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SECTION 2 - ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

These Regulations are made under the Board's Regulation making power in the Rules and contain various directions and requirements of the Association which are, where the context so indicates, mandatory, but which are not of a general nature which justifies inclusion in the main body of the Rules. These Regulations are subject to the Rules.

Definitions and interpretation of these Regulations shall be in accordance with the Rules.

PRIVACY STATEMENT- NMCA

Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association Incorporated (NMCA) is committed to the protection of your personal information. Any personal information you provide to NMCA will be used for those purposes, which the information was gathered for as stated and related purposes which can be reasonably expected.

NMCA has adopted the Privacy Principles in the Victorian Privacy Laws as minimum standards in relation to handling personal information. In broad terms this means that NMCA must

- collect only information which is required for a specified primary purpose
- inform the person why the information is collected and how it will be handled
- store it securely, protecting it from unauthorised access
- use and disclose it only for the primary or a directly related purpose, or for another purpose with the person's consent, (unless otherwise permitted or authorised by law)

Further, NMCA will not disclose any personally identifiable information obtained from you to other parties unless you provide your written consent to us, with the following exceptions:

- where there are grounds to believe that disclosure is required in order to prevent a threat to health or life;
- where NMCA suspects that unlawful activity is or has been engaged in, such personal information may be used to investigate the suspected unlawful activity, or
- use is authorised by law or reasonably necessary to enforce the law.

Information that you provide through various means will be kept safe and secure within NMCA.

Should your contact details or address change, please inform us.

If you have any queries or concerns about your personal information which NMCA maintains, please send the details of your query or concern in writing to:

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2.1 APPEALS

- 2.1.1** All appeals against an Association appointed Committee's decision shall be adjudged by the Board, whose decision shall be final.
- 2.1.2** All appeals to the Association shall be in accordance with the Appeals Process to Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association, Administration Regulations Clause 2.2 of these Regulations, and shall be subject to any right of appeal provided for by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union.
- 2.1.3** All appeals to the VMCU shall be in accordance with the Appeals Process to the VMCU on Association Decisions, Administration Regulations Clause 2.3 of these Regulations whose decision shall be final.

2.2 APPEALS PROCESS TO NORTHERN METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

- 2.2.1** A person, player, official, club or umpire dealt with by the Association may have the right of appeal to the Board or a designated sub-committee of the Board. However, such right of appeal shall not extend to decisions or determinations of the Association clearly specified in the Association's rules as being the sole prerogative of the Association in relation to matters of:

- 2.2.1.1** Administration of the Association,
- 2.2.1.2** The raising of finance other than fines,
- 2.2.1.3** Arranging the competition and matches.

- 2.2.2** Appeals must be lodged in writing or electronically within 48 hours of the decision / hearing date which is the subject of the appeal. An appeal fee as per the Penalties/Fines Schedule (Administration Regulation Bylaw 2.17) and as determined by the Board from time to time, must accompany the appeal application. All or part of the fee may be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful. **The appeal application must specify in detail the grounds for appeal.**

Grounds for appeal include:

- 2.2.2.1** The availability of new evidence which could have reasonably affected the original decision had it been presented at the original hearing
- 2.2.2.2** Demonstration of an error in law or a decision contrary to the Rules of the Association,
- 2.2.2.3** Severity of the penalty (refer to Administration Regulations Clause 2.15 MATCH REVIEW PANEL HEARING FORMAT AND PROCEDURES section for basis of appeal against Tribunal decisions),
- 2.2.2.4** Interest of justice.

The association Board has the power to decline to hear an appeal if the appeal request does not satisfy the above requirements. Appeals are limited to a single appeal and will not be processed if the appellant is un-financial. Any written legal opinion wishing to be tendered must be tendered with the appeal application.

- 2.2.3**
 - 2.2.3.1** Appeals shall be heard by an Independent Panel of the boards choosing.
 - 2.2.3.2** The Appeal shall be heard by at least 3 persons, appointed by the Board from time to time.
 - 2.2.3.3** At least one person who sat on the initial hearing or who acted as minute secretary at the initial hearing or tribunal and, where applicable, the umpire(s) involved shall be in attendance to ensure evidence from the initial hearing is consistent.
 - 2.2.3.4** Appeal Hearings shall be held at a venue and date as advised.
- 2.2.4** Appeal hearings will generally be conducted in accordance with Administration Regulations Clause 2.15 MATCH REVIEW PANEL HEARING FORMAT AND PROCEDURES section as detailed.
- 2.2.5** Appeals will be heard as soon as conveniently possible. Appellants are advised to exercise full co-operation to facilitate a timely appeal date and should not rely on penalties to be held over pending appeal, should such appeal be not decided before the next fixtured round of matches.
- 2.2.6** Decisions handed down by the Independent Panel shall be made on the balance of probability and evidence presented. Decisions are final but can be subject to appeal to the VMCU.
- 2.2.7** The Association shall forward a letter to the reported player or person's Club reconfirming the decision of the Independent Panel.

