

CFN Regulations 2025-2026



CFN Board 2025-2026

Cricket Far North Inc.

CRICKET FAR NORTH REGULATIONS

These regulations pertain to all clubs and associations who participate in the Cricket Far North fixtures.

These regulations include:

[Affiliated Bodies Regulations](#) – Clubs will consider these when providing teams in the competition. They provide the framework for how clubs manage their commitments to CFN.

[The Player Regulations](#) – Clubs must consider these regulations which provide guidance on how their teams and players contribute to the successful operation of the CFN Competitions.

[Semi-Finals and Finals Regulations](#) – Player eligibility, finals venue selection, Finals Match Referees etc.

[Presentation Night](#) – Outlines the team and individual awards and trophies available for the end-of-season presentation night, and the context under which they are evaluated.

[Adjustments in this version](#)

Changes in this 2025-2026 version from previous seasons are listed below in GREEN text. You can go directly to these new regulations by clicking on the links in each item number below.

[1.1.5](#) – Blue Card requirements for clubs and associations following new legislation in 2025.

[4.1 and 4.2](#) – Registration of players and club's setting up PlayHQ.

[6.](#) – Representing more than 1 club – Franchise competitions are excluded from this clause.

[11.3](#) – Fixtures and Ground allocations – adjusted to add the CPL.

[12.](#) – Fitness of Grounds – Captains' responsibilities if no official umpire has been assigned.

[13.4](#) – Added a website link to ground staff and umpire contact numbers for when weather or a question for an assigned umpire is required.

[13.9](#) – Weather Policy – cancellation of matches – what umpire fees will be invoiced if they attend a match.

[13 and 14](#) – Weather Policy and Finals Match Referees – clubs must contact opposition/umpires etc. 3 hours prior to scheduled start (changed from 2 hours) – where possible.

[15.1.5](#) – Age Qualifications – ages have been removed from the Junior Competitions and replaced with tier level skills.

[16.3](#) – Jimmy Maher Cup matches cannot be shortened

16.4 – Junior Training sessions cannot be shortened

16.7 – A player must have played in 4 JMC matches to be considered a junior

19.6 – No senior match can be shortened

19.7 – No senior training session can be shortened

27.1 – A player must have played in 4 matches in that grade or lower to be eligible for finals

27.11 – The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee can ask for further information following a final match regarding perceived ineligible players

28.5 – Teams Qualifying for Semi-finals and finals – all 6 team competitions will have no semi-finals and finals will be 1 v 2

36 – Cancellation of Finals can only be made by the Match Referee or by the Board. Must attend.

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AFFILIATED BODIES REGULATIONS

Any club or association which has been approved as an affiliate in past seasons, will automatically be a recognised affiliate of Cricket Far North for any season following their approval.

These regulations will apply to all Cricket Far North (CFN) affiliated bodies who participate in the season's competitions.

Affiliated bodies are recognised in the current Cricket Far North Constitution (2025) under section 5.1 (a) as Members of the Association.

A list of our affiliated bodies and the contact details (Email & Mobile) can be accessed on the CFN website. This list will be updated as required.

1. Application to Cricket Far North as an Affiliated Body

- 1.1. Every new Association/Club (the applicant) applying for admission to Cricket Far North shall support its application through the official Association/Club Nomination form available from the CFN secretary (secretary@cricketfarnorth.com.au) and by a certificate signed by its secretary

and treasurer, setting out the qualifications possessed by it, including but not limited to:

