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Administration Regulations

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These Administration Regulations are made by the Board of the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association Incorporated (NMCA) under the regulation-making powers contained in the NMCA Rules.

The Administration Regulations set out the operational requirements, procedures and directions governing the administration and conduct of NMCA competitions and activities. Where expressed as a requirement, clubs, teams, players, officials and other persons participating in NMCA competitions or activities must comply with these Regulations.

These Regulations operate subject to the NMCA Rules. If there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Rules, the Rules prevail. Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in these Regulations have the same meaning as those defined in the Rules.

The Board may amend these Regulations in accordance with the powers and procedures contained in the Rules.

REGISTRATIONS

1, REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

i) Players are required to register on the Competition Management Platform to be eligible to participate in the current season. The players will be required to re-register on a seasonal basis

ii) Each player must be registered and entered onto Competition Management Platform prior to taking part in the match, or if applicable be added as a fill-in player for one match only. The onus is on each club to ensure that players are eligible and are correctly registered with the association.

iii) The NMCA reserves the right to require players to present evidence of their identity and age by providing appropriate documents if required. These documents may include copy of driver's license, extract of birth certificate, or a passport. It is a requirement that all players' details match that of proof of identity, i.e., no nicknames or abbreviated names.

iv) Once a player registers with a club, they are a playing member of that club for that season.

v) A player may play for more than one club via the permit system, if they have met the criteria of the NMCA or any other Cricket association within Australia.

vi) Any team who plays a person not registered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the NMCA shall not receive any points for the match or matches in which the non-registered player took part. This includes using a player as a Fill-in player more than once without seeking approval form the NMCA Board.

vii) If a team is found to have played an ineligible player, then the following may occur:

viii) The opposing team shall receive the maximum points scored in those grades round or rounds

ix) The offending team shall be fined as per the Penalties/Fines Schedule

x) Failing to pay the amount, by the due date required the offending team shall be disqualified from further participation in the competition until payment is received.

xi) 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, including cancelling a registration if they deem it necessary.

xii) Players may register up to completion of home-and-away matches. However, may only be eligible for finals if they have met the game criteria.

xiii) A Junior Player is a player who is under 18 years of age as at 1 September immediately prior to the

commencement of the season.

xiv) Minimum Age for Senior Men's Competition

a) A male player must be 13 years of age or older as of 1 September immediately prior to the commencement of the season to play, or act as a substitute, in the Senior Men's Competition.

b) A male player who is under 13 years of age as of 1 September must not play, or act as a substitute, in the Senior Competition unless prior approval has been granted by the Association's General Manager.

xv) Minimum Age for Senior Women's Competition

c) A player must be 14 years of age or older as of 1 September immediately prior to the commencement of the season to play, or act as a substitute, in the Senior Women's Competition.

d) A player who is under 14 years of age as of 1 September must not play, or act as a substitute, in the Senior Women's Competition unless prior approval has been granted by the Association's General Manager.

xvi) If clubs wish to apply for age dispensation for a player in their Seniors team, they must complete a dispensation form NMCA Club Dispensation Request – Fill out form

xvii) Once submitted this will be reviewed by the NMCA, clubs will receive an email for either:

1. A decline or
2. A request for further information and required documentation.

xviii) Once further documentation is returned this will be reviewed and then the club will be notified of the approval status

xix) Approval may have certain criteria for the player and club to abide by, and this may be different for each player due to varying circumstances.

2. CLUB PLAYER TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

Transfer: A formal process whereby a player permanently moves from one club to another. This requires the new club or player to apply for the transfer and the original Club to approve the transfer and then each association) to approve the transfer granted.

Permit: A process whereby a player may participate in another club or their own club during the course of the season, however, the player cannot gain a permit from or to an equivalent competition played on the same day. A player remains on a permit for the weeks permitted for or for the whole summer season. The player will require a new permit on a seasonal basis if required.

Examples: 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 continue to play for their original Club once the competition is in progress or finishes.

A senior player who participates regularly for their local Club, who then wishes to play Veterans for a different Club, or play Sunday community cricket, would require separate permits to those clubs.