2.3 APPEALS PROCESS TO THE V.M.C.U. ON ASSOCIATION DECISIONS

- 2.3.1** A person, player, official, club or umpire dealt with by an Association pursuant to the rules of the Association may have the right of appeal to the VMCU Board. However, such right of appeal shall not extend to decisions or determinations of the Association clearly specified in the Association's rules as being the sole prerogative of the Association in relation to matters of:
- 2.3.1.1** Administration of the Association,
 - 2.3.1.2** The raising of finance,
 - 2.3.1.3** Arranging the competition and matches, Constitutional matters and any other like matters.
- 2.3.2** The appeal process undertaken by person, player, umpire or club shall be limited to a single appeal. Appeals must be lodged in writing, within fourteen (14) days of the decision/hearing date, which is the subject of the appeal. An appeal fee of \$200, or as set from time to time by the V.M.C.U. Board must accompany any appeal submitted. The fee shall be forfeited if the appeal is deemed as frivolous by the body hearing the appeal.
- In the case of the appeal being deemed frivolous, half of the fee shall be retained by the V.M.C.U. and half shall be refunded to the Association, or body, defending the appeal.
- 2.3.3** Appeals shall not be processed unless:
- 2.3.3.1** Decision/hearing findings are registered with the V.M.C.U. by the Association in the case of suspensions/fines imposed by the Tribunal.
 - 2.3.3.2** Person, player, official, club or umpire has notified the governing association of the intent to appeal and lodged with that association a copy of the grounds of appeal.
 - 2.3.3.3** Person, player, official, club or umpire is un-financial in any way to the governing association.
- 2.3.4**
- 2.3.4.1** Every person, player, official, club or umpire charged shall be afforded the opportunity to be present and hear all evidence given. If desired, an advocate may represent them, or if an umpire, by a member of his umpires' organisation and they or the representative shall have the right to question any witnesses called against him and lead evidence and produce witnesses in the defence and to address the tribunal.
 - 2.3.4.2** The Appeals Tribunal shall be conducted in accordance with the Tribunal Procedures.
 - 2.3.4.3** A legal practitioner, only in exceptional circumstances, can act for any person appearing before the Tribunal.
 - 2.3.4.4** Notwithstanding this restriction, the Tribunal shall have absolute discretion to grant or refuse leave in the circumstances where a club official who would normally be expected to assist a party before the Tribunal, is a legal practitioner.
 - 2.3.4.5** Written legal opinion may be tendered in evidence.
 - 2.3.4.6** Appellants and Club personal will be required to attend the Tribunal unless, and until, excused by the Tribunal.
 - 2.3.4.7** The Tribunal Chairman shall forthwith report to the Board any determination or decision made by the Tribunal. The Board shall notify all parties in writing within 7 days, or electronically within 48 hours of receipt of the Tribunal's advice.
- 2.3.5** The Associations Appeals Tribunal shall consist of no less than three (3) persons as decided by the Board
- 2.3.6** No appeal shall be heard unless:
- 2.3.6.1** Evidence not originally presented is available which may have reasonably affected the decision of the original ruling body; or
 - 2.3.6.2** The appellant can demonstrate that an error in law or a ruling contrary to the Rules and/or the By-Laws/Constitution of the Association, was made by the ruling Association; or
 - 2.3.6.3** In the opinion of the body hearing the appeal, the appeal ought, in fairness be heard
- 2.3.7** All associations are required to have a clear statement on the procedures for appeal to the V.M.C.U. Appeals Tribunal, from person, player, official, club or umpire written into their rules
- 2.3.8** All decisions made on appeals shall be made on balance of probabilities and shall be final.

2.4 BEHAVIOUR OF CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

2.4.1 Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association aims to ensure our complaints procedure has integrity and is free of unfair repercussions or victimisation. If at any point in the complaint process the association appointed Hearings officer considers that a complainant has knowingly made an untrue complaint or the complaint is vexatious or malicious, the matter may be referred to the tribunal and/or the association board for appropriate action which may include disciplinary action against the complainant.

Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association will take all necessary steps to make sure that people involved in a complaint are not victimised by anyone for coming forward with a complaint or assisting in the complaints process. Disciplinary measures will be imposed on anyone who victimises another person for making a complaint.

2.4.2 Clubs are responsible for the conduct of officials, players and supporters at all times, including at all Association official matches (including home and away, finals and inter-association matches) and all association convened meetings.

2.4.3 Bad language, derogatory comments, behaviour detrimental to the game and the Association shall not be tolerated.

2.4.4 Club officials, players and supporters can be reported by umpires, opposition clubs or association officials for failure to maintain control.

2.4.5 Should any breach of Association rules, Regulations, by-laws or behaviour and actions occur deemed to be detrimental to the Association, officials, clubs, players, supporters or the public in general take place, the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association Executive, shall take action as deemed necessary. (Possible penalties: Up to \$10,000 fine; Dismissal of club from the association; Loss of match points; Deregistration of players; Banning of club members and supporters from Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association events; Long term bond for the club; any other as deemed by the Executive).

The NMCA executive are committed to improving player behaviour and conduct and believe clubs should take full responsibility for ensuring every single player who represents their club should conduct him or herself in accordance with local rules and the Spirit of Cricket.

The burden of responsibility for ensuring players and captains conduct themselves in a fair and sportsmanlike manner at all times does not rest with the executive or Umpires, it is with the Clubs.

To ensure this is complied with, a financial demerit system will be applied to Clubs as indicated below.

Please note that penalties apply across all grades including juniors, women's and veterans and penalties are accumulative.

Number of Reprimands Club Penalty

One	Nil
Two	Nil
Three	\$150 club fine
Four	\$450 club fine and appearance before representatives of the NMCA executive.

Number of Suspensions Club Penalty

One	Nil
Two	\$150 club fine
Three	\$550 club fine minimum, with appearance before representatives of the NMCA Executive.

Note: Any club incurring more than 3 suspensions in the one season shall be placed on a "3 Premiership Points" bond.

Should a club breach this bond during the season by incurring a further suspension, then 3 premiership points will be deducted from each of their senior teams.

If the bond is breached during the finals, all senior teams will commence the following season 3 points in arrears. Note: Under NMCA rules, a captain may be charged when one of their players is charged. To avoid doubling up on the same offence, a captain's penalty under this rule will NOT count towards fine calculations.

2.5 BOARD MEMBERS

2.5.1 No member of the Board shall represent a Club at any General, Special or Annual General Meeting of the Association.

2.5.2 No member of the Board shall represent a Club or individual as an Advocate at a Tribunal or Appeal Hearing.

2.6 CLUB PLAYER TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

DEFINITIONS:-

Transfer: - A formal process whereby a player permanently moves from one Club, to another. This requires the new Club to apply for the transfer and the original Club to approve the transfer and the Association (within which the original Club participates) to also approve the transfer. A player will only appear on the new Club's list as an active player when a transfer has been granted.

