

Gippsland Cricket - Region 7 By-Laws

1. Changes to By Laws:

The Board may from time to time, enact, repeal and amend all such By-Laws (not inconsistent with the Act or the Regulations made hereunder) as it shall consider necessary for the proper management of the affairs of the Association. Such decisions or changes to By-Laws shall be binding upon members until set aside at a Special General Meeting of the Region.

2 Fees

2.1 Membership Fees and Registration Fees

The Membership Fee per Member Association shall be a flat fee determined on an annual basis.

All other Fees and charges shall be determined by the number of Member Associations' senior and junior teams participating in GCR7 competitions.

The fees, as recommended by the Board, and subsequently endorsed by Delegates at a Special General Meeting of the Region are due and payable on dates determined by the Board at the September meeting.

2.2 Late Payment of Fees

At the discretion of the Treasurer a late payment fee of \$5 per day may be levied upon any member Association that has failed to pay any membership fee or penalty fee within 7 days after the due date. The penalty shall accumulate until such time as the payment owing is received. The member must receive at least 21 days' notice of an amount due. An emailed invoice to the Association Secretary and/or Treasurer will be considered notice of an amount due. If an Association has difficulty in meeting its obligations a negotiated payment arrangement will be looked upon favourably. Any penalty that is applied may be appealed to the Board by written submission.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership – Region 7 Associations

Membership is open to those Associations registered with the VCCL and named by the VCCL as belonging to Region 7. A Region 7 Association may apply for full or associate membership.

Associate Membership

3.2 Other Associations

Consistent with Law 3c of the Constitution, the Region may allow Associate membership to other Associations that wish to play in competitions conducted under the auspices of GCR7.

The Associate Membership fees shall be restricted to the Team Registration fee and any other charges determined necessary for the administration of such competitions.

The privileges assigned to this membership shall be the right to vote on all matters pertaining to the conduct of competition in which such a member has teams participating.

Associate membership does not carry voting rights or the ability to enter elite cricket competitions run by the Region.

3.3 Umpire Membership

Consistent with Law 3c of the Constitution, the Region may allow Associate membership to those persons who are accredited with either Cricket Australia or Cricket Victoria. The privileges assigned to such membership shall be restricted to that described in 3(c) of the Constitution and shall allow umpires to be members of the Gippsland Umpires Panel and officiate in matches organised by GCR7.

3.4 No Boundaries

Consistent with Law 3c of the Constitution, the Region may allow Associate membership to those people with physical and intellectual disabilities who wish to play in competitions conducted under the auspices of GCR7.

The Associate Membership fees shall be restricted to the Player Registration fee and any other charges determined necessary for the administration of such competitions and to allow them to participate as Registered Members of the No Boundaries Competition.

4 Board Meetings: Attendance

Attendance at Board Meetings and Special Meetings is compulsory

The following fines shall apply for non-attendance:

- \$25.00 non-attendance - first meeting
- \$50.00 non-attendance - 2nd meeting
- \$100.00 non-attendance - 3rd & subsequent meetings in a season

5. Board Subcommittees

The purpose of the subcommittees is to assist with the operations of the Board. The Board may activate subcommittees as deemed necessary. Subcommittees shall operate as per the responsibilities outlined for each subcommittee. The Board President or nominee shall be a member of all Subcommittees.

The following subcommittees shall operate.

5.1 Rules Committee

The Rules Committee for GCL Competitions shall consist of:

- The Region 7 President (Chairperson)
- The Region 7 Secretary
- Host Association representative
- Any other person as appointed by the Board

It shall be the responsibility of the Rules Committee to ensure that the GCL By-Laws are current and are forwarded to the Board on an annual basis.

5.2 Junior Development Committee (JDC)

The JDC will consist of an elected Chairperson, the RCM, and one representative from each Member Association. The JDC shall be responsible for the election of the committee's secretary and all matters pertaining to Junior Cricket, at a Region Level. This shall include the implementation of Board Policy on selection procedures for under-age teams and the appointment of appropriate personnel.

The elected Chairperson shall report to the Board on its activities on a regular basis; shall attend Board meetings and may participate in all debates; but does not have voting rights at Board level unless participating in the capacity as a nominated Board Member.

