

NORTH-EAST COUNTRY REGION (VCCL REGION 6) INCORPORATED  
Junior Country Week  
COMPETITION RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1.1 A player to be eligible to participate in the North East Country Region 6 Cricket Competitions must be a registered person of the Association he represents.

1.2 A clearance application signed by a player and endorsed by the President or Secretary of the Club in any Association affiliated with the North East Country Region (VCCL Region 6) Inc. prior to registration of the player with the club affiliated with the Association to which the player wishes to transfer. If a clearance application is not endorsed within seventeen (17) days of despatch by the applicant, he may appeal to the relevant officer/committee of his Association, who shall, after due investigation, grant a clearance to the player concerned and such clearance shall be binding on all Clubs and Association. A copy of the completed clearance form must be forwarded by the club granting the clearance to the Secretary of both Associations involved in the transfer of the player. Failure to comply with the requirements of this rule shall result in the player being considered to be an ineligible player and dealt with by the Association in accordance with their rules and/or Constitution in respect to a club playing an ineligible player

1.3 (a) Each player under 18 years of age must correctly complete the North East Country Region (VCCL Region 6) Consent Form (signed by parent or guardian). The original copy of the Consent Form must be held by team manager on each day that each player competes in competition matches. Note - if a player under 18 years of age competes in more than one division of competition matches it is recommended that an original Consent Form be completed for each division and held by team manager of each team.

(b) The Secretary of each Association which competes in North East Country Region (VCCL Region 6) competition matches will be required before the first round of matches, to certify that all players who will represent the Association during the current season will have completed the Region 6 Consent Form.

(c) The team manager or captain (Open Age Competition only) must complete the certification on the Team Declaration sheet certifying that all players under 18 years of age as at 1 September have completed the Region 6 Consent Form and an original of the Consent Form is in his/her possession prior to the commencement of the match.

1.4(a) A player must be under the age of 20 years as at the first day of September in the relevant year to be eligible to represent his Association in the Mac Holten Memorial Shield (Under 20) fixtures.

(b) A player must be under the age of 17 years as at the first day of September in the relevant year to be eligible to represent his Association in the Ray Rolfe Trophy (Under 17) fixtures.

2. PLAYING DATES AND VENUES

2.1 All matches shall be played on dates fixed by the Board. The home Association must notify the visiting Association of the arranged venue of the match - not later than the Monday before the date fixed.

2.2 Should adverse weather conditions prevail and the Home Association considers that No Play is possible or change of venue is necessary, the visiting Association and the Region 6 Secretary must be contacted not later than 8am on the day of play.

### 3. HOURS OF PLAY

3.1 All matches shall commence at 10am and unless changed by specific circumstances applying to a match, shall cease when the Total Match Overs (see 4.1) have been completed.

### 4. PLAYING CONDITIONS

#### 4.1 Principle of Competition

In principle all matches shall be played under the conditions of compulsory closure where each side is entitled to bat for 50 overs (300 legitimate balls) in Under 17 and 45 overs (270 legitimate balls) in Under 15 unless time is lost due to adverse weather conditions. A stipulated number of overs, referred to as the "Total Match Overs" shall be bowled in each match. This number shall normally be 100, or 90 but shall be reduced to account for lost time due to adverse weather as specified in 4.4 and 4.6 or where first innings result is obtained as specified in 4.8. If the side batting first is dismissed or declares, the side batting second (if not previously dismissed) shall receive the number of overs calculated as due to it.

#### Under 17 Junior Country Week – Extreme heat policy.

When the temperature is predicted to be above 36degrees at the venue of the game, quarters cricket will be played in all age levels. ACB RECOMMENDATION: "Action should be taken promptly by umpires and officials to cease play under any conditions that may be dangerous to the players and officials".

(2)(1)Where a game consists of 50 over innings. The team batting first shall bat for 25 overs, then the team batting second bats for 25 overs. When this is completed the team that batted first then continues their innings for another 25 overs. The team batting second then does the same. This then completes the 50 over game.

#### Under 15 Junior Country Week – Extreme heat policy.

When the temperature is predicted to be above 36degrees at the venue of the game, quarters cricket will be played in all age levels. ACB RECOMMENDATION: "Action should be taken promptly by umpires and officials to cease play under any conditions that may be dangerous to the players and officials".