Example: A player moves from their original Club, to a new Club which participates in the same Association or in a different Association, will need to apply for a transfer. Once granted, the player's profile will then appear on the new Club's player list.

Permit: - An informal process whereby a player may participate for more than one Club during the course of the season. A player remains on the base Club's player list as an active player, and will also appear on the Clubs list of the Club the permit is granted to. The maximum period for a permit is twelve months. The player will require a new permit on a yearly basis if required.

Example: A junior player who participates regularly for their local Club, who is then selected to play in the JG Craig Shield for a different Club, would need a permit. This allows that player to return to playing for their original Club once the competition finishes.

A senior player who participates regularly for their local Club, who then wishes to play Veterans for a different Club, would require a permit to that Club as a Senior player but with the notation "to Play Veterans Only".

A Junior player at the base Club, will require a permit to play with the Senior component of that Club.

2.6.1 A player who is registered with a club in this Association and wishes to transfer to another club in the Association must obtain a transfer.

2.6.2 Applications for transfers must be submitted via the nominated player registration database.

2.6.3 A player seeking a transfer shall do so by having the application submitted on the Association's approved database system by the Club he is seeking the transfer to.

Once granted/refused the exit Club must enter their decision on the transfer section of the Association's approved database system within the scheduled timeframe.

2.6.4 Applications not acted on within 5 days of the notice being sent by email may result in the transfer automatically being granted by the Operations Group Manager.

2.6.5 Separate transfer applications are required for senior, junior and veteran players.

2.6.6 Transfers open on 1 July and close 31 December each calendar year. Any transfer application submitted prior to the closing date and subsequently granted shall be permitted.

2.6.7 Transfers can only be refused by a Club based on the following:

The player is contracted: and/or

The player is indebted to the Club: and/or

The player is in possession of Club property that needs to be returned: and/or

The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application. The player must supply a written and signed letter advising the withdrawal of the transfer.

All transfers refused by a club shall be assessed by the General Manager and/or Operations Manager as to whether a valid case has been presented by the club to withhold the transfer. If it is determined a club has not presented a valid case to withhold a player's transfer the player shall be automatically cleared.

A club shall have the right of appeal within seven (7) days to the Appeals Sub Committee of any such decision. Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically. An appeal bond will be required as per Administration Regulations Clause 2.2.

A player refused a transfer shall have the right of appeal within seven (7) days to the Appeals Sub Committee. Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically.

2.6.8 Subject to the governing rules of the VMCU and other Associations all players incoming to the NMCA must secure a transfer from the exit Club.

2.6.8.1 Senior players, defined as those who have played first or second XI Premier or first or second XI Sub District cricket are subject to Administration Regulations Clause 2.6.8. However, Clubs are limited to registering only two new such Senior Players in any one season.

2.6.8.2 A registered NMCA player may play with a District or Sub District Club on a game by game basis during the home and away season. However, each time a player returns to play with their NMCA Club, the Club must notify the Operations Group Manager. However, if after the first season the player continues at District/Sub District, the player will then be subject to the NMCA transfer rules to play in the NMCA.

2.6.9 In the event of a club disbanding prior to the closing date of transfers, players of that club must apply in writing to the association Board if they wish to play for another NMCA Club in the current season.

Players of a club disbanding after the closing date of transfers will be declined permission to play for another NMCA Club in the current season.

2.7 COMMUNICATION

- 2.7.1 The Association shall accept written and/or electronic communication from Clubs.
- 2.7.2 In the case of any appeal to the Association, unless otherwise stated in the Regulations and/or By-laws, the required method of notification of appeal shall firstly be by phone to the General Manager, supported by written advice either by post or electronically, within 48 hours of phone notification.
- 2.7.3 The Association's methods of communication to Clubs shall be in writing, by post or electronically.
- 2.7.4 All electronic communications must be on the NMCA approved Club gmail accounts. Communications from any other email source will be referred to appropriate Clubs, or if unable to source a relative Club, deleted.

2.8 ENTRIES

- 2.8.1 All applications for admission into the Association each season must be on the official forms provided by the Association.
- 2.8.2 The Board shall have the power to accept or reject any application for entry. Any Club wishing to join any section of the Association must firstly be interviewed by the Association Executive and if recommended to participate in the NMCA, must then be endorsed by the Board of the Association.
- 2.8.3 Any club withdrawing or being disqualified during a season shall lose all representation and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of the Association or share in its assets.
- 2.8.4 A Club wishing to enter a team in the Jika Shield competition should have:
 - 2.8.4.1 Preferably three senior teams and at least one, or a minimum of two If only two Senior teams of the following;
 - 2.8.4.1.1 At least one Junior Competition team,
 - 2.8.4.1.2 One Women's Competition team,
 - 2.8.4.1.3 One Veteran's Competition team,
 - 2.8.4.1.4 Participation in the regional T20 competition,
 - 2.8.4.1.5 Or supply a Coach for any of the Associations Representative teams
 - 2.8.4.1.6 Or have an established Woolworth's program/Junior T/20 Blast team to qualify.

Such Club will be given preference over a Club with only two senior teams. Clubs wishing to enter teams in other shield grades should have, at minimum, two senior teams. Such Club will be given preference over a Club with only one senior team.

- 2.8.5 Junior Competition Team Entries. Team entries close with the Junior Sub-Committee on a nominated date, allowing at least two weeks prior to the Junior Pre-season Meeting which is held in the week prior to the first round.

