Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association

Senior Playing Rules
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1. INTERPRETATIONS

(a) Laws of Cricket
The Laws of Cricket, as adopted by the Victorian Cricket Association, shall apply except where as hereinafter modified. Any changes to the Laws of Cricket shall not be adopted by the MPCA unless notified prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

(b) Changes to the Rules
Changes to Playing Rules, Association Rules and By-Laws only be changed at the AGM or Special General Meeting by a vote of Members.

(c) Junior Rule Changes
Junior Rule Changes will be submitted to the Senior Pennant Committee for approval.

(d) Program of Matches
All Clubs of the Association shall compete in a series of matches, the program of which shall be arranged by the MPCA Board. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Pennant Committee may, if necessary, alter the program in respect of dates, time or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played. A One-Day competition (or competitions) separate to the Jack Peacock Cup may be conducted each season under rules to be determined by the Pennant Committee.

(e) The Competition
The competition (Clubs) shall be graded into four Grades known as Provincial, Peninsula, District (with compulsory first and second elevens) and Sub-District and then other Elevens graded in Grades - as seen fit by the Board.

The competition shall consist of 14 rounds with 7 one day matches and 7 two day matches.

Notwithstanding the above, any Sub-District Club may apply to the Board in writing to play their first eleven in a grade other than Sub-District 1st XI. Such application shall be lodged with the Association not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting preceding the Season to which the application refers. The Board shall at its discretion reject or agree to the application. If the Board agrees to the application, it shall grade the team to an appropriate grade for that year only. A new application shall be required from the Club as set out above for any subsequent Season.

(f) By-Laws
The Playing Rules of the Association are to be read in conjunction with the By-Laws of the Association.

2. WEATHER AND GROUND CONDITIONS

2.1 Weather

(a) The Board shall appoint an Adverse Weather Committee which can make a decision that there will be no play on any day. If this Committee has not cancelled all matches for any day of any round, then the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather, or light for the commencement of play shall be judged by the umpires. Before the commencement of play on any day, umpires shall see that any necessary steps are taken to improve the ground or pitch with a view to expediting play and shall not draw stumps until the hour fixed by the Rules for the conclusion of the day’s play unless satisfied there is no possibility of play.

(b) Umpires residing - Law 3.9 applies. (Laws of Cricket)
(c) No Umpire Residing
   (i) The captains shall be responsible for starting or suspending play or not resuming play after an interval or stoppage. In the case where captains disagree, play shall be suspended.
   (ii) If there has been no play prior to 3.30pm for two day games and 3.00pm for one day games, the day’s play shall be abandoned.
   (iii) In the case where Captains disagree that play should be suspended, Players must stay at the ground until the Tea interval unless agreement is reached to end play.

(d) An appeal against light and/or any later resumption of play must be decided by the umpires from the point of objection. No more than two (2) appeals against the fitness of light shall be allowed in any one innings on any one day. After the second appeal, the fitness of light shall be in the hands of the umpires. Due consideration should also be given to the possibility of lightning strikes.

(e) On both days in two-day matches or games that have resolved to ordinary conditions, an over shall be started if time has not been reached and shall be completed at the end of the day’s play.

(f) If the boatman considers the bay too rough on the first day of a two-day match with French Island, the match becomes a One-Day match. If the boatman considers the bay too rough on the second day of a two-day match, then the match is to be drawn unless a decision has been reached on the first day.

(g) If there is lightning sighted at the ground, games must be immediately suspended and all players and Umpires must leave the ground until such time as the lightning ceases.

2.2 Grounds and Pitches

(a) If a ground is not playable due to issues other than weather, the match may be re-located by the General Manager or the Chairman of the Pennant Committee who may also fix other days or times for commencing or continuing the match where the situation requires.

(b) Grounds that are unfenced or partially fenced MUST have the boundary clearly marked to a minimum distance of 65 metres and Grounds that are totally fenced MUST clearly mark the boundary to a minimum distance of 65 metres by the home club. The EXCEPTION to this requirement is where physical constraints do not provide sufficient area to comply. Cones must also be placed three metres inside any fence or obstruction.

(c) All matches must be played on approved pitches. Spikes are prohibited on synthetic pitches.