(2)(1)Where a game consists of 45 over innings. The team batting first shall bat for 25 overs, then the team batting second bats for 20 overs. When this is completed the team that batted first then continues their innings for another 25 overs. The team batting second then does the same. This then completes the 45over game.

#### 4.2 The side batting first is not dismissed

The side batting first shall have its innings compulsorily closed after 50 overs (300 legitimate balls) in Under 17 and 45 overs (270 legitimate balls) in Under 15 (Note that the lunch interval shall take place at 1.20pm, but any over in progress at 1.20pm shall be completed in accordance with rule 4.14) Play will resume at 1.40pm. The side batting second (if not previously dismissed) shall be entitled to receive 50 overs (300 legitimate balls) Under 17 and 45 overs (270 legitimate balls) in Under 15 whereupon the match shall end. This Rule applies to matches that start on time and are not interrupted by adverse weather conditions.

#### 4.3 The side batting first is dismissed or declares

If the dismissal or declaration occurs -

Before 12.30pm then a ten-minute break is taken and the side batting second commences its innings. A 20-minute interval is taken at 1.20pm .After 12.30pm but before 1.20pm; then a 20-minute interval is taken immediately, after which the side batting second commences its innings.

After 1.20pm; then the side batting second commences its innings at 1.40pm

The side batting second (if not previously dismissed) is entitled to receive 50 overs (300 legitimate balls) Under 17 and 45 overs (270 legitimate balls) in Under15.

This rule applies to matches, which start on time and are not interrupted by adverse weather conditions.

#### 4.4 Delayed start

The umpires shall be the sole judges of weather conditions. If play does not commence on time because of adverse weather conditions the following shall apply:

The umpires will decide on a new starting time and then will determine the time remaining for play by using an estimated finishing time of 5.00pm and allowing 20 minutes for an interval which must be taken at 1.20pm. (Note: there is no need to allow for a ten minutes innings break.) The umpires will then determine the number of overs to be bowled to each team by dividing the time remaining for play into two and allowing for one over every four minutes or part thereof. The number of overs to be bowled to each team, as calculated here, is then doubled to become the new Total Match Overs figure. The match shall only proceed under the foregoing conditions if there is sufficient time to permit at least 60 Total Match Overs, otherwise the match shall be abandoned. Once a match has started (ie: the umpires have called play), and then any further interruptions are treated as a separate issue, as follows:

#### 4.5 Interruptions due to adverse weather conditions

The umpires shall be the sole judges of weather conditions, if, after play has started, the match is further interrupted by adverse weather conditions, the team batting first shall still be entitled to receive its over entitlement as calculated in 4.2 or 4.4, but the Total Match Overs shall be reduced by one for each four minutes (or part thereof) of the time lost. The reduction in overs so calculated shall be applied wholly to the innings of the team batting second.

#### 4.6 Over Limits for Bowlers

##### (a) Limit for Bowler

(i) A bowler shall not deliver more than one-fifth of the maximum of overs permitted for an uninterrupted innings but where the maximum is reduced for either innings because of interruptions the limit shall be one-fifth of the adjusted maximum except for any bowler who already has exceeded the reduced limit.

(ii) Where the overs for the second side have been limited under provisions in 4.4 and 4.5 the calculation in (i) shall be made on the number of overs which would have applied for the innings had the limitation not been incurred.

##### (b) Limit Reached or Exceeded

No further deliveries shall be made by a bowler who has reached or exceeded a recalculated limit except to complete an over previously commenced by him.

##### (c) Fractional Adjustments

Where the re-calculation of a bowler's limit results in a fraction the limit shall be raised to the next higher number for as many bowlers as is necessary to absorb the balance in whole overs.

(d) Part-Over Incapacity or Suspension

A part of an over bowled under the provisions of Law 22.7 shall count as one full over in the limit of each bowler concerned in that over.

(e) Match played under "ordinary conditions" - the restrictions limiting the number of overs per bowler shall not apply.

4.7 Results of matches, which are interrupted after play has commenced:

Where the overs entitlement of the team batting second has been reduced by interruptions which occur after play has commenced (in accordance with Rule 4.5) or where adverse weather conditions prevent the game from being completed, the following shall apply:

Situation: Result:

The team batting second scores more runs than the team batting First	First innings win to the team batting second
The team batting second score the same number of runs as the team batting first (whether all out or not )	First innings tie
The team batting second is dismissed or declares before reaching the score of the team batting first	First innings win to the team batting first
The team batting second is dismissed or does not declare, but not reach the score of the team batting first	Match is drawn

4.8 First innings results – program matches

(a) At any time after a first innings decision is obtained before the Total Match Overs have been completed and provided that both captains agree or both managers agree (Under 17 Division 1 & 2 and Under 15 Division 1 Competitions) the match will thereupon end.