2.9 FINANCE

- 2.9.1 The cricket season shall terminate on 31st May of each year, and all moneys owed by clubs to the Association must be paid on or before that date. Clubs failing to comply shall be required to pay moneys due to the Association before being eligible to compete in the following season.
- 2.9.2 **Team Registrations, Club Bonds and Charges:** - are required to be paid by clubs and teams applying to play in the Association. These Registration Fees, Club Bonds and Charges shall be determined and payable annually by the date as advised by the Board. All purchases of balls, scorebooks etc., shall be paid for at the time of purchase. No credit will be afforded to any Club.
 - 2.9.2.1 Clubs failing to comply will be considered un-financial and will lose six first innings match points from their highest eleven,
 - 2.9.2.2 No club can take part in matches unless financial.
- 2.9.3 **Fines:** - Fines incurred at the termination of each match and invoiced by the Association shall be paid by the due date on the Invoice.
 - 2.9.3.1 Clubs failing to comply will be considered un-financial and will lose six first innings match points from their highest eleven,
 - 2.9.3.2 No club can take part in matches unless financial.
- 2.9.4 If clubs concerned can produce to the General Manager, evidence to show reasons for default, the Board shall be the sole judge in the allocation of points in that round.
- 2.9.5 Bonds – In the event of a Club/Player being put on a Bond by the Board or Tribunal, such an amount of the Bond shall be lodged with the Association and kept in Trust until the period of the Bond ceases or unless, the Board extends the Bond for further indiscretions, or the Bond is forfeited due to further breaches.

2.10 GENERAL MANAGER

- 2.10.1 The Association shall conduct Senior Competitions which shall be administered by the General Manager.
- 2.10.2 The General Manager shall operate as per these Regulations and By-Laws
- 2.10.3 The General Manager will administer separate playing rules for each of the Competitions - Senior, Junior, Women's and Veterans.
- 2.10.4 The General Manager will administer all NMCA Competitions that shall be played under the Laws of Cricket adopted by Cricket Victoria except otherwise provided for in these Regulations and By-Laws

2.11 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 2.11.1 General meetings of the Association shall be held on dates to be arranged and advised by the Board.
- 2.11.2 Each Club shall be entitled to one vote. Clubs must be in attendance at the meeting to cast their vote.
- 2.11.3 At all General meetings of the Association a majority of financial competing Clubs shall form a quorum, provided that notice has been provided to the Clubs at a previous meeting or forwarded by mail or e-mail to the Clubs official address giving at least seven days' notice of such meeting.
- 2.11.4 Junior Clubs are not required to attend General Meetings, if they have no senior Teams participating in the season.
- 2.11.5 Clubs not in attendance shall be fined as per the Penalties/Fines Schedule (Administration Regulation Bylaw 2.17).

2.12 JUNIOR COMPETITION'S – NMCA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The Cricket Victoria Northern Regional Manager (with input from the Junior Sub-Committee) will identify and invite players for Regional selection trials in the September school holidays. Players selected in U14 and U16 Regional Squads will be ineligible for NMCA Representative Teams.

Training for the U14 and U16 Representative teams to represent the Association in the Inter-Association Series in November/December and in the VMCU Shields in January will commence in October. Invitations for these selection trials will be extended to players who miss out on Regional selection, players who have shown good form in the first half of the season and recommendations from clubs.

Training for the U12 Representative team will commence in October. All Clubs are encouraged to identify and send players to selection trials. The team selected will contest the Inter-Association Series and up to 16 players may be trialled in these 2 games. Further training will take place in December to finalise the VMCU Under 12 Shield squad of 13 or 14 players and prepare for the January competition.

2.13 JUNIOR COMPETITION'S – SUB-COMMITTEE

2.13.1 The Association shall conduct a Junior Competition which shall be administered by the Junior Sub-Committee headed by a Junior Manager appointed by the Board. Such Junior Manager is reportable to the General Manager and shall attend Board meetings by invitation as required.

This appointment shall be made annually by the Board in accordance with the Association Rules and Job Description

2.13.2 Separate playing rules for each age group shall be adopted for the Junior Competition and shall be distributed to junior clubs by the Sub-Committee.

2.13.3 The Junior Competition shall be played under the Laws of Cricket adopted by Cricket Victoria except where otherwise provided for in the Junior Playing Rules.

2.14 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

2.14.1 Nominations for Life Membership of the Association shall be submitted to the Board at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall:

2.14.1.1 Be in writing.

2.14.1.2 Be signed by two Board members.

2.14.1.3 Contain details of the nominee's qualifications in accordance with the following criteria.

2.14.1.3.1 Active in the sport at an administrative level for the Association for a period of 10 years.

2.14.1.3.2 Over that time rendered exceptional service to the Association as an administrator.

2.14.1.3.3 Made a contribution to the Association of such value that there is a desire to retain a lifetime association with that person.

2.14.2 The Board shall consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting.

2.14.3 A life member shall have the right to vote on any matter at any General Meeting of the Association, provided they have attended a majority of these meetings during the current season.

2.14.4 A life member shall be eligible for election or appointment as a member of any Sub-Committee and as such, shall have the right to vote on that Sub-Committee.

2.15 MATCH REVIEW PANEL HEARING FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

The Laws of Cricket, VMCU Code of Conduct and NMCA Rules and Policy Statements all refer to behaviour standards for cricket, in general and the NMCA in particular. Where these standards are breached the NMCA has a range of options to deal with offenders.

2.15.1 The NMCA Executive:-

Any case on any issue can be referred to the NMCA Executive under Rule 2.2. The Appeal body for these decisions is the Regional Appeal Panel.

2.15.2 Match Review Panel:-

The Match Review Panel (MRP) shall be appointed by the Board and shall review Umpires Match Reports following the completion of each match. Reserve Umpires, where appointed and Board Members have the same reporting duties as the officially appointed umpires.

2.15.2.1 Umpires and Board Members shall submit reports where breaches of conduct codes are clear. Where umpire's, or Board Members report players for misconduct the MRP will decide the charges based on the contents of the report, and may need to consult with the reporting Umpire/s or Board Member/s (if required): -

2.15.2.2 The Club will be issued with the charge/s as described in the General Offence/ Penalty Table.

2.15.2.2.1 Club's will receive the charge by 9.00PM on the Monday following the end of the match.

2.15.2.2.2 Club's will receive a copy of the Umpire's or Board Members report at the same time as the charge.

2.15.2.2.3 Club's will receive a copy of any further enquiries/ interviews made of the Umpire or Board Member.

2.15.2.3 The Club must then submit within 48 hours from the date stamp of the email sent from the MRP (no later than 9.00PM Wednesday):-

2.15.2.3.1 Club Advocacy Statement* including a plea.

2.15.2.3.2 Failure to submit the Club Advocacy Statement, including a plea, within the subscribed 48 hours, will result in the MRP deeming a plea of guilty. However, in this circumstance, the early guilty plea discount does not apply.