3. MATCH CONDITIONS

(a) TWO–DAY MATCHES

(i) Premier, Provincial, District, & Sub-District Firsts and Seconds
Play shall commence at 1.00pm or 12.30pm before daylight saving. Tea adjournment to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.30pm to 3.50pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. Two day matches shall normally consist of 80 overs per day unless weather intervenes for at least 15 minutes. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 160. For 1st XI games, the captains shall toss for choice of innings, on the field and in presence of one or both umpires, 45 minutes before the scheduled or any rescheduled time for the match to start.

(ii) All other Grades
Play shall commence at 1.00pm or 12.30pm before daylight saving. Tea adjournment to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.40pm to 4.00pm, unless an innings finishes within 15
minutes of set time. Two day matches shall normally consist of 70 overs per innings unless weather intervenes for at least 15 minutes. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 140.

(iii) Conditions of Play
Where a team bats for all of the allotted overs on the first day of a two-day match, it must compulsorily close its innings, and the team batting second is entitled to only the same number of overs. Where the team is dismissed prior to the allotted overs (i.e.: 70 or 80), the team batting second shall be entitled to the remaining overs for that day’s play, plus the allotted overs for the second day.
In all cases, the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, must receive at least the same number of overs as the team which batted first.
In the event of the game being interrupted for any reason (such as an injured player etc) by more than 15 minutes on either day, that day’s play may be extended until the allotted overs (70 or 80) have been bowled for the day or until the allotted overs (140 or 160) have been bowled for the match so long as play on either day does not extend beyond 7.00pm. If such interruption occurs on the first day and the allotted overs are not bowled on that day, the team batting first, if not dismissed, must compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 70th or 80th over as the case may be.
Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches 140 or 160 (as the case may be) or bad light or weather does not permit such play.
If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a One-Day game on the second day. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

(iv) Early End of Play (In Two Day Grades)
Both Captains may agree to end a match on the second day at or after 4.30pm once first innings results have been obtained. If agreement is NOT reached then the Match will continue to the end of the allotted overs or when agreement is reached to stop play. Declaration of an innings to facilitate an early finish before 4.30pm is not allowed.

(v) Early End of Play (First and Second Elevens)
Both Captains may agree to end a match on the second day at or after 5.00pm once first innings results have been obtained. If agreement is NOT reached then the Match will continue to the end of the allotted overs or when agreement is reached to stop play. Declaration of an innings to facilitate an early finish before 5.00pm is not allowed.

(b) One-Day Matches

(i) Commencement of Matches
All matches shall commence at 1.00pm, or 12.30pm before daylight saving, and each match shall consist of a MAXIMUM of 80 overs. The team batting first, if not previously dismissed, shall compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 40th over. If the team batting first has been dismissed prior to the start of the 40th over, the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to the overs not batted by the team batting first plus 40 overs. The team batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to at least the same number of overs as has been bowled to the team batting first.
A break of 20 minutes shall be taken at the completion of the 40th over of the match unless the innings of the team batting first is completed after the start of the 32nd over, in which case the 15 minute break shall be taken at the change of innings. The team batting first shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.
There will be no outright wins awarded in C and D competition
In the C grade and D grade competitions matches will finish once a first innings result has been decided.
If weather intervenes and no result has been achieved, the match shall be deemed a draw.

(ii) No Play
If there has been no play prior to 3.00pm or 2.30 prior to daylight saving, the game shall be abandoned.

(iii) Restrictions
In all one day matches, a bowler shall not bowl more than 8 overs in the first 40 overs of an innings.
After the first 40 overs there shall be no further restrictions.

In the C grade Competitions(s) a bowler shall not bowl more than 8 overs in the first 40 overs of an innings. After the first 40 overs there shall be no further restrictions.

(iv) Early End of Play (In all One Day Grades)
Both Captains May agree to end a match when a result is known or after 5.00pm if first innings results have been obtained. If agreement is NOT reached then the Match will continue to the end of the allotted overs or when agreement is reached to stop play. Declaration of an innings to facilitate an earlier finish before 5.00pm is not allowed.

(v) Inner Field Restrictions
For First XI and Second XI games only, the home club will be responsible for create a fielding restriction area as follows:
• Two semicircles shall be drawn on the field of play.
• The semicircles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch.
• The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 27.5 metres.
• The semicircles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field.
• The fielding restriction area should be marked by continuous painted white lines or ‘dots’ at seven metre intervals, each ‘dot’ to be covered by white plastic or rubber (but not metal) discs.
A Limit of 2 players can be outside the fielding restriction area for the first ten overs, with a maximum of 5 players outside the circle from 11 – 40 overs.