- 1.1.1. The body's Incorporation details.
 - 1.1.2. An audited financial statement or details of the applicant's financial status.
 - 1.1.3. Details of facilities and amenities available at their proposed home grounds.
 - 1.1.4. An alphabetic list of the names of all members and their addresses signed by the club.
 - 1.1.5. All executive officers/coaches and adults (over 18) who are involved with the club must now have a current Working with Children Blue Card.
It is highly recommended that the club manages their Blue Card holders through the Blue Card Portal. [See details on the Blue Card website.](#)
- 1.2. The applicant must have the following minimal requirements in order for approval for admission to the Cricket Far North Association:
 - 1.2.1. They must provide a certificate of Incorporation with the Queensland Office of Fair Trading.
 - 1.2.2. They must be financially secure.
 - 1.2.3. They must have a membership roll of a minimum of eleven (11) players per nominated team.
 - 1.2.4. Unless the Cricket Far North Board otherwise approves, the possession or lease of one or more than one first grade standard ground and wicket approved by the Cricket Far North Board. Each Club shall be responsible for the upkeep of its grounds and wickets, The Cricket Far North Board shall be the sole judge of the necessity in all cases, and any directions which it may give in this matter shall be complied with by the Club concerned. In the event of failure to comply with any such direction, the Cricket Far North Board will take such action as they think just.
- 1.3. Application must be made no later than July 31 prior to the new season and must be through the secretary of CFN. The application will be considered by the CFN Board, who will deliberate using whatever method they proscribe, including the request for or use of any extra resources as required.
- 1.4. Confirmation or rejection of the application will be made to the applicant prior to the August general meeting of affiliated bodies, where the decision will be advertised as an agenda item.

2. Termination of an Affiliated Body from the CFN Season.

As per clause 1.1 above, any body which is approved to affiliate with Cricket Far North, is then considered an affiliated body for as long as the body is a viable proposition.

- 2.1. Termination of an affiliated body can only be made upon agreement between both the Cricket Far North Board and the affiliated body's administrative executive or board.
- 2.2. Termination is a last resort response to the viability of the affiliated body, and all efforts will be made by the affiliated body and the Cricket Far North Management to assist in the body's survival. This may include utilising whatever resources are available.

3. Application for providing a team into the 1st Grade Competition.

- 3.1. Any club who would like to apply for an admission of a team into the first-grade competition must have, along with a full complement of registered players for the proposed first grade team, the following arrangements:
 - 3.1.1. A full complement of registered players for at least one senior grade team. Preference will be for the club to have a 2nd Grade team and lack of this requirement may result in their application being rejected, and
 - 3.1.2. A full complement of registered players for a least one Junior Tier 3 Jimmy Maher Cup team.
- 3.2. The CFN Board may request proof of player numbers and further information as they deem necessary to grant the proposal.
- 3.3. A club having the above requirements are not necessarily granted automatic entry into the first-grade competition.
- 3.4. A club having a team in the first-grade competition in the previous season(s) does not automatically qualify them for the following season(s).
 - 3.4.1. Requirements outlined in 3.1 above must always be in place as a condition of approval.
 - 3.4.2. CFN may have concerns over the team, or the club's manner of participation in the previous season(s), whatever that may be and may ask for further information to be re-admitted.

4. Registration of Players.

- 4.1. All affiliated clubs must configure their registration process through PlayHQ before the start of the season in order for 4.2 to be enacted.
- 4.2. Before the completion of the first fixture in each season, each player involved in an affiliated club and playing in a Cricket Far North competition must register as such via PlayHQ. All players and officials involved in cricket must have a CricketPlus (formally CricketID) profile. Registration and payment of players is now an individual responsibility and covers costs for insurance through Marsh Insurance, maintenance of PlayHQ and its ancillary websites, and club registrations. Lodgement must be before the completion of the first round of fixtures.
- 4.3. Registrations of new players must be completed before the player participates in any competition. **They will not be considered Insured unless they have done so.**
- 4.4. Failure to comply by the relevant timeframe will result in all teams from all competitions from the offending Club being unable to compete until the situation is rectified.
- 4.5. Registrations are done using the Cricket Australia sanctioned PlayHQ website. A player cannot be added to a team list until they are registered. Each club can obtain instructions on how to use the PlayHQ website for their clubs from the PlayHQ website. Cricket Australia also provides updates via email.
- 4.6. The management of all players MUST be done within PlayHQ.

5. Un-financial Members, Transfer and Clearance.

- 5.1. No member of a club who leaves a club to join another club shall be eligible to play in any association fixture until he/she is financially clear of the club of which he was originally a member.
- 5.2. No person who has been playing in the competition of an affiliated association shall be eligible to play in the Cricket Far North competition

until he/she satisfies the Board that he/she is financially clear of such an affiliated association.