2.15.2.4 The MRP will then decide on the penalty or penalties consistent with the Offence/Penalty Table.

2.15.2.5 The MRP will consider Prior misconduct and/or the probationary status of the charged player. Such records must be kept by the MRP Conveyor.

2.15.2.6 The MRP decision will be advised to Club's by no later than 8.00PM on the Thursday following the report.

2.15.2.7 The MRP may conduct hearings at its discretion. Hearings will be conducted under VMCU Guidelines for Tribunals.

2.15.2.8 The decision will be advised to the club via the club webmail account.

**The pursuit of influencing the outcome. E.g. Outstanding Record, mitigating circumstances.*

Junior Matches:-

All cases from any junior match will be first referred to the MRP. The MRP shall determine if the case is heard by the MRP or referred to the NMCA Junior Committee for their determination.

If the NMCA Junior Committee hear the case, it shall be chaired by the NMCA Junior Manager.

The Appeal body for these decisions is the Regional Appeal Body.

2.15.3 Scheduling of Hearings or Reviews:-

Cases referred will be considered at the first opportunity and clubs will be given at least 24 hour notice to attend any hearing or to provide statements or advocacy reports.

In considering cases The Executive, MRP or JDC may:-

2.15.3.1 Hold over hearings or reviews if players, the umpire/s or witnesses are unavailable.

2.15.3.2 May decide if a player can or cannot play in a match if a stay of proceedings is required, and

2.15.3.3 May consider written statements from, and or use phone contact to, any relevant person.

2.15.3.3 Decisions will be advised to the club via the Club webmail account.

2.15.4 Appeals:-

The Appeal body for MRP decisions is the Regional Appeal Panel.

Appeals against Executive and MRP decisions must be made within 48 hours from the issue of the decision and include the Appeal Fee prescribed in the schedule Rule (2.17).

Grounds for Appeals include:-

2.15.4.1 The availability of new evidence which could have reasonably affected the original decision had it been presented at the original hearing,

2.15.4.2 Demonstration of an error in law or decision contrary to the Rules of the Association, Severity of the penalty (only if the penalty is for four (4) or more matches).

Full details on Appeal Procedures are available in Administration Regulations By-law 2.1, 2.2, 2.3.

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Guidelines:-

Where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the panel laying the charge may allege Unfair play, or Conduct that brings the game into disrepute. These charges will be referenced against the appropriate level.

In deciding penalty, the MRP is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged, and the probationary status of the person charged.

If damage has been caused to any property, the MRP may order compensation to the aggrieved party as part of the penalty.

Penalties are to be applied in the form of matches (One or Two day competition) in which the player is likely to play. If the Player usually plays only one or other form of the game, the MRP is to apply the ban for the form of the game played by the Player. The MRP is to specify the number of two or one day matches in respect of which the Player is suspended.

Where there are separate incidents in the course of the match, the MRP shall decide on each separately. If the MRP finds the person to be guilty of more than one offence, then separate penalties in respect of each offence will apply. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

ANY MATCHREVIEW PANEL VERDICTS HANDED DOWN DURING FINALS SHALL CARRY DOUBLE THE SCHEDULED PENALTIES.

The Appeal Body for MRP decisions is the Regional Appeals Panel.

Probation:-

Players shall be placed on Probation for a period of time consistent to their penalty. That is, for each match penalty, the probation will increase by twelve (12) calendar months, beginning at the completion of the suspension. A player who receives a citation shall be placed on Probation for a period of 12 calendar months. The maximum period of probation for any single offence is 5 years from the completion of the suspension.

A subsequent citation while on Probation shall automatically enforce a penalty of 1 Match and an extension of the Probation period of twelve (12) calendar months after the completion of the suspension.

A subsequent suspension while on Probation shall automatically enforce a further penalty of the original Suspension onto the penalty received for the latest report. That is, if a player is suspended for 2 Matches and was on a 12 month Probation; his suspension shall increase to 3 Matches. The Probation period shall be extended by the length of the penalty received, once the suspension has been served.

Nothing in this Code of Conduct alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to, as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

Similarly, (save where the board has laid the charge) the Board shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or penalty imposed in respect of charges with the minimum of Level 4 offence. In determining the appropriate penalty (if any) on an appeal, it is open to the person(s) hearing the appeal to increase or decrease the penalty.

Promulgation:-

Penalties will be published on the NMCA website until the expiration of the Probationary period. Where penalties exceed 4 weeks duration the VMCU will be advised. In accordance with VMCU rules the suspension will be notified to affiliates of Cricket Victoria.

General Offence/Penalty Table (These Penalties are only a guideline and can vary dependent on the charge/s): -