A Junior player at their affiliated Club, will require a permit to play with the Senior component of that Club or a Senior Club of their choice.

i. A player who is registered with a club in the NMCA and wishes to transfer to another club in the NMCA or

another association must submit a transfer request on the Competition Management Platform.

ii. Applications for transfers must be submitted via the nominated Competition Management Platform.

iii. Applications for permits and transfers not acted on within 5 days at each organisation within the Competition Management Platform are automatically approved in the system, unless any organisation has auto-approval activated and then it is approved immediately.

iv. A reason for a permit must be written in the text box provided or it may be declined and need to be re-submitted

v. Any player intending to play in the Winter competitions must complete a cross-seasonal permit NOT a transfer. Transfers will only be considered each summer season.

vi. 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.

vii. If there are any transfer requests after this date, the club must put this in an email to the Competition Administrator, for the NMCA Board to consider the application and their decision is final.

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

ix. The player

a. is contracted: and/or
b. is indebted to the Club: and/or
c. is in possession of Club property that needs to be returned: and/or
d. The player wishes to withdraw their transfer application

x. A destination or source club shall have the right of appeal within three calendar (3) days to the Competition Administrator of any such decision. Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically.

xi. A player refused a transfer shall have the right of appeal within three calendar (3) days to the Competition Administrator of any such decision Details supporting their appeal must be lodged in writing or electronically.

xii. Senior Men 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.

xiii. A registered NMCA player may play with a Sub District Club on a game-by-game basis during the home and away season by way of a permit, if it does not coincide with the regular competition they are registered to in the NMCA.

i) In the event of a club disbanding prior to the closing date of transfers, players of that club must apply in writing to the Competition Administrator via email for the NMCA Board to approve if they wish to play for another NMCA Club in the current season.

3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

a. be in writing. (via email)
b. be signed by two Board members.
c. contain details of the nominee's service to the NMCA in accordance with the Life Membership criteria which can be requested from the Competition Administrator or on the NMCA website.

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

iii. A life member shall have the right to vote on any matter at any General Meeting of the NMCA.

iv. 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.

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

4. COMMUNICATION

i. The NMCA shall accept written and/or electronic communication from Clubs

ii. The NMCA only accepts communication from the President, Secretary, Senior and or Junior coordinator and CSO. Other club people, players or families are to contact their club to make requests that need to be discussed or actioned with the association.

iii. All electronic communications should be through the NMCA approved Club Gmail accounts.

5. ENTRIES

i) Team entry submission dates will be provided by the Competition Administrator annually after July 1st

ii) Clubs shall submit their team submissions within these timeframes to ensure sufficient time for fixturing can occur.

iii) As soon as possible if a club needs to add a team after the submission dates, this will be reviewed by the NMCA board and relevant competition manager. Items to be considered but not limited to will be such as byes created, the number of teams in a grade, distance to be travelled, other club teams in the competition, etc.

iv) As soon as possible if a club needs to remove a team after the submission dates, the club will need to provide details as to why this has occurred and what steps were taken to prevent this.

6. CAPTAINS

i) A captain must be named on all Senior Men and Women's team sheet prior to any match.
ii) The captain must complete their match report no later than 72 hours after the start of the game
iii) Failure to comply with subrules i) -ii) will result in penalty as per fee the fines schedule

7. FILL-IN PLAYER

A fill-in is a non-registered player within the current season being played who is being used to fill-in for 1 match only. They are entered via the admin or e-scoring portal.

PLEASE NOTE: The fill-in players record **does not** link or connect game stats to any existing PlayHQ profile. You will need to replace a fill-in record with a player's actual record after they have registered through PlayHQ. This can be completed in GameDay section of the Admin Portal. For more information about this process Replacing A Fill in Players Records

i) A fill-in player may be used where a shortage of players exists in a team in a match.

ii) The player being used as a fill-in player **must not be** registered with or have played with any other club in the NMCA or any other association as a fill-in player in the current season. It is the responsibility of the club who requires using them as a fill-in player to have checked this.

iii) The player can fill-in only **once** in a season for **one competition** anywhere in Australia, then the player must be registered with the club if required to play in any other match that season under this rule a second time.
(i.e. as an example, but not limited to: if they are a fill-in for a junior competition either in the NMCA association or another association within the same season, they cannot be a fill-in player for a senior competition or any other competition, they must register to play)

iv) A player playing a second fill-in is deemed to be an ineligible / unregistered player if they haven't registered. The offending team will lose their match points for any games they have played an ineligible player. The NMCA board reserves the right to impose other fines as deemed appropriate for multiple offences.

v) When adding a player in as a fill-in player the following must be completed filled in whether completing this in the **admin portal** or the **e-scoring portal** on match day.