- 5.3. A person shall be deemed to be financially clear of a club if, up to the time of his/her leaving the club, he/she has paid annual subscription, paid any special levies in subscription, wicket fees and paid any penalty validly imposed by the club in accordance with the regulations thereof.
- 5.4. The final decision shall be left to the discretion of the CFN Board.
- 5.5. Any player who has not paid their subscriptions by the commencement of the season (or prior to playing in an initial match after the season has commenced) shall be deemed to be un-financial.
- 5.6. Similarly, any club who has not paid their annual fees to the Treasurer of Cricket Far North prior to the commencement of the first round will be deemed un-financial and be considered ineligible to play until all monies are paid.
- 5.7. All clubs/associations are required to apply for a clearance for any transferring player, from any club in Australia. This is done in the PlayHQ website.

Penalty for Transgression – at the discretion of the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee - **Loss of 6 competition points.** Applied to the team in which the member played.

6. Representing More Than One Club.

A player may only play for 2 clubs in the same season subject to Regulation 5 – (Un-financial Members, Transfer and Clearance) above.

This excludes franchise competitions such as the Tyrepower Barrier Reef Big Bash and other tournaments outside the Far North.

7. Distribution and Payment of invoices.

Whilst the distribution of invoices to and between clubs and associations is a matter for each club or association, as Affiliated Members of Cricket Far North, the association requires all its members to always be financial. It is understood that Affiliated Members may have different financial years, concluding at the end of a variety of months in each year, however, all members are required to have their books in order at the conclusion of the CFN financial year, which is April 30.

- 7.1. All CFN affiliated members must send any invoices for ground fees, player fees or any other fee as they determine for each season within the CFN financial year of the current season, which concludes on April 30 of each year.
- 7.2. All invoices served must also be paid before the conclusion of the CFN financial year, which concludes on April 30 of each year.
- 7.3. Any Member with outstanding invoices from the current season at the conclusion of the CFN Financial year may be considered unfinancial until such time as these invoices are paid.
- 7.4. Members are under no obligation to pay any invoices provided after the conclusion of the CFN financial year for the current season. They will not be considered unfinancial in this instance.

7.5. Clubs are also under no obligation to pay any invoices which were generated in a season prior to the current season.

8. Umpire Match Allowances.

Umpires will receive in respect of Cricket Far North and other recognised zone match competitions, a match allowance as outlined in a fee structure informed by the Cricket Far North Umpire Association Inc. to Cricket Far North prior to the commencement of the season. The fee structure will cover the number of umpires officiating in a match and will consider the format of the match in which they are standing.

Clubs will be invoiced by the Cricket Far North Umpire Association for the umpire allocations monthly.

9. Match Fees

Recommended match fees are set at the start of each season. These fees contribute to:

- Preparation of the venue
- The match ball
- Umpire fees

Clubs may charge their own player's match fees outside of these recommendations; however, the recommended fees are what visiting teams will expect to be invoiced for.

For 2025-2026 the recommended fees per player per day/match are:

9.1. 1st and 2nd Grade Matches:

- 9.1.1.** Limited Over (40/40 and 50/50) day matches - \$25.00
- 9.1.2.** Limited over day/night matches - \$30.00
- 9.1.3.** T20 matches - \$15.00
- 9.1.4.** T20 day/night matches - \$20.00

9.2. Other Grade matches:

- 9.2.1.** 35 over matches - \$25.00
- 9.2.2.** T20 matches - \$15.00

9.3. Ladies, [Colts Premier League](#) and Jimmy Maher Cup Competitions

- 9.3.1.** All matches - \$15.00

10. List of Fixtures

At the August meeting of Cricket Far North complete rounds of fixtures shall be determined, unless a later meeting is assigned for this purpose. The fixtures will be published through the PlayHQ website, which will replicate into the PlayCricket App and each participating club will be informed of the draw availability.

11. Fixture and ground allocations

- 11.1.** The fixture and grounds allocations will be included in the draw for each competition prior to the commencement of the season. Under no circumstance can ground allocations be changed or altered except by approval from the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee. [Approval](#)

should be sought using the Change Ground Allocation Request Form this will automatically be sent to the Chief Executive Officer. **Please ensure this is completed no later than midnight on the Thursday prior to the match.**

11.2. Should any portion of any fixture be played upon any ground other than that allotted to it, neither club participating in such fixture shall be awarded any points.