Player/Umpire Offences	Low	Early Guilty	Medium	Early Guilty	High	Early Guilty
	Level	Plea	Level	Plea	Level	Plea
Abuse of Umpire	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Executive	Executive
Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Disputing or showing dissent (verbal or physical in nature) towards/or at an Umpire (and his decision).	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
Excessive Appealing	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
Failing to follow an Umpire's instruction	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
Intimidation of an Umpire whether by language or conduct	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Executive	Executive
Threat of an assault on an Umpire	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive	Executive
Equipment						
Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, fixtures or fittings	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Kicking or knocking over stumps in an inappropriate manner	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Player Behaviour						
Abuse or use of language of a generally insulting nature towards another Player, Umpire, Referee, Team Official or Spectator	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result (contrived result). The Captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive	Executive
Captain failing to control his Players	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Drinking Alcohol on the ground or at a ground, whilst participating in a match	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
"Send off". Provocation of an outgoing batsmen by a member/s of the fielding team.	N/A	N/A	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
"Sledging". Any comments or actions directed to, or about a player, which is designed to distract or erode his confidence.	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Threat of an assault of another Player, Team Official of Spectator	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Executive	Executive
Throwing the ball at or near a Player, Umpire or Official in an in appropriate or dangerous manner	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
Using language that is obscene, offensive and/or t25he making of an obscene gesture	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
Player/Player Behaviour						
Any act of violence on the field of play	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive	Executive
Inappropriate physical contact between players (Deliberate)	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Executive	Executive
Physical assault of another player, Umpire or Spectator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive	Executive
Using any language or gesture that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or sexuality.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive	Executive
Miscellaneous						
2 Citing's in One season	N/A	N/A	1 Match	N/A	2 Matches	N/A
Unauthorised personnel entering the playing area without permission of an Umpire.	N/A	N/A	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches

2.16 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following categories shall cover membership and members entitlements:

2.16.1 Full Membership

- 2.16.1.1 All Clubs on payment of \$50.00 per season as membership fee.
- 2.16.1.2 Life members.
- 2.16.1.3 Any Member who holds a Board position as elected at the Association's Annual General Meeting.
- 2.16.1.4 Any Person who is appointed by the Board in an official capacity.
- 2.16.1.5 The North Metro Cricket Umpires Association (NMCUA).

2.16.2 Honorary Membership

- 2.16.2.1 Any Umpire who is a financial member of the NMCUA.
- 2.16.2.2 Any Person who is associated with a Full Member Club / Umpires Association. This includes Club/umpire association members, family, spectators and supporters.
- 2.16.2.3 All bodies and persons who are members, spectators or supporters of organisations that the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association is affiliated with or has affiliation with.

2.16.3 Membership Entitlement

2.16.3.1 Full membership

- 2.16.3.1.1 Classed as a member of the Association,
- 2.16.3.1.2 Entitlement to attend Association meetings,
- 2.16.3.1.3 Entitlement to vote at Association meetings,
- 2.16.3.1.4 Entitlement to nominate members for Board positions,
- 2.16.3.1.5 Entitlement to propose and second resolutions.

2.16.3.2 Honorary Membership

- 2.16.3.2.1 Classed as a member of the Association,
- 2.16.3.2.2 Entitlement to attend Association meetings provided notice to attend is provided to the President 48 hours prior to the meeting and approval is subsequently granted.

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- 2.16.3.2.3 Entitlement to vote at Association meetings,
- 2.16.3.2.4 Entitlement to nominate members for Board positions,
- 2.16.3.2.5 Entitlement to propose and second resolutions.

2.17 PENALTIES/FINES SCHEDULE

2.17.1 Clubs shall be penalised and/or fined in accordance with Administration Regulations Clause 2.17.6.

2.17.2 Clubs shall be advised in writing or electronically, of any penalty or fine imposed.

2.17.3 Disputes over penalties must be lodged in writing or electronically to the General Manager, within 7 days of notification.

2.17.4 Disputes over fines must be lodged, electronically by using the NMCA approved form on the website, to the Finance Manager, accompanied by the amount of the fine, within 7 days of date of the Invoice.

2.17.5 The payment of a fine does not constitute an admission of guilt.

2.17.6

Penalties and Fines (Cricket Related)

Penalty	Fine (1 st Offence)	Fine (2 nd Offence)	Fine (Subsequent Offences)
Late Start	\$50 & \$2/minute	\$50 & \$5/minute	\$50 & \$10/minute
Late Finish	\$10/over	\$10/over	\$10/over
No Team Listing (BY 9.00PM NIGHT BEFORE GAME)	\$20	\$40	\$60
No scorer JIKA and Quick Shield	\$50 per match day	\$50 per match day	\$50 per match day
No clean sawdust/broom	\$50	\$50	\$50
No Spare Balls	\$10/ball	\$20/ball	\$30/ball
Non approved NMCA Balls	\$100	\$200	\$300
Not in correct cricket attire	\$50 per player	\$100 per player	\$150 per player
Slow over rates	\$5/over	\$10/over	\$15/over
Non-payment of Umpires	Double fee	Double fee	Double fee
Team failing or refusing to complete match	\$200	\$400	\$600
Ground or Pitch incorrectly marked (All grades)	\$50	\$100	\$150

Penalties and Fines (Administration)

Penalty	Fine (1 st Offence)	Fine (2 nd Offence)	Fine (Subsequent Offences)
Appeal - Match Review Panel	\$300	\$300	\$300
Appeal - NMCA Sub Committees	\$500	\$500	\$500
Appeal - Dispute/Protest from Match	\$50	\$50	\$50
Appeal - VMCU - on lodgement	\$200	\$200	\$200
Incomplete Player Statistics	\$20	\$40	\$60
Late/No Match Scores (by 8.00pm match day)	\$40	\$80	\$120
Late Player Statistics	\$20	\$40	\$60
Late Return of Shields	\$200	\$200	\$200
Late Team Registration	\$100	\$100	\$100
Non-attendance – Schedule Meeting Minimum 2 weeks notice	\$50	\$100	\$150
Unregistered Player	\$100	\$200	\$300
Umpires Report – Missing	\$40	\$80	\$120
Umpires Report – Incomplete	\$20	\$40	\$60
Walkover - prior to 9 p.m. Thursday	\$100	\$200	\$300
Walkover - after 9 p.m. Thursday	\$200	\$300	\$400
Walkover - after 10. a.m. on day of match	\$300	\$400	\$500
Withdrawal of Team after release of Fixture	\$200	\$200	\$200
Withdrawal of Team after max. no. of walkovers	\$200	\$200	\$200

2.18 PERCENTAGE/AVERAGE

2.18.1 For the purpose of arriving at a clubs percentage, the following system shall be adopted. The batting average for any club shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost.