5.2.1 JDC Voting rights

- i) Each Member Association present at a meeting of the JDC has one vote.
- ii) A member Association can be represented by their JDC representative or a duly authorised substitute.
- iii) Proxy votes lodged by one member Association on behalf of another member Association are not permitted.
- iv) Executive members do not have ordinary voting rights.
- v) In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of the JDC (or if the elected Chairperson is not present, the person appointed to chair the meeting) shall be entitled to a casting vote.
- vi) If the Chairperson declines to exercise a casting vote, the motion shall be lost when a tied vote occurs.
- vii) The Chairperson of the JDC may authorise a poll of members via electronic communication mediums.

5.3 Women's Cricket Committee

The Women's Cricket Committee shall consist of:

- i) The RCM
- ii) One representative from each of the participating teams.
- iii) GCR7 Secretary

One person nominated by the subcommittee shall act as a chairperson and report to the Board on matters related to Women's Cricket.

The Committee shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to Women's Cricket at a Region Level. This shall include the organisation of the draw and venues for competition, administration of the competition rules and the appointment of personnel to management positions for the representative teams at the senior level.

6 Gippsland Cricket League Competitions (GCL)

6.1 Gippsland Cricket – Region 7 Board Responsibilities

The Board shall be responsible for the Senior, Women's and Underage Competitions and their Rules in the Gippsland Region. Such Competitions are to be known as the Gippsland Cricket League Competitions and will be administered by the Board.

In the event of an Association not entering a team in a particular competition, their players shall be eligible to play for other Associations.

6.2 Host Club's Responsibilities

The GCR7 Board shall frame the Host Club Responsibilities for the staging of GCL matches. These shall be placed in the GCR7 handbook.

6.3 GCL Awards

a) Gippsland Cricketer of the Year

This shall be awarded in each competition.

These awards shall be decided by Umpires' Votes as per the GCL Rules.

Where two or more players are equal on votes, multiple awards shall be presented.

b) Special Awards:

The Board shall award certificates to recognise individual achievements in the GCL Premier Competition

- i. Where a player is selected in four All Gippsland GCL teams, a "GCL Champion" Certificate shall be awarded to recognise this achievement.
- ii. Where a player is selected in eight All Gippsland GCL teams, a "GCL Legend" Certificate shall be awarded to recognise this achievement.
- iii. For the purpose of these awards, Selection in the VCCL Representative team at the National Championships shall rank equally with selection in the All Gippsland Team.

6.4 Kookaburra Cup

Definition:

The Cup will be played between the two highest ranked Premiership teams from the previous season according to their winning ratio/percentage [against all completed scheduled matches] and the formula for cricket percentage.

Rules:

The game shall be played under Gippsland Cricket League: rules governing T20 Matches. The commencement and interval times shall be in accordance with the times set down for 'morning' matches. A luncheon is to be provided by the host club at the end of the match with a \$300 catering allowance.

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\$300 for the winner & \$150 for the runner up.

Schedule:

This match is scheduled to be played on a date selected by the Board but must not be on a date coinciding with a round of Premier GCL cricket matches. It is desirable for the date to be prior to Christmas

Venue:

Highest ranked team to host the game.

Host Club Responsibilities:

As per GCL Booklet

6.5 GCL All Gippsland Premier Selection Panel

The selection panel for the All Gippsland XI shall consist of:

The President, the Secretary and the Vice President of the Board.

The selection process shall be based on PlayHQ statistics.

The team shall include the selection of 6 batters, 5 bowlers and a wicketkeeper.

In the event two or more player tying for the final bowling or batting place available in the All-Gippsland team, the tie shall be broken by applying a secondary assessment.

In the case of two batters with the same aggregate of runs, the first tie breaking assessment will be based on the better batting average. If a tie still prevails, the matter will be decided in favour of the batter with the highest individual score during the current GCL season.

In the case of two or more bowlers with the same aggregate of wickets, the first tie breaking assessment will be based on the better bowling average. If a tie still prevails, the matter will be decided in favour of the bowler with the best economy rate.