11.3. To ensure clubs are best able to provide back up of players across their teams during the weekends, the following grades will play on the below days. Some matches such as a T20 weekend competition and some finals MAY be played on both days.

In 2025-2026 with the introduction of the Colts Premier League (CPL), some Saturday afternoon matches excluding 1st Grade may be moved to a Saturday morning. Some matches in the CPL and Senior Ladies competitions may also be played on Friday Evenings.

Please check the PlayCricket App for the times of all matches.

Standard days will be:

11.3.1. 1st Grade, 3rd Grade will play on Saturday afternoon.

11.3.2. 2nd Grade, 4th Grade will play on Sunday afternoon.

11.3.3. Colts Premier League (T3) will play on Saturday afternoon.

11.3.4. Jimmy Maher Cup Competitions (T3) – Saturday morning.

11.3.5. James Hopes Cup Competitions (T2) – Saturday afternoon.

11.3.6. Brendan Nash Cup Competitions (T1) – Saturday morning.

11.3.7. Ladies Competition – Sunday morning.

12. Fitness of Grounds.

Decision. If a match has not been communicated as being cancelled under clause 13 (Weather Policy – cancellation of matches), the decision regarding the fitness of the grounds for play shall be left in the control of the groundsman of the host ground up until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play, from which time this responsibility will be overtaken by the umpire(s) for that match. Any decision from that time onwards with regards to the state of play will be within the jurisdiction of the umpires.

If there are no official umpires assigned to the match, then the responsibility on the fitness of the ground must be made by the captains. Any decision from that time onwards with regards to the state of play will be within the jurisdiction of the captains. **If one captain feels they may be able to play, then both teams will remain. Both captains together must agree to abandon a match.**

12.1. Each ground must have the MARSH Insurance Gameplay Checklist available for the captains to use for assessment of the state of the grounds.

12.2. The checklist can be found online at <https://info-pacific.marsh.com/acton/media/44357/cricket-check-list-marsh> and a QR Code has been sent to all clubs to copy and display on their clubhouses.

12.3. If the online version fails, a paper copy can be downloaded from the Cricket Far North website. Several copies of this file should be available in the clubhouse for use by captains to cover every match played at their grounds.

12.3.1. The checklist must be filled out by both captains together before the toss and if using the paper copy, it must be co-signed by both captains.

- 12.3.2. This is a requirement under the CA insurance regulations, and failure to fill these forms out may result in a failed insurance claim.
- 12.3.3. These forms are to be kept by the clubs until the beginning of the following season (initially one year) in an appropriate and safe manner.
- 12.4. Following the commencement of play, [see the General Playing Conditions 12 – Fitness of Play](#).

13. Weather Policy – Cancellation of Matches

See also the new Cyclone Policy – Appendix A below.

Preliminary Matches

- 13.1. Clubs must report on the condition of their grounds, or whether play has been abandoned due to grounds not able to be prepared properly during the week due to inclement weather/vandalism etc. This [Grounds Condition Report Form](#) must be provided **before midday on the Friday prior to Saturday matches and before midday on Saturday prior to Sunday matches**.
- 13.2. Should the report indicate that their oval(s) will not be available for play, The Chief Executive Officer will communicate this information to the opposition clubs, the umpire association and to the CFN Vice-President.
- 13.3. If the decision to cancel is made on the morning of the match due to overnight storms etc., the host clubs must inform the Opposition Club, Umpire Association, and the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee Chair via mobile phone call or text message no later than **3 hours** prior to the normal starting time of a match in order to cater for travel and to allow time to inform the above affected persons.
- 13.4. **Contact numbers for the [Ground Staff](#) and [Umpires](#) can be found on the [Cricket Far North website](#).**
- 13.5. **For matches which start in the morning, decisions regarding the state of the ground may not be able to be made in the timeline stated in 13.3 above. It is highly recommended that captain's phone the ground staff of the home club before starting on a long journey to the match.**
- 13.6. Despite informing of a ground's cancellation under either 13.1 or 13.3 this does not preclude other grounds being available for that grade. Play can commence at those grounds despite other matches in that round being cancelled.
- 13.7. The travelling team may call the host groundsman, or club representative (mobile numbers are listed in the [club contacts document](#)) or captain in the hours prior to the commencement of the match to enquire as to the fitness of the ground but should be aware that no decision may be made at the time of the call.
- 13.8. **Player Attendance Required.**
If no such decision is made to abandon or postpone the match within **3 hours** of the scheduled start of play, it shall be obligatory for both teams to attend at the ground prior to the scheduled start of play.
- 13.9. **Umpire Attendance**
 - 13.9.1. **If the official umpire(s) have not been contacted when a match has been abandoned as required in 13.3 and they arrive at the ground, full match fees will be invoiced to the home grounds. If the umpire(s) have to travel from their home to the club which**