The bowling average against the club concerned shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken. The latter shall then divide into the former. The club having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better percentage.

2.18.2 In an innings that has been completed, the whole ten (10) wickets shall be considered to have been lost, except where, under the By-Laws of the Association a declaration or compulsory closure has been made in which case only the number of wickets lost shall be taken into consideration

2.18.3 The General Manager shall review annually the qualification for the Association's batting and bowling averages. The number of fixture matches, byes, completely abandoned games and walkovers shall be taken into consideration.

Clubs shall be notified as to the qualification formula no later than 31 January each season.

2.18.4 The Association's Averages Awards shall be as determined by the current on line reporting system.

2.18.5 The Association averages end at the completion of home-and-away matches.

2.19 PUBLIC OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.19.1 The position of Public Officer shall be held by an elected member of the Board.

2.19.2 The Board shall appoint a Public Officer, in accordance with the Association's Incorporation Act 1981.

2.20 REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

2.20.1 All Clubs shall register with the Association to be eligible to participate in the competition.

2.20.2 All Clubs shall hold their Annual General Meeting in accordance with their Rules but no later than 30 June each year.

2.20.3 Clubs considering entering teams into another Associations competition are required to officially advise the Association before commencing discussions.

2.20.4 All clubs shall be incorporated with the appropriate State Government body.

2.21 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

2.21.1 Players are required to register on the Association nominated Registration Database to be eligible to participate in the current season. The player's will be required to re-register on an annual basis.

2.21.2 Each player must be registered and entered onto the Association approved Registration Database prior to taking part in the match. Mandatory details to be stored/recorded on the Database include; Full Name, Date of Birth, Full Address, Contact Number, and any other details as required by the association or higher governing body. The onus is on each Club to ensure that players are eligible and are correctly registered with the association.

2.21.3 Separate applications for registration are required for the Senior and Junior Competitions.

2.21.4 Proof of identity to support the registration shall be held by the Club Secretary (i.e. copy of drivers licence, copy of extract of birth, copy of passport, and/or statutory declaration). It is a requirement that all players' details match that of proof of identity, i.e., no nicknames or abbreviated names.

2.21.5 Once a player registers with a club he is a playing member of that club.

2.21.6 Both the player and the club shall be held responsible for the action of any player already registered who signs another registration, and shall be dealt with as the General Manager may determine.

2.21.7 Any team who plays a person not registered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall not receive any points for the match or matches in which the non-registered player took part.

2.21.7.1 The opposing team shall receive the maximum points scored in that grades round or rounds,

2.21.7.2 The offending team shall be fined as per the Penalties/Fines Schedule (Administration Regulation Bylaw 2.17).

2.21.7.3 Failing to pay the amount, the offending team shall be disqualified from further participation in the competition.

2.21.8 Should a registered player transfer from one club to another in this Association it is not necessary to register that player again, however a transfer must be obtained as per Administration Regulations Clause 2.6 of these Regulations.

2.21.9 The Board shall at any time have the power to inquire into or review any registration of any player and shall take whatever action they deem necessary.

2.21.10 Players may register up to completion of home-and-away matches.

2.22 SENIOR COMPETITION'S - INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MEDAL PROCESS

- 2.22.1** The Association shall award annually a medal to the player(s) who records the majority of votes awarded by the Umpires in the JIKA, Jack Quick and Jack Kelly Shield competitions.
- 2.22.2** Any player suspended by the Tribunal or the Board, shall not be eligible to win the award during the current season.
- 2.22.3** The Umpires shall record their votes electronically on the Association's nominated website at the completion of each match they officiated by 12:00 pm the day after the completion of the game. The votes will be kept for safe keeping by the Executive of the Association Board until the end of the season.
- 2.22.4** At the completion of the season a quorum of the Executive of the Association Board shall count the votes.
- 2.22.5** All voting shall be retained by the Association for a period of 5 years.

2.23 SENIOR COMPETITION'S - PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

2.23.1 Shield Grades

- 2.23.1.1** Clubs occupying the lowest position on the premiership ladder in the top two (2) Shield Grades shall be relegated to the next lowest Shield Grade.
- 2.23.1.2** The club occupying the lowest position on the premiership ladder in the Kelly Shield shall be relegated to "B" Grade, if and only if there is a Club to be promoted (refer to Administration Regulations Clause 2.23.2).
- 2.23.1.3** The Premier Club of the Quick Shield shall be promoted to the Jika Shield provided it has complied with Administration Regulations Clause 2.8.4. The Premier Club of the Kelly Shield shall be promoted to the Quick Shield.

2.23.2 Other Grades

- 2.23.2.1** The premier of "B" Grade has the right to be promoted to the competitions Kelly Shield, if and only if the team is a Club's 1st XI and it has two senior teams.
- 2.23.2.2** The premier of the Grades lower than "B" Grade shall be promoted to the next higher Grade, for the following season, unless the club fields a team in the next higher Grade (in this case, refer to Administration Regulations Clause 2.23.3).
- 2.23.2.3** Clubs occupying the lowest position on the premiership ladder shall be relegated to the next lowest Grade. If a Club fields a team in the next lowest Grade, the lower Grade shall also be relegated regardless of that season's performance.
- 2.23.3** Any situations not covered by these Regulations shall be decided at the Boards discretion.

2.24 SENIOR COMPETITION'S - NMCA REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

- 2.24.1** Players chosen to play in representative matches for the Association shall hold themselves at the disposal of the Association in preference to any club engagements when called on.
- 2.24.2** Failure to do so shall result in an automatic one (1) match suspension of the player(s) concerned and the player(s) club may be fined.
- 2.24.3** A Selection Panel to select senior Association representative teams shall be approved by the Board annually.