(c) Full Day Matches
Full Day matches will commence at 10.00am and consist of two innings of 60 overs per side. The luncheon interval of 30 minutes shall be taken at the conclusion of the first 60 overs. If there is no play by 1.30pm then the game shall be abandoned.

(d) Semi-Final Matches and Grand Final Matches
The hours and conditions of play for Semi Final and Grand Final matches shall be as follows -

(i) Two Day Matches.
Play shall commence at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. Two day matches shall normally consist of 80 overs for Firsts & Seconds (75 for all other grades) per day unless weather intervenes for at least 15 minutes. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 160 overs (150 for all other grades).

Where a team bats for all of the allotted overs on the first day of a two-day match, it must compulsorily close its innings, and the team batting second is entitled to only the same number of
overs. Where the team is dismissed prior to the allotted overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to the remaining overs for that day’s play, plus the allotted overs for the second day.

In all cases, the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, must receive at least the same number of overs as the team which batted first.

In the event of the game being interrupted by more than 15 minutes on either day that day’s play may be extended until the allotted overs have been bowled for the day or until the allotted overs have been bowled for the match so long as play on either day does not extend beyond 6.20pm. If such interruption occurs on the first day and the allotted overs are not bowled on that day, the team batting first, if not dismissed, must compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 80/75th over as the case may be.

Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches 160/150 or bad light or weather does not permit such play.

If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a Full-Day game on the second day [see Rule 3 (c)]. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

(ii) One Day Matches.
Play shall commence at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment is to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. One-day matches shall consist of 40 overs per side. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 80.

Where a team bats for all of the allotted overs, it must compulsorily close its innings, and the team batting second is entitled to only the same number of overs. Where the team is dismissed prior to the allotted overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to the remaining overs, plus the allotted overs. In all cases, the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, must receive at least the same number of overs as the team which batted first.

A second day shall be reserved for completion of matches in the case of loss of time through light or weather if the scheduled day of play prevents a decision being reached.

(e) Grand Finals
The hours and conditions of play for Finals matches shall be as follows -

(i) First Eleven
Play shall commence at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. Two day matches shall normally consist of 80 overs for Firsts & Seconds (70 for all other grades) per day unless weather intervenes for at least 15 minutes. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 160 overs (140 for all other grades).

Where a team bats for all of the allotted overs on the first day of a two-day match, it must compulsorily close its innings, and the team batting second is entitled to only the same number of overs. Where the team is dismissed prior to the allotted overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to the remaining overs for that day’s play, plus the allotted overs for the second day.
If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a Full-Day game on the second day [see Rule 3 (c)]. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

In the event of the game being interrupted by more than 15 minutes on either day that day’s play may be extended until the allotted overs have been bowled for the day or until the allotted overs have been bowled for the match so long as play on either day does not extend beyond 6.20pm. If such interruption occurs on the first day and the allotted overs are not bowled on that day, the team batting first, if not dismissed, must compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 80/75th over as the case may be.

Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches 160/150 or bad light or weather does not permit such play.

If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a Full-Day game on the second day [see Rule 3 (c)]. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

(ii) Other Two Day Grades
Play shall commence at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment to be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time. Two day matches shall normally consist of 80 overs for Firsts & Seconds (70 for all other grades) per day unless weather intervenes for at least 15 minutes. The total number of overs for the game shall not exceed 160 overs (140 for all other grades).

Where a team bats for all of the allotted overs on the first day of a two-day match, it must compulsorily close its innings, and the team batting second is entitled to only the same number of overs. Where the team is dismissed prior to the allotted overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to the remaining overs for that day’s play, plus the allotted overs for the second day.

If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a Full-Day game on the second day [see Rule 3 (c)]. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

In the event of the game being interrupted by more than 15 minutes on either day that day’s play may be extended until the allotted overs have been bowled for the day or until the allotted overs have been bowled for the match so long as play on either day does not extend beyond 6.20pm. If such interruption occurs on the first day and the allotted overs are not bowled on that day, the team batting first, if not dismissed, must compulsorily close its innings at the completion of the 80/75th over as the case may be.
Where there has been an interruption during the game in excess of 15 minutes a minimum of 15 overs MUST be bowled in the last hour of the match unless the total overs bowled in the match reaches 160/150 or bad light or weather does not permit such play.