(b) In all Under 17 Division 1 & 2 and Under 15 Division 1 & 2 the game shall end after a further 10 overs after a result is achieved.

4.9 First innings result - Finals

If a first innings result is obtained in a Final before the Total Match Overs have been completed the match will thereupon end.

4.10 Declarations

The side batting first may declare its innings closed at any time.

4.11 Notification of end of innings

In each innings which is subject to compulsory closure, the scorers shall notify the umpires when 5 overs remain to be bowled, and at the beginning of the last over. The umpires shall in turn notify the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen.

4.12 Refusal or inability to play

(a) (i) If play does not commence at the appointed time and the delay is due to the refusal or inability of one or both of the competing teams, and provided that the delay is not greater than 30 minutes, then the match shall begin under the conditions of Rule 4.4.(Delayed Starts).

(ii) If the commencement of the match is delayed by more than 30 minutes, then play shall not take place.

(b) The umpires shall inform the Region Secretary or nominee of the circumstances in respect to a Delayed Start. (Report can be made on scoresheets.)

(c) If no play takes place the Secretary of the Home Association shall send a report to the Region Secretary or nominee of the circumstances - the report to be prepared by the Umpires. The Region Board shall decide the result of the Match.

#### 4.13 Completion of last over

The last over before an interval or the close of play shall be completed.

#### 4.14 Thirteenth Man

13 players may be named in each team, however only eleven of these players shall be permitted to participate as batsmen, and only eleven shall be permitted to bowl. The fielding side is only entitled to have 11 players on the ground at any one given time.

No ball penalty plus runs scored otherwise

A penalty of one run shall be scored from a no ball and be additional to any runs scored by the batsman otherwise from that delivery.

#### **Under 17:**

The third delivery in an over, which bounces above shoulder height, while the batsman is in their normal stance, shall be called a no ball.

A fast pace delivery, which does not bounce, and passes above waist height of the batsman while in normal stance their shall be called a no ball.

Any delivery, which bounces above head height, while the batter is in their normal stance, will be deemed a no ball.

Under 15:

The third delivery in an over, which bounces above shoulder height, shall be called a no ball.

A fast pace delivery, which does not bounce, and passes above waist height of the batsman shall be called a no ball. Any delivery, which bounces above head height, while the batter is in their normal stance, will be deemed a no ball.

#### **Under15 Division 2**

**An over shall consist of 8 balls maximum.**

#### 4.16 Wide ball penalty

A penalty of one shall be scored from a wide ball and be additional to any runs made otherwise from that delivery.

(a) If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide if, according to the definition in (b) below, in his opinion the ball passes wide of the striker where he is standing and would also have passed wide of him standing in a normal guard position. b) The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within his reach for him to be able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.

## 5. RESULT OF MATCH

The winner shall be the team scoring the greater number of runs in the first innings irrespective of wickets lost, except as specified in 4.7

## 6. POINTS

### Match Points

The following match points shall be awarded during the programme of matches:

First innings win 12 points

Tie on first innings 6 points

Drawn game 6 points

Abandoned game 6 points

Win by forfeit - Points awarded shall be equal to the maximum number of points scored by any other team within the same Division on the same day.

Bye - The side with the bye in those rounds as designated by the Board, shall receive Match Points for First Innings win, except in the event of no results in that round the team with the bye will receive Match Points for Drawn game.

## 7. DETERMINATION OF FINALISTS

### 7.1 Final placing

The final placing's in each Division shall be decided by the total of match points won during the program of matches.

### 7.2 Equality of points

Should there be equality in the number of match points, the respective places shall be determined by the Team Average.

#### Team Average

##### (i) Calculation of Team Average

Team average should be calculated by:

(a) dividing total runs scored by total wickets lost (batting average)

(b) dividing total runs scored against by total wickets taken (bowling average)

(c) dividing the batting average (a) by the bowling average (b) to give the team average

##### (ii) Determination of Wickets Lost

A wicket shall be recorded as lost or taken when an innings terminates with any batsman unable to commence, continue or resume his innings within the scheduled playing time or compulsory number of overs, but a team declaring an innings closed or having it terminated under Rule 4 or forfeiting an innings shall be deemed to have lost only those wickets which have actually fallen.