2.25 SENIOR COMPETITION'S - NMCA REPRESENTATIVE REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

- 2.25.1** A representative player named as a member of an eleven (11) in a Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association match of which a day of play coincides with a scheduled representative NMCA match, may be replaced by a player approved by the General Manager.
- 2.25.2** A player named who is injured while on representative duties may also be replaced in accordance with this rule, provided;
- 2.25.2.1** The team manager/coach of the representative side states in writing that the injury was sustained in the representative match.
- 2.25.2.2** The statement is provided to the General Manager prior to resumption of play in the NMCA match.
- 2.25.3** A Club representative who is called up to representative duties shall have his Club provide the name of the replacement player to the General Manager prior to the commencement of the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association match or second days play.
- 2.25.4** Once notification has been given no alteration shall be made without prior notice to the General Manager.
- 2.25.5** Prior to commencement of play the opposing captain and umpire(s) shall be notified of the change.
- 2.25.6** The replacement player will assume the role of the representative player only. Should the representative player be not out overnight, then the replacement player will resume the innings.

2.26 UMPIRES

2.26.1 The Association shall appoint an Umpires Manager. Such Umpires Manager is reportable to the General Manager and shall attend Board meetings by invitation as required.

This appointment shall be made annually by the Board in accordance with the Association Rules and Job Description

2.26.2 Umpires Appointment Panel

Umpires shall be appointed to matches by a Panel, consisting of:

2.26.2.1 The General Manager, who will be convenor and chair,

2.26.2.2 Umpires Manager,

This Panel shall meet regularly throughout the competition season.

2.26.3 Official Umpires shall wear:

A hat, shirt and pants approved by the Association.

2.26.4 Official Umpires and Non official Umpires are not permitted to have mobile devices on themselves whilst officiating.

2.26.5 Non-Official Umpires shall wear:

A coloured shirt with sleeves and collar, long trousers or shorts other than athletic style shorts, shoes, runners and socks. Sandals, thongs and singlets are not permitted.

2.26.6 Non-official umpires must be sixteen (16) years of age or over.

2.26.7 Umpires shall be paid no later than the tea break on each of the days play.

2.26.8 Complaints on Umpires

For cases of serious complaints on umpiring (other than standard umpires reports).

The complaining club shall report to the General Manager within 48 hours of the completion of the days play in writing (as per Administration Regulations 2.7.3), detailing the grounds on which the complaint is based.

The General Manager shall:

2.26.8.1 Note and receipt the complaint,

2.26.8.2 Forward the complaint to the Umpires Manager for investigation,

2.26.8.3 On receipt of the Umpires Manager's Investigation Report, advise the complaining club/s of the outcome.

2.27 WEB SITES – RULES AND CODE OF ETHICS

2.27.1 Introduction

These rules and code of ethics are set down for the purpose of providing an outline of the requirements to be observed by clubs and their officials in the management of the clubs web pages.

These rules and code of ethics are not exhaustive and there can clearly be no substitute for common sense and good management by club officials.

It is the intention of these rules and code of ethics to simply remind clubs and their Committee members that it is their responsibility that all information published by clubs should meet certain criteria and not cause offence to any person or organisations.

2.27.2 The Internet Facility

The Internet has become a very useful medium for clubs to communicate with other parties who share a common interest in Cricket.

However, like any other process of communication it needs to be managed properly and kept in perspective in terms of what is being communicated.

2.27.3 NMCA Board Responsibilities

Whilst the Board cannot specifically direct Clubs on what they may or may not present on the club web site, the Board has nevertheless determined that where it is aware of any offensive material being published the club will be held accountable and will be required to provide an explanation explaining the circumstances as to why the material has been published.

The Board has also determined that it may decide in the event of an inadequate explanation to impose penalties presented in Administration Regulations Clause 2.27.8.

It should also be noted that any action by the Board does not preclude action being taken by any other party who may be offended by the particular nature of the material published, which may include legal action.

Equally, the Board will on receipt of a complaint or upon becoming aware of inappropriate or offensive material, seek to initiate action to obtain an explanation and to impose such penalty or penalties as presented in Administration Regulations Clause 2.27.8, apart from any other action that the complaint may undertake.

2.27.4 Club Responsibilities

Clubs and their officials are directly responsible for the management of club web pages, in particular the accuracy and appropriateness of the comments of the web page.

Clubs should ensure that the person(s) responsible for entering and editing information to club web pages are clear to their responsibilities and that they will be held directly responsible for the information entered; however this may not absolve clubs and club officials from any responsibility in the event of there being any complaint regarding offensive material on the web site.

2.27.5 General Guidelines

The web site should be both informative and well presented, and should be used not only as a communicative tool, but as a useful promotional tool.

It should be borne in mind that a well-designed and informative web page presents a good “first impression” of a club, whereas a poorly designed page with spelling errors, derogatory remarks, critical comments, etc. will have the opposite effect.

The web page needs to present a positive image of the club and its officials and membership, highlighting the club history, achievements and good news stories.

2.27.6 Contents of Web Page

The web page must not contain contents or comments that may bring the club or its members, the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association or cricket generally into disrepute or is in any way harmful to an individual, club, the NMCA competition or the game.

The web site’s content cannot be:

2.27.6.1 Unlawful,

2.27.6.2 Obscene,

2.27.6.3 Threatening or abusive,

2.27.6.4 Racist,

2.27.6.5 Sexist,

2.27.6.6 Libellous.

The web site should not be presented in such a way that it encourages conduct that constitutes a criminal offence.

2.27.7 Bulletin Boards/Chat Pages/Player Profiles

The use of such arrangements should be approached with great care, and it is suggested that where comments are sought from other parties viewing the web page, such comments should first be “Vetted” before being posted on the web page.

Failure to adequately monitor such issues may not prevent the club and its officials from legal action where it is determined that any such comments have been offensive.

2.27.8 Should any breach of this code occur or any action deemed to be detrimental to the Association, officials, clubs, players, supporters or the public in general take place, the Association rules and actions taken place by the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association Executive as deemed necessary. (Possible penalties: Up to \$10,000 fine; Dismissal of club from the Association; Loss of match points; Deregistration of players; Banning of club members and supporters from Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association events; Long term bond for the club; any other as deemed by the Executive).