If 10 overs have not been bowled by the tea interval on the first day, the game shall revert to a Full-Day game on the second day [see Rule 3 (c)]. Any toss taken on the first day becomes null and void and the captains shall toss again.

(iii) All One Day Grades
Each Final shall comprise 80 overs - 40 (allotted) overs for each team. Play shall commence each day at 12.30pm. Tea adjournment shall be of 20 minutes duration, normally taken from 3.00pm to 3.20pm, unless an innings finishes within 15 minutes of set time.

If the innings of the team batting first has not been completed by the end of the 40th over, then it shall be compulsorily closed and the team batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat for the same number of overs (40). If the team batting first is dismissed before and including the 40th over the team batting second shall be entitled to 40 overs plus the number of overs left to complete the 40 overs of the team batting first. A Finals match shall be completed in the 80th over unless a result has been achieved sooner.

A second day shall be reserved for completion of matches in case loss of time through light or weather if the scheduled day of play prevents a decision being reached.

4. RESTRICTIONS
(a) Players under 19 years of age.
No fast or medium pace bowler shall bowl more than 20 overs (Under 19), 16 overs (Under 16) or 10 overs (Under 14) in any one day of a senior match. For the purpose of these rules, a player’s age shall be calculated as at 1 September each season. A fast or medium paced bowler is defined as a one where the Wicketkeeper would not normally stand up to the stumps.

(b) Short Pitched Bowling over Head Height.
Any short pitched ball bowled that is deemed to have passed overhead height of the striker standing upright at the crease, shall be called “NO BALL”.

(i) In the case where there are two official Umpires either may call the No Ball
(ii) In the case where there is only one official Umpire only that Umpire may call the No Ball.
(iii) In the case where there are no official Umpires then either Umpire presiding may call No Ball.

If it is considered by the Umpire presiding that the bowling is of intimidatory nature then Law 42 from The Laws of Cricket shall apply.

(c) Substitutes
A captain may request for to a player to act as a substitute fielder and such will be permitted upon approval of the opposition captain.

If the opposition captain declines the request, the Umpire will adjudicate under Law 2 of the laws of Cricket.

5. DECLARATIONS
In the event of an innings terminating within three minutes of an adjournment, the game shall be resumed at the time fixed for the conclusion of that adjournment. If a side declares its innings closed at or during an adjournment, the opposing side may commence its innings not earlier than the appointed time for continuance of play or not later than 10 minutes from the act of declaration.
At any time during a match either side may declare its innings closed. Declaration of an innings to facilitate an earlier finish before 5.00pm is not allowed.

6. FOLLOW ON
   The follow-on options are -
   1. 100 runs in two-day matches; or
   2. 75 runs in one full-day or one afternoon game.

7. MATCH POINTS
   (a) The results of matches shall be recorded on the points system, viz:

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(b) Signing the Scorebook
The captains and official umpires must sign the scorebook at the close of each day’s play. The umpires shall indicate the time of commencement of play. Umpires must enter start and end time of a days play.

8. MATCH DOCUMENTATION
   (a) TEAM SHEETS
   Before the toss the captains of each Eleven MUST show the opposing captain a list of the eleven chosen to play in the match. Both teams shall be entered into both scorebooks and must be signed by both Captains and having done so, no alteration shall be made without the consent and signature of both captains. Where umpires reside, the signed scorebooks are to be presented to the umpires prior to the toss. The team sheet shall remain in the scorebook.

   (b) MATCH RESULTS
   Must be signed by both captains and retained in the scorebook. All results and the First Eleven scorecards for each days play are to be submitted electronically by the “home” Club no later than 12.00 noon on the day following play (11.00pm on Sunday for Sunday games). All other grade scorecards to be electronically submitted no later than 11.00pm Wednesday following each days play. Scorecards are not required for under 10’s.

   (c) ASSIGNING PLAYERS
   Each Club will assign all Players to their respective teams electronically no later than 11.00pm on the day of play and must agree with the team sheet in the scorebook. Once players are assigned, the scorecards shall be opened immediately for preparation for Scorecard entry.
(d) UMPIRE REPORTS
(i) Captain’s Report
After the completion of the match, both Club must submit an Umpires report electronically by 5.00pm on Monday following play in each & every match, including finals in all grades, where an MPCUA umpire officiates.