### 7.3 Premiers

(a) Where provision is made for a Final to be played the teams finishing in first and second places on the ladder after the program of matches shall play off in the final. (b) Where provision is not made for Final to be played; a Final is not played; or a result not obtained for any reason, the team finishing in first place on the ladder after the program of matches shall be declared the premier team.

### 7.4 Venue for Finals

All finals shall be played on dates and at venues fixed by the Board. The general principle to be used in fixing the venues in all Divisions will be that the team occupying the higher

position on the ladder at conclusion of the program of matches shall have the choice of the playing venue in the final match except where the Board decides to play the final matches on one day in one town or city.

## 8. CRICKET BALLS

In Under 15 and Under 17 Divisions, the fielding side to provide own ball - new four-piece ball must be used.

NOTE - This rule will not be applicable in circumstances where the Cricket Victoria provides the cricket balls for use in Junior Cricket played in the Region competitions. The cricket balls will be distributed by the Region 6 Executive Member prior to the commencement of the season.

## 9. SCORERS

In all Divisions teams must provide an Adult scorer to officiate at all times in each match. At the conclusion of each match, both captains must sign and date scoresheets and scorebooks, and signify in writing any protest. Umpires to countersign scoresheets.

## 10. RESULTS

(a) The home team must forward results to reach the appointed Region 6 official on correctly compiled scoresheets, also correctly compiled and certified team declaration sheets, within 72 hours of match, and such results to be distributed to Region 6 Board Members and participating affiliated associations, as soon as possible thereafter.

(b) The home team must fax copies of match scoresheets to Albury Border Mail Sports Newsroom at completion of day's play - not later than 7pm.

## 11. UMPIRES

(a) In the program series of matches, (all Divisions), the umpires shall be appointed one from each competing Association. Umpires fees will be fixed at the Region 6 Annual General Meeting Each Year Payment of the appointed umpire will be responsibility of Association making appointment.

(b) The selection of Umpires for finals (all Divisions), shall be made by President and Secretary of the Region.

Payment of Umpires for finals shall be responsibility of each competing Association.

(c) Umpires attire - coats, shirts, hats and footwear shall be white and trousers black.

(d) Where there is only one official umpire present, they shall control the game. The bowling side will provide the square leg umpire.

## 12. PLAYERS ATTIRE

(a) In all fixtures, all players and umpires must be correctly attired.

(b) Shorts must not be worn except in the Under 17 Division.

(c) No player shall use spiked footwear when batting and bowling on artificial turf, carpet, malthoid or matting pitches unless approved by the home or host Association.

(d) Coloured Shirts

Players are permitted to wear coloured shirts provided that:

(i) such shirts are collared, either standard or polo style. Tee shirts are not permitted;

(ii) all players in a team must be similarly attired where possible, predominantly white.

All other clothing & footwear must be standard cricket white/cream. This includes

Jumpers/sweaters worn over coloured shirts

Any player not conforming with the requirements of this rule shall be denied participation in the match by the umpires.

(e) Logos

The following logos are permitted on players' upper clothing only:

(i) Home Association or club logo

(ii) VCCL logo and/or VCCL sponsor logo

(iii) Association's sponsor logo

Provided always that any logo does not exceed size limit specified by VCCL policy (currently 50sq cm, eg 5cm X10 cm), and that logos may only appear on the front and /or sleeves of upper body attire- no logos are permitted on garment backs

### 13. ARTIFICIAL PITCHES

Where fixtures are played on other than turf pitches, the home or host Association shall have the ends fit for play. Should complaint/s be forthcoming from visiting team/s or Umpires, each complaint if justified, must be forwarded to the Region Secretary, and the offending Association shall be imposed a fine of \$20.00 for each complaint.

### 14. DRINKS INTERVALS

(a) Drinks intervals - there shall be two (2) intervals, each of no more than four (4) minutes during each session of play. Each competing team shall be responsible for provision of own drinks.

Add to (a) Extra drink breaks at discretion of umpires (eg: on a very hot day)

Drinks can be taken at the fall of a wicket providing it is done quickly without interruption to the game.