7 Regional Representative Cricket

7.1 Where a player is required for a VCCL or Region 7 representative matches, that player may be replaced with a substitute player at any time during the course of a GCL game. If the substitute player is drawn from a lower grade, all subsequent replacements may be made from the Association's registered list. The substitute player shall be allowed to complete an unfinished over or hand as required.

7.2 A selected Region 7 player must provide a reasonable explanation within fourteen days of an absence from a selected side once notified of selection in a representative team. A player who fails to comply with this rule will be required to present himself before an independent tribunal where the case will be heard.

7.3 Any player who withdraws from a Region 7 representative team/match after being notified of his or her selection in that team shall be ineligible to play in any representative competition scheduled for the same day which is under the direct control of the Region (this would include GCL and Kookaburra Cup games)

8 Regional Player Registrations, Permits and Transfers

8.1 All player transfer applications within Region 7 shall commence on 14 August and cease on 31 December. Such transfers must be performed via PlayHQ.

8.2 Transfers are required for all players who wish to transfer from one Club to another Club within Region 7, when that player has played in a Region 7 Association in the previous or current season. A financial player shall be automatically transferred to play with that player's Club of choice in a new Association unless it is proven that such player has a legal contract to play with the previous Club or is under suspension. Any player who has played during the current season will be deemed financial in respect to earlier seasons.

Note: Where a dispute arises under 8.2 or 8.3, the matter shall be referred to the GCR7 Member Protection Officer.

8.3 Financial Status

A player shall be deemed to be financial where:

- The membership fee and other legitimate subscriptions due in any given season have been paid.
- Raffle ticket money collected on behalf of the Club in any given season has been paid to the Club.
- Payment for Club apparel provided by a Club in any given season has been made.

For a player to be deemed non-financial from the previous season, the player's name must appear on the list of that Club's non-financial members. For the list to be valid, it must state the nature of the debt and be registered with that Club's Association Secretary by August 1st in any given year.

Each Association Secretary shall in turn furnish the Region Secretary with the full list of unfinancial players by August 7th each year. Players whose names do not appear on such list will be deemed to be financial.

A non-financial player must pay all outstanding debts (as per dot points above) before he can be transferred and register to play for a new club in a different Association.

In accordance with the process set out for notifying the Region Secretary of Unfinancial Players, clubs and member Associations shall also notify the Region Secretary of:

- a. any player serving a period of suspension that will carry forward to the next season.
- b. any player who has a written contract that compels him to play with a club in the next season.

The Secretary shall prepare a Region wide register of Unfinancial, Suspended and Contracted players, and distribute this to the Association Secretaries on an ongoing basis from August 14th each season.

- 8.4 A fine of \$200 will be imposed on those Associations who do not comply with the GCR7 procedures in relation to player transfers within Region 7. Any player found to be a party to a breach of By-Law 8 shall be suspended for two full playing weekends at both Association & Region level when he/she has crossed from one Association to another without a transfer – having played in both Associations - in the current season (i.e. *the suspension will not apply when the breach occurs between two different seasons*). The dates of the suspension to be determined by the Region Executive.

- 8.5 A club has 5 calendar days to deal with any inter-Association transfer that is lodged. Day 1 being the day the transfer is lodged. Any player transfer application not dealt with in the required manner within the 5 day period will be deemed to be granted.

- 8.6 A player who changes his abode is exempt from rule 8.1 that governs transfer deadlines.

8.7 Premier Cricket Players

Players registered and playing with a Premier Cricket Club are excluded from playing in any GCL Competitions.

Note: By-law 8.7 does not pertain to players deemed to be under 18. That is, an under 18 person is eligible to play for his "Club and Association of Origin" on an availability basis without reference to the above law at any time.

8.8 T20 Competitions

Players wishing to participate in a T20 competition run outside their home Association may do so without a transfer, providing the T20 matches do not form part of an Association's regular season, or clash with GCL playing dates. Such players are required to obtain a permit through PlayHQ.

9 Ineligible Players

- 9.1 All unfinancial, suspended or deregistered players shall be ineligible to participate in any GCR7 representative matches, GCL competitions or in the matches of GCR7 Associations.