(ii) Umpire’s Report
After the completion of the match, Umpires must submit a match report electronically by 5.00pm on Monday following play in each & every match, including finals in all grades, where an MPCUA umpire officiates.

(e) UMPIRE TRENDS & RANKINGS
The General Manager shall on behalf of the Pennant Committee, report to the Umpires’ Appointments Panel any trends arising from the Captains Umpires’ reports and provide the overall rankings of Umpires as provided electronically. On no account are individual reports by Captains to be conveyed directly to Umpires. Any correspondence from Clubs or persons indicating that an Umpire has not fulfilled his duties as an MPCUA Umpire shall be reported to the Umpires’ Appointments Panel.

Fines as set out in the Table of Fines may apply for the non-submission of each document and shall be imposed on the offending Club.

9. MATCH PROTESTS
(i) Protest against Match results. The protesting club shall electronically enter the protest to the Association a copy of such protest shall be forwarded by the Association to the opposing team. A deposit of $200 must be forwarded to the Association which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Such protest shall be considered at the next meeting of the Pennant Committee.

(ii) When a protest is open for discussion, any person who is a member of a club concerned in the protest shall refrain from voting on such protest. Representatives of teams concerned in a protest shall be entitled to be heard. Protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the game in question.

(iii) Protests against Fines received in respect of Rule 8 must be in writing with a fee of $200 which shall be forfeited if protest is not sustained.

10. UMPIRES
Umpires for all matches shall be appointed by the Umpires’ Appointments Panel comprising a Board Member who shall be the Director of Umpiring and two others who shall be appointed by the Board and one other who shall be a current Accredited Umpire elected by the MPCUA members. If commencement of play is delayed on the day in any match that is not played out due to the late start, the matter shall be reported to the Pennant Committee for adjudication as to the match decision. Fines, as set out in the Table of Fines may apply.

The procedure of reference to the Pennant Committee shall be as to protests (see Rule 9) and the umpires, if appointed by the Umpires’ Appointment Panel, shall submit individual reports on the circumstances.

If for any reason play does not commence within ten minutes of the time appointed the umpires shall on appeal declare the match as a forfeit by the club unable or refusing to proceed with the match.
11. APPROVED BALLS
Balls used in any one match shall be of a make, character and size approved by the Board. In all matches a new ball shall be used for the opening of each innings by each team, and after having been bowled for 60 overs, the fielding side can demand a new ball. In the second innings, if the captains agree, second hand balls may be used. If requested by either captain, the umpires shall determine if the ball in play is unfit and substituted if necessary.
In all first and second eleven one day matches, a white 4 piece ball is to be used as approved by the Board.

12. POSITIONS OF TEAMS – FINAL POSITIONS
If two or more teams are equal in points, their relative positions shall be determined by averages. For the purpose of ascertaining averages, the following system shall be adopted:

The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The bowling average against such team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the number of wickets taken. The former shall be divided by the latter. The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.

i.e.
Total Runs Scored Divided by Total Runs Against
Total wickets Lost Total Wickets Taken

The four competing teams that have obtained the highest number of points in each grade at the completion of the program series of matches shall compete in a semi-final round of matches, the first playing the fourth and the second playing the third. Should either of the semi-final or final games not reach a first innings decision within the provisions of these Rules, or a tied result, the winner shall be deemed the team higher on the list at the completion of the program series of matches.

13. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION SYSTEM
A Promotion and Relegation system will apply automatically in each Season in the Association between Provincial, Peninsula, District & Sub-District competitions – Provincial, Peninsula & District bottom teams to go down, Premiership teams in Peninsula, District and Sub-District to go up, subject to Sub-District Clubs complying with Rule 1.

14. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY
(a) Registrations
Subject to player eligibility rules, all players must sign an application for Registration, and such application shall be held by the Club and details electronically entered on that Club’s Player list by the Club no later than 11.00pm on the first days play (8.30pm on Sunday for Sunday games) The Pennant Committee shall have the power to review any registration of a player and shall have the power to debar any person playing.