vi) **Requirements for adding in a fill-in player**

a. Full legal name (no initial, *, numbers etc.)
b. Player's email (**do not** put in a club email, or the person entering the information email or a false email.)
c. Player's full and correct date of birth

vii) A player must not be used as a fill-in if that player is on suspension in any competition within Australia, or due to a transfer or permit not been completed and/or approved.

viii) A player who is already registered on another competition within the season cannot be used as a fill in player, they can only be used with a Game Permit if the association has this toggled on in the back end. Game Permits

ix) Before a player can be used as a fill in for any team that requires player points the club must submit a dispensation form to the NMCA Competition Administrator to approve the players point value to ensure this does not put their team over the limit.

*(**Please note** fill in's do not have their point value recorded on PlayHQ so this must be considered when selecting your team that you need to account for their point value and not go over the team limit)*

x) From 1st of January of the current season, No CLUB with more than one senior men's team in the Association, can play a Fillin Player in their top NMCA Shield team. If a Fillin player is used and the team wins, points will be reversed.

8. FINANCE

i) The cricket season shall terminate on 31st May of each year, and all moneys owed by clubs to the NMCA must be paid on or before that date. Clubs failing to comply shall be required to pay moneys due to the NMCA or have agreed to a payment plan that the board accepts before being eligible to compete in the following season.

ii) All purchases of balls, scorebooks etc., shall be paid for by the due date on the invoice.

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iii) Fines incurred and invoiced by the NMCA shall be paid by the due date on the invoice.

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iv) If clubs can produce to the NMCA Board, evidence to show reasons for default, the Board shall be the sole judge in the allocation of points in that round.

v) 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 NMCA 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.

a. PERCENTAGE/AVERAGE

i. For the purpose of arriving at a club s 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.

ii. 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

iii. 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.

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

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

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

DISCIPLINE & GRIEVANCES

9. BEHAVIOUR OF CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

The NMCA executive is committed to promoting and expecting appropriate behaviour and conduct and believe clubs should take full responsibility for ensuring all officials, volunteers, players and supporters who represent their club should conduct themselves in accordance with local rules and the Spirit of Cricket.

i. Clubs are responsible for the conduct of officials, volunteers, players and supporters always, including but not limited to at all NMCA official matches (including home and away, finals and inter-association matches) and all NMCA convened meetings and any Social Media postings.

ii. Bad language, derogatory comments, behaviour detrimental to the game and the NMCA will not be tolerated.

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

iv. Should any breach of NMCA rules, regulations, by-laws or behaviour and actions occur deemed to be detrimental to the NMCA, officials, clubs, players, supporters or the public in general take place, the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Association Executive, shall act as deemed necessary.

v. Possible penalties may include:

1. A monetary fine
2. Dismissal of club from the association;
3. Loss of match points;
4. Deregistration of players;
5. Banning of club members and supporters from NMCA events;
6. Long term bond for the club;
7. any other as deemed by the Executive.

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 (citations)	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.

10. 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.

i. 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.

ii. 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.

1. Umpires and Board Members shall submit reports where breaches of conduct codes are clear. Where umpires, 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. 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.

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):-
    a. Club Advocacy Statement* including a plea.
    b. 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.
4. The MRP will then decide on the penalty or penalties consistent with the Offence/Penalty Table.
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.
6. The MRP decision will be advised to Club's by no later than 8.00PM on the Thursday following the report.
7. The MRP may conduct hearings at its discretion. Hearings will be conducted under VMCU Guidelines for Tribunals.
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.

iii. Scheduling of Hearings or Reviews: -

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

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

1. Hold over hearings or reviews if players, the umpire/s or witnesses are unavailable.
2. May decide if a player can or cannot play in a match if a stay of proceedings is required, and
3. May consider written statements from, and or use phone contact to, any relevant person.
4. Decisions will be advised to the club via the Club webmail account.

iv. 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: -

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

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 MATCH REVIEW PANEL VERDICTS HANDED DOWN DURING FINALS MAY CARRY DOUBLE THE SCHEDULED PENALTIES.

The MRP, upon receiving the report, shall make a judgement on whether the matter falls in their jurisdiction or does the matter need to go straight to a Tribunal hearing. It would be up to the Tribunal to either hear the case or refer the case to the Board Executive level.