- 9.2 Where a dispute arises regarding the eligibility of a player for a GCL game or GCR7 representative game, the Board shall be the body responsible for the resolution of that dispute in the first instance. If a dispute cannot be resolved at this level, the MPO may be used to resolve the issue.

- 9.3 Where a dispute arises regarding the eligibility of a player for registration at intra-Association level (Club Games), the GCR7 MPO shall be used as the person responsible for the resolution of that dispute.

10 GCR7 Player and Officials Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct requires personnel to conduct themselves at the highest level of personal behaviour both on and off the field so as not to bring their Association, the Gippsland Region or the game of Cricket into disrepute. It is designed to ensure that personal behaviours are consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, where swearing, insulting and dissenting actions or racial vilification is not acceptable.

This Code of Conduct covers all Board Members, Umpires, Players and Officials in GCL games, finals and all matches and functions where the Region is represented.

A GCR7 official, member Association official, Umpire or Association player shall be liable to suspension at the discretion of the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal if such official, umpire or team member violates the Code of Conduct of GCR7 or neglects to comply with a lawful direction of the GCR7 Board.

10.1 Violation of the Code of Conduct.

In such cases, an Independent Tribunal convened by the GCR7 MPO shall hear the case. In these cases, the panel convened by the MPO shall determine its own procedures, but may be guided by rule 10.3

10.2 Gippsland Cricket League Player Behaviour Rules

Any Report is to be submitted on the prescribed form (available from the website)

Two processes are set for the consideration of Unsatisfactory Player Behaviour and Reporting:

1. Serious Breaches

Where a player makes physical contact with another player or official, uses abusive language or dissent, this will see the player reported by the Umpire(s) controlling the match and the matter must be referred to the GCR7 Secretary for a Gippsland Cricket Tribunal hearing. The GCR7 Secretary must be notified of this decision no later than 12 noon on the Tuesday following the conclusion of the match.

2. Less Serious Breaches

Where an Umpire is duly concerned with a player's behaviour but does not believe a report is necessary, the incident/infringement shall be noted on the Umpires' Match Report.

- Where such a situation is noted, the player and his captain shall be informed by or at the end of the match. The umpires shall inform the GCR7 Secretary who shall officially inform the player via the player's Association that this is a final caution for the current season.
- When a player has been noted twice on such Match Reports during the season he shall receive an automatic one-match suspension.
- Should a player be reported for misbehaviour he shall receive a one-match suspension which will be served at the discretion of the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal.

Suspended Players

- a) The serving of suspensions imposed by the Regional Tribunal shall be determined by the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal.
- b) Any player under suspension from playing cricket in his local Association is also banned from playing in any GCL/Kookaburra' Cup competition matches or GCR7 representative matches during that period.

10.3 Gippsland Cricket Tribunal: Procedures at a Reported Person's Hearing

1. The Gippsland Cricket Tribunal shall consist of 3 members being from the pool of nominated persons from the member Associations. A nominated Tribunal member from an Association which participated in the match from which the reports(s) arose shall not be eligible to sit on the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal.
2. The panel that is convened to hear the report shall elect its chairman. The opening address shall be made by Chairman, including the announcement of the charges and the procedure to be followed.
3. Reading of the charges.
4. Chairman requests a plea from the reported person(s).
5. Evidence/submissions (may be in writing) from:
 - (a) the Umpire(s)
 - (b) any other person(s) in attendance to give evidence
 - (c) the reported person(s)
 - (d) his witnesses, if anyThose giving evidence shall be subject to questioning by any member of the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal. Similarly, the reported person(s) may ask questions of the Umpire(s) and vice-versa.
6. After all evidence, submissions and questioning has concluded, all except the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal members shall leave the room whilst the Tribunal deliberates upon its decision.
7. Announcement of the decision - guilty or not guilty. If not guilty, the hearing is concluded. If guilty, prior to the announcement of the penalty, the Chairman asks if any person has anything further to add in relation to the penalty.
IF YES - Go to 8; IF NO - Go to 10
8. The additional information/pleas/character evidence is heard.
9. All persons again leave the room whilst the Gippsland Cricket Tribunal deliberates upon a decision regarding the penalty.
10. Sentence/penalty advised, along with the reason(s) given as to how the penalty was reached.