(b) Eligibility
(i) Clubs playing ineligible or unregistered players shall lose all points gained for the match and in the case where the team attracted no points, it shall lose 12 points. The awarding of points to the opposition team shall be determined by the Pennant Committee. A fine, determined by the Pennant Committee from time to time, shall be imposed upon the offending team.

(ii) No player under 12 years of age as at 1st September in the current playing season shall be permitted to play or substitute in senior cricket in that Season.
(iii) Permits
A player can only drop to the next lower grade in which his club has a team drawn, or in the case of a player changing clubs during a season – to the next lower grade in which his new club has a team drawn – except with the consent of the Pennant Committee. Permits will only be considered if complete details are supplied in writing.

(iv) Eligibility for Finals
For a player to be eligible to play in a semi-final or grand final match in any grade they must play at least five (5) senior home and away games in two day Grades or six (6) home and away games in one day Grades, with that Club in that grade or lower grades in the current Season excluding D grade games.

If a player wishes to qualify for two day finals and wishes to utilise one day games played for qualification, two one day games shall be equal to one two day game, except where the two day grade match is scheduled as a one day game.

A permit may be granted by the Pennant Committee for a player to play in the next lower grade in a Semi-Final if the club has a grade and their next lower grade playing in finals. On no account will a Permit be issued for any player dropping more than one grade and if granted MUST be used. The Permit is withdrawn if the higher team fails to make the Grand Final.

(c) Statutory Declaration
The Association may demand a Statutory Declaration from any player it may have reason to consider not qualified, and in every case of such demand the said player’s Club shall be notified. Any player refusing to sign a Declaration shall be disqualified during the pleasure of the Association.

(d) Clearances and Transfers

(i) The Pennant Committee shall have the power to grant permits and clearances. Clearance applications apply from 1st August to 31st December each season. All applications must be prepared in the prescribed form and lodged electronically by the Club requesting the Clearance.

(a) Clearances shall only be used for players moving between MPCA Clubs. Clubs must not use the Transfer System for movement of players between MPCA Clubs. Penalties shall apply as determined by the Pennant Committee.

(b) Transfers are only to be used for Players coming into or returning to an MPCA Club from an outside Association. Once a Transfer is completed, the Club must lodge a request for a Permit. The Permit shall contain details about the Players previous Club/s and level of Cricket played along with the Clubs estimation of points for that player. **No player Transferred into the MPCA shall play unless first receiving a Permit from the Association otherwise the player will be considered to have played illegally.**

(ii) The club from which the Clearance is being sought will then have 14 days from the date of notification in which to communicate their decision to the Club requesting the Clearance; otherwise the clearance will automatically be granted by the Association.

(iii) In the event of a clearance being granted, the Association shall consider the player’s Permit to play and notify the Club to which the player has been cleared of the situation. Once the Permit has been granted the player will then be registered with his new club. Before refusing an application for a clearance, the Club must meet with the player within the required 14 days.
(iv) A clearance shall not be necessary for a player to transfer from one club to another, within the Association, if the player has NOT played with his former Club in the previous 3 seasons. All such requests shall be forwarded to the General Manager.

(v) Clearance Appeals
Any player who has been refused a clearance by his club may appeal to the Pennant Committee.

(vi) VCA or VSDCA Players
Players who have played with VCA or VSDCA Clubs will be considered as registered players of their MPCA club for the purpose of rule 14 irrespective of seasons played outside the Association. Players who have played with VCA (firsts, seconds or thirds) or VSDCA (firsts or seconds) within the past two seasons must obtain a Permit before playing in the MPCA whether resuming with their former MPCA club or coming to the MPCA for the first time.

(vii) Interstate, International or players from outside the MPCA must obtain a Permit to play from the Pennant Committee prior to playing within the MPCA. Clubs must submit details of the player together with the points allocated for that player electronically. Players coming to the MPCA may be required to meet with the Pennant Committee.

15. PLAYER ATTIRE/BEHAVIOUR
(a) Attire

All players must wear appropriate white cricket attire, either white or cream trousers, shirt or jumper, or alternatively the club uniform in ALL two days games (and A/B/C/D One Day games) - which must be approved by the Pennant Committee. In 1st/2nd XI One Day games, ALL players must wear appropriate coloured shirt and jumper, with the option of wearing coloured trousers if so desired - which must be approved by the Pennant Committee. In season 2018-19, we will move to full coloured clothing for ALL 1st/2nd XI grades.