(b) In all fixtures in the Competition, one person only from each team, captain or appointed deputy excepted, shall enter the playing area during intervals taken for drinks. In Under 17 and Under 15 Division, one adult and one player from each team may enter the playing area during the intervals.

### 15. AFTERNOON TEA/LUNCHEON

All players and officials to provide their own drinks and lunches.

### 16. TOSS OF COIN

Captain of team named first to toss coin for choice of innings, ceremony to be performed in the presence of managers and/or Umpires, not later than 20 minutes prior to the time arranged for the commencement of play.

### 17. SUPERVISION

In all Under 20 and Under 17 Division competition matches, each team must be under the supervision of at least two (2) adults.

### 18. EQUIPMENT/HELMETS

(a) Each team to supply own requirements of playing equipment.

(b) In all Under 17 and Under 15 Competition fixtures, all players must wear helmets with face guard when batting.

(d) In all Under 17 and Under 15 Competition fixtures, protective equipment including helmet with face guard must be worn by the fieldsman fielding within 5 metres of a batsman on the leg side and/or in front of point on the off side.

## COVERS

19.1 The pitches for all matches shall be covered subject to the conditions laid down for the use of covers.

19.2 Conditions for the use of covers

(a) Covering Prior to Match Day

(i) A cover shall be laid by dusk on the day preceding a match day. The use of underlay material shall be optional.

(ii) At all other times the Curator shall be permitted to use the cover at his discretion to obtain the best possible conditions for play on a match day.

(b) Removing Covers on Match Day

In good conditions the cover shall be removed no later than 8.30am. Otherwise removal shall be at the discretion of the Curator or Ground Manager having regard to prevailing weather conditions and may be relaid if necessary.

(c) Umpires' Control of Covers

The Umpires shall assume control 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each day's play and make all decisions regarding the use of the cover until the end of play. At all interruptions they shall direct and supervise the laying and removal of covers and report any failure of either side to comply with Clause 19.2(d)

(d) Labour for Laying or Removing Cover

Until the scheduled starting time the Home Club shall provide any labour required for the laying or removal of the cover. After that time both sides shall assist with the laying and removal.

(e) Failure to Comply with Directions

A Club failing to comply with the directions in Clause 19.2 may be dealt with by the Board under By-Law 19.

## 20. MEDIUM AND PACE BOWLERS (18 Years and Under) MAXIMUM OVERS

The Australian Cricket Board has issued a policy on bowler injury prevention. The following restrictions shall apply to bowlers of medium pace and above, and defined as, bowlers to whom wicket keeper would normally stand back, or any bowler that is not a spinner.

Under 19: A maximum spell of eight (8) consecutive overs, with a match maximum of 10 overs.

Under 17: A maximum spell of six (6) consecutive overs, with a match maximum of 10 overs

Under 15: A maximum spell of five (5) overs with a match maximum of 9 overs.

Under 13: A maximum spell of four (4) overs with a match maximum of 8 overs.

The break between spells to be the equivalent number of overs bowled from the same end as the bowlers' immediately completed spell with the bowler on the ground. An immediate change of ends within a spell is allowed and, if this occurs, the break between spells will take account of the number of overs bowled from both ends.

A spin bowler is entitled to bowl his allotted overs in one spell if so desired, however if he changes from spin to pace or pace to spin the restrictions apply. It is the scorers' responsibility to keep a tally of overs bowled in respect of this Rule. If a competent scorer cannot be found, then the manager of the bowling side must assume the position.

## 21. LAWS OF CRICKET

The laws of cricket as approved by the Cricket Australia and adopted by the Cricket Victoria shall be adopted by this Competition, subject to modifications as may from time to time be agreed upon.

## 22. CODE OF CONDUCT - Player Behaviour

It is desired that all players be encouraged to observe the ethics and traditions of the game - any acts of gamesmanship, time wasting and unsportsmanlike activities will not be accepted. Under no circumstances shall Umpires decisions be disputed by players and/or team officials.

#### 23. BREACH OF RULES

Any breach of the content of these rules shall result in a fine not exceeding \$25.00, except where the rule itself carries a penalty of breach.

#### 24. CHANGE OF RULES

No rule shall be repealed or altered, nor shall any new rule be added without concurrence of a simple majority of delegates at the Annual General Meeting or at Special Meeting called for the purpose. Refer By Law 25(d).