> Edition – 2015), including the preamble "The Spirit of Cricket".

### Reports of Players and Officials

31. If an officiating umpire on the day of a match in which he/she is umpiring deems it necessary to report any player, parent, or club official for misconduct arising out of, or in the course of, that match, or any breach under Law 41 (Unfair Play) of the Laws of Cricket, or any other Law or By-Law, he/she shall, as soon as practicable, and no later than within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of day's play:
  - 31.1. Notify that person and both coaches of the teams playing, and
  - 31.2. Notify the umpire or other officiating umpire of the report.
32. The reporting person(s) shall furnish a written report on the form prescribed to the competition administrator(s) as soon as possible and by no later than 5:00PM on the Monday immediately following the close of that day's play. For competitions that are not played on Friday or Sunday, a written report shall be provided to the competition administrator(s) by 5:00pm the following business day.
33. The report shall constitute a charge or report against the player, parent, or club official for the purpose of these By-Laws.

### Disciplinary Enquiry Panel (DEP)

34. There shall be a Disciplinary Enquiry Panel (DEP).
35. The DEP shall consist of the competition administrator(s) and the Female Pathways Leader.
36. All charges shall be referred to the DEP by the competition administrator as soon as possible following the completion of the match.
37. The DEP shall review each charge and make a determination as soon as practicable, if possible/practicable before the next game.
38. The DEP may seek further information or comment from any person in such a manner as it seems fit.
39. If the DEP determines that the charge is proven, the reported person is to receive a penalty which is appropriate in all circumstances.

40. When imposing any penalty, all relevant circumstances must be taken into account (considered), including;
  - 40.1. The DEP must request and obtain details of any prior penalty imposed on the reported person before imposing any reprimand or period of ineligibility to participate.
  - 40.2. The seriousness of, and harm caused by the breach.
41. The DEP shall upon making its determination immediately notify the club and reported persons of its determination.
42. The reported person must at the time of notification, be advised that if she does not accept the determination, the person will be required, through their Club Delegate, to notify the Competition Administrators(s) of their non-acceptance of the determination.
43. If the DEP determines that the charge is not proven, the charge will be dismissed.
44. The DEP is not required to give reasons for its determination.
45. If an incident occurs, which falls outside of the example of the offences listed in the below tables, the DEP has discretion to categorise the incident as they believe best fits the offence.

## THE CODE OF CONDUCT

46. Players
  - 46.1. Play by the rules
  - 46.2. Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have a discussion with your coach who may discuss with the umpire at an appropriate time.
  - 46.3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket.
  - 46.4. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
  - 46.5. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
47. Coaches
  - 47.1. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes.
  - 47.2. Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same.
  - 47.3. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
  - 47.4. Obtain the appropriate qualification and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development for young people.
  - 47.5. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
48. Parents/Supporters
  - 48.1. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
  - 48.2. Remember that Children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
  - 48.3. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
  - 48.4. Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
  - 48.5. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
  - 48.6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## PENALTIES

### 49. DEP Ranges

#### Level 1 Offences

No	Offence	Example
1.1	Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixture and fittings.	Actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets or action that result in damage to advertising boards, boundary fences, or any part of the building structure around the ground.
1.2	Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.	This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.
1.4	Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner or behaving aggressively towards either batter upon the dismissal of a batter.	Includes charging or running up to the batter and getting "in her face".
1.5	Excessive "Chatter to the Batter"	Includes excessive and repeated sledging or comments to the opposing batter and ignoring directions to cease.
1.6	Excessive Appealing	Self-Explanatory

#### Level 2 Offences

No	Offence	Example
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent is classified as serious when the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching of the cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge and other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play.
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players, supporters, or officials during play.	Deliberate walking or running into or hip-and-shouldering another player, parent or official.
2.3	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	Self-Explanatory.
2.4	Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.	Deliberately attempting to distract a player by words or gestures (refer to 'no chatter to the batter' rule) or deliberately shepherd the batter while running or attempting to run between the wickets.

2.5	Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.	This does not discourage a fielder or bowler returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
2.6	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person.
2.7	Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 41.3	Prohibited behavior includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball.

#### Level 3 Offences

No	Offence	Example
3.1	Intimidate an umpire, coach, or spectator whether by language or conduct.	Self-Explanatory
3.2	Threaten to assault another player, official or spectator	Self-Explanatory
3.3	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage, or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, nation or ethnic origin, disability, or gender.	Self- Explanatory

#### Level 4 Offences

4.1	Threaten to assault an umpire, official, player or spectator.	Self-Explanatory.
4.2	Physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator.	Self-Explanatory.
4.3	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.	Self-Explanatory.
4.4	Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, nation or ethnic origin, disability, or gender.	Self-Explanatory.



Ranges for penalties of misconduct.

- 49.1. If a report is found to be proven, the reported person is to receive a penalty which is appropriate in all of the circumstances.
- 49.2. Indicative range of penalties for misconduct is.

<b>Level of Offence</b>	<b>Indicative Range of Penalty</b>
Level 1	Official reprimand or a ban of up to one (1) club match.
Level 2	Ban of Two (2) or Three (3) club matches.
Level 3	Ban of Four (4) or Five (5) club matches.
Level 4	Ban of Six (6) or Seven (7) club matches.

- 49.3. A penalty less than the cumulative indicative range(s) may be imposed at the discretion of the DEP.
- 49.4. A penalty greater than the indicative range may be imposed in the case of a person having been found guilty of previous offences.
- 49.5. A club match, for the purposes of a ban, shall be defined as the entirety of the number of fixtured rounds for the ban. For example, a player receiving a two (2) match ban would be required to miss the entirety of the next two rounds.
- 49.6. The prescribed penalty is only enforceable in the Competition in which the offence took place in. However, the Competition Administrator(s) will notify any additional club(s) the player may have of the penalty.
- 49.7. In the case of a parent receiving a ban, this may result in the parent not being permitted to attend the game. Alternatively, the DEP may determine that the imposed penalty is handed to the child on behalf of the parent.