Cricket Pads (clads) – All players are required to wear white pads (clads) when a red ball is in use and coloured pads (clads) when a white ball is in use.

Clubs must provide a photograph or sample to the General Manager clearly showing the design and colour of the uniform before approval will be given. Once approved, Clubs must not change the design or colours without resubmitting the design for re-approval. Once approved, must be worn by all players participating in that match. Cricket/Sporting shoes must be predominantly white. A cricket cap, helmet or hat should be preferably in Club colours. Fines, as set out in the Table of Fines shall apply should inappropriate attire be worn.

(b) Players, Members & Officials Behaviour

Clubs shall be held responsible for the maintenance of order by their members, Players and Officials before during and after the match. The Pennant Committee may hear any matter referred to it and Penalties as determined by the Pennant Committee will apply.

Smoking on the field is strictly prohibited.

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted by any players upon arrival at the ground until cessation of the game they are playing in.

Captains are responsible for player’s behaviour during a match and could be sanctioned for any breach of this rule.
16. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

(a) Any player competing in a senior grade who is eligible to play in any of the under-age competitions of the Association shall at all times be subject to the requirement that when batting must wear a helmet including an appropriate faceguard.

(b) Each home club or team shall provide an efficient first aid kit. Any club failing to provide same shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors.

(c) A Club who forfeits a two day side shall forfeit their lowest two day side or lose points for all sides lower than that forfeited. Fines shall also apply.

(d) A Club who forfeit a one day side shall forfeit their lowest one day side (excluding D Grade) or lose points for all sides lower than that forfeited. Fines shall also apply.

17. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PENNANT COMMITTEE

(a) The Pennant Committee is responsible, through the Board, for the Program of Matches for all Cricket in the MPCA. The Pennant Committee has the power to inquire into and adjudicate upon all disputes arising out of or in connection with matches. Subject to the Rules and By-Laws of the Association, the Pennant Committee has the power to decide all questions arising out of the Association matches not provided for in the Rules.

(b) Any Club refusing or neglecting to abide by the Committee’s decision shall be excluded from competing in such matches for such time as the Association may determine, or shall pay such fine as the Association may direct, and in default of such payment, shall not be allowed to continue in the series of matches. An Appeal may be made to the Association within 48 hours after receipt of such Decision.

(b) The Pennant Committee shall determine all Appeals against refusals of Clearances and applications for Match Permits. All Permit applications must be submitted in writing and must have been submitted to the player’s Club. Such applications must be made on the appropriate Form.

(c) Permits will also be considered in lieu of Clearances – in the case of a player wishing to play with a Club in a higher Grade “to play at a higher level”. Such Permits will only be granted for a player to play in the 1st XI Grade of that Club, and for specified matches played prior to the Christmas break. Any player having played with another Club on Permit and desiring to continue to play with that Club shall only be permitted to do so upon applying for and receiving a Clearance from his Club in accordance with MPCA Rules.

(d) The General Manager shall call on the disputing Clubs to appear before the Pennant Committee, who shall, after hearing evidence decide thereon. The Pennant Committee reserves the right not to call the Clubs. A member of the Committee being a representative from any disputant Club shall not vote on the matter.

(e) The Pennant Committee receives copies of the Umpires’ Report on Ground Conditions on which the Umpire reports on Ground Condition, Pitch Condition, Pitch Markings, Stumps & Bails, incorrect dress and hours of play, as well as Player Behaviour. The Pennant Committee shall advise Clubs of any adverse comments relating to any of these and shall ask that any problems be rectified otherwise Fines may apply.
(f) The Pennant Committee shall arrange changes of venues should existing venues be declared unavailable, or should matches be rescheduled to another venue – in accordance with MPCA Rules.

If a ground is not playable, the match may be relocated on the joint application of the Captains or Secretaries of the competing Clubs to the General Manager or the Chairman of the Pennant Committee who may fix other days or times for commencing or continuing the match.

Care will be taken to endeavour to ensure that competing Clubs, and Umpires, are given adequate advice of changes.

(g) The Pennant Committee shall deal with all matters which are deemed by the Board to fall into the category of those matters which are within these Powers and Responsibilities of the Committee, where such matters are brought to the attention of the General Manager between scheduled (monthly) MPCA Board Meetings.