The Appeal Body for the MRP, Tribunal or Executive hearing decisions is the Regional Appeals Panel.

a) 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.

b) 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): - This Table is for incidents that are referred to the Match Review Panel Tribunal or Executive for their consideration.

Player/Umpire Offences		
E/T 1.1 Abuse of Umpire	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 1.6 Intimidation of an Umpire whether by language or conduct	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 1.7 Threat of an assault on an Umpire	Tribunal	Executive
Player Behaviour		
E/T 3.2 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.	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 3.8 Threat of an assault of another Player, Team Official of Spectator	Tribunal	Executive
Club/Club Members Behaviour/Player/Player Behaviour		
E/T 4.1 Any act of violence on the field of play	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 4.2 Inappropriate physical contact between players (Deliberate)	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 4.3 Physical assault of another player, Umpire or Spectator	Tribunal	Executive
E/T 4.4 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.	Tribunal	Executive

Player/Umpire Offences	Low	Early Guilty	Medium	Early Guilty	High	Early Guilty
	Level	Plea	Level	Plea	Level	Plea
1.1 Abuse of Umpire	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Tribunal	Tribunal
1.2 Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
1.3 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
1.4 Excessive Appealing	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
1.5 Failing to follow an Umpire's instruction	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
1.6 Intimidation of an Umpire whether by language or conduct	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Tribunal	Tribunal
1.7 Threat of an assault on an Umpire	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tribunal	Tribunal
Equipment						
2.1 Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, fixtures or fittings	Citing	N/A	1 Match	Citing	2 Matches	1 Match
2.2 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
2.3 Kicking or knocking over stumps in an inappropriate	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches

manner						
Player Behaviour						
3.1 Abuse or use of language of a generally insulting nature towards0 another Player, Umpire, Referee, Team Official or Spectator	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
3.2 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	Tribunal	Tribunal
3.3 Captain failing to control his Players	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
3.4 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches
3.5 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
3.6 "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
3.7 "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
3.8 Threat of an assault of another Player, Team Official of Spectator	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Tribunal	Tribunal
3.9 Throwing the	1 Match	Citation	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	2 Matches

ball at or near a Player, Umpire or Official in an in appropriate or dangerous manner						
3.10 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						
4.1 Any act of violence on the field of play	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tribunal	Tribunal
4.2 Inappropriate physical contact between players (Deliberate)	N/A	N/A	4 Matches	3 Matches	Tribunal	Tribunal
4.3 Physical assault of another player, Umpire or Spectator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tribunal	Tribunal
4.4 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	Tribunal	Tribunal
Miscellaneous						
5.1 2 Citing's in One season	N/A	N/A	1 Match	N/A	2 Matches	N/A
5.2 Unauthorised personnel entering the playing area without permission of an Umpire.	N/A	N/A	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches	

11. PENALTIES/FINES SCHEDULE

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

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

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

iv. 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.

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

vi. Clubs accumulating five or more fines in cricket related events shall be subjected to the reduction of One Match point from all Club teams.

c) Penalties and Fines (Cricket Related)

Penalty	**Fine (1st Offence)**	**Fine (2nd 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 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 (1st Offence)	Fine (2nd 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
Incomplete Player Statistics	$20	$40	$60
Late/No Match Scores (by 8.00pm match day)	$40	$80	$120
Late Player Statistics	$0	$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	$200	$300	$400
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

12. APPEALS

i. All appeals against an Association decision appointed Committee's decision shall be adjudged by the Board, whose decision shall be final.

ii. 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.

iii. 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.

13. APPEALS PROCESS TO NORTHERN METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

i. 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:

1. Administration of the Association,
2. The raising of finance other than fines,
3. Arranging the competition and matches.

ii. 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:

1. The availability of new evidence which could have reasonably affected the original decision had it been presented at the original hearing
2. Demonstration of an error in law or a decision contrary to the Rules of the Association,
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),
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.

iii. **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 initiand may be online or in personal 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.

iv. Appeal hearings will generally be conducted in accordance with Administration Regulations Clause 2.15 MATCH REVIEW PANEL HEARING FORMAT AND PROCEDURES section as detailed.

v. 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.

vi. 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.

vii. The Association shall forward a letter to the reported player or person's Club reconfirming the decision of the Independent Panel.

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

i. 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:

1. Administration of the Association,
2. The raising of finance,
3. Arranging the competition and matches, Constitutional matters and any other like matters.