18. PLAYER POINTS
(a) Each player registered to a Club, will be assessed according to the point system set out below.

(b) Each Club is awarded points as shown in the Table of Points below, and shall be known as the “Club Points”. The total club points and individual player points are to be reviewed by the pennant committee each season. These points shall apply to a Club’s First Eleven Players only. The Team points are based on the total number of points for every player assigned to that team and must not exceed the Total Club Points. Any Club exceeding the total number of Club points will be considered to have played an illegal player and shall lose all points gained for the match and in the case where the team attracted no points, it shall lose 12 points. The awarding of points to the opposition team shall be determined by the Pennant Committee. A fine, determined by the Pennant Committee from time to time, shall be imposed on the offending Club.

(c) Each Player registered to a club as at 1st December 2006 shall receive one point; this shall be the “Base Point”. Points shall accrue in accordance with the Table of Points below and shall include any players transferred to another Club since 1st December 2006. A Player will accrue points without any limits and shall reduce in accordance with Rule 18 (f); however, the maximum extra points per player for a match shall be three (3) points (plus one (1) base point, a total of four (4) points)

(d) The Player’s Senior “Home” Club shall be the MPCA Club to which the player was last registered as at 1st December 2006. The Player’s last Junior Club shall be the Club the player was last registered with before becoming a senior player and no longer eligible to play Junior Cricket.

(e) Any Player returning to their last Junior or the “home” Senior Club shall revert to one base point regardless of the level of Cricket they may have played. If that player transfers again to another club within the current season, then that player shall attract extra points shown in the table of points below. Any Junior Player who transfers Clubs shall be assessed to have extra points according to the Table of Points.

(f) Any points accrued by a Player shall be reduced by one point after every second full season until the base Point is reached. Any points newly accrued by a player shall be deemed to be accrued in that season to which the points apply and for this purpose shall be deemed to have accrued as at the first day of that season.
(g) Additional points only apply to Players being Cleared, Transferred or on Permit from one Club to another and do not apply to the Player’s Home Club. It is incumbent upon the Player and his Club to ascertain the Player’s previous playing history and to advise the General Manager of any player accruing more than one extra point.

(h) Under exceptional circumstances, application may be made to the Pennant Committee to vary a Player’s points.

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(i) If a Club ceases to exist, all players shall become free agents, and may be registered with another club and shall be recognised as the player’s new “Home” club and shall retain such points as previously held.

(j) The Association Secretary under direction of the Pennant Committee shall control the administration of the points system.

19. Clearances
Players who apply for a Clearance from one club to another may be required to meet with the Pennant Committee before being granted a Permit to play with his proposed Club. Should this be the case, the player’s proposed Club will also be required to attend.

20. D Grade One Day Competition
Preamble
The one day “D” Grade has been established to provide a competition that is more relaxed than the current grade games. It is envisaged that this grade will encourage those players who would like to play either in another competition or wish to play with family etc.

Rules
1. There will be semi-finals and a grand-final played under these rules.
2. Players who have played any games in the first and/or second XI during the current season are not eligible to play in the D Grade Competition.
3. To be eligible for finals, a player must have played 4 games. (Pennant may grant permits from a club’s other D grade players if any club cannot field a finals team under this criteria)
4. The normal Rules of Cricket and the Rules of the MPCA will apply except as indicated below.
   (a) The games are restricted to 40 overs per innings. No side shall receive more than 40 over for its innings.
   (b) Bowlers are limited to 5 Overs
   (c) Batsmen must retire at 50 Runs (can return at the end of the Innings in order of retirement)
   (d) Any short pitched overhead height (Standing upright) be called a No Ball
   (e) A maximum of 4 Senior players who play the Saturday competition can play D grade without a permit. A permit is required to play more than 4 Senior players in a match.
   (f) The D Grade competition shall be normally played on Sunday’s or other days determined by the Pennant Committee.
   (g) Play in D Grade does not qualify any player for finals in higher Grades

21. JACK PEACOCK 20 TWENTY RULES
    The Jack Peacock Manual/Rules will be listed in its own section and will be put up on the MPCA Website
TABLES OF FINES
Under Rule 42 of the Rules of the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association Inc. the Board shall have the power to alter the levels of fines, deposits or other monetary amounts required to be paid there under by providing all member Clubs with at least twenty-one days written notice thereof.

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