takes over 45 minutes, a travel fee will be invoiced to Cricket Far North for payment.

13.9.2. Where there has been no play and the official umpires are in attendance, a nominal fee will be invoiced to the home club if both captains agree to call the day's play prior to 45 minutes after the scheduled commencement time.

If the match is an out-of-town match where the umpire(s) must travel more than 45 minutes, the travel fee will also be invoiced to Cricket Far North.

13.9.3. Where both captains call the day's play beyond 45 minutes after the scheduled commencement time, or there has been some play, the home club will be invoiced for the full match fee. The travel fee will also be charged to Cricket Far North if travel is greater than 45 minutes from the umpire(s) homes.

13.9.4. If the match is called off before the umpires arrive and no later than 75 minutes before play is scheduled to start, then no fee will be payable. To avoid a travel fee please ensure the umpire has been contacted as stipulated in 13.3.

Lack of Preparedness (Preliminary Matches)

The lack of preparedness of a ground is difficult and frustrating for both host clubs and for the opposition teams. Cricket Far North understands that most of our venues rely on volunteers to maintain and prepare their grounds for competition. However, it is paramount that every effort is made for clubs to have their grounds available for play as required.

Covers ([see article 10 – Covering the Pitch below](#)) must be suitably held down to cater for strong winds and heavy storms. Covers being 'blown off' wickets during storms resulting in a damaged pitch, can be considered negligent on the club's part.

COMMUNICATION is paramount for transparency. [Use the forms available on the cricketfarnorth.com.au website as required.](#)

This clause is detailed for preliminary matches only. Preparedness for Finals matches have a more detailed process and can be found below.

13.10. Should the grounds be deemed unplayable by the groundsman due to lack of wicket preparedness through inclement weather/vandalism etc., they must follow item 13.1 stringently.

13.11. Should any representative of any team or club feel that the surface has been deemed unplayable due to a lack of preparedness during the maintenance of the grounds prior to and no later than the Friday midday before the day of the match, a complaint can be made through the **Grounds Condition Form**. This complaint MUST be accompanied by date-stamped photographic or video evidence.

13.12. Following the lodging of this form a Match Referee who is a reputable independent individual or an umpire who is a current financial member of the Cricket Far North Umpires Association, or a representative(s) of the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee, who is not a representative of either club involved in the match, will be selected.

13.13. The Match Referee will phone the club/association President and discuss the accusations raised in 13.8. Following this conversation, the Match Referee may then decide to:

13.13.1. Attend the ground to evaluate the concern, or

13.13.2. Act in whatever manner he/she feels appropriate to ascertain the accuracy of the accusation raised in 13.11 above, which must include date stamped photographs, videos or requested evidence of the site.

13.14. If the Match Referee delegated in 13.12 confirms the accusations outlined in the Grounds Condition Form, he/she will enact the penalties outlined in 13.12.1.

13.15. Should the Match Referee delegated in 13.12 find no evidence raised in 13.8, then the match will not be cancelled/postponed, and players and umpires will be required to attend the normal commencement time of the match. [See clause 13.6 – Attendance Required above.](#)

13.15.1. Should the Match Referee advise that the grounds have not been prepared sufficiently due to negligence on the part of the host club, the club can be penalised all points for all matches to be held on that ground during the day/weekend. The visiting team will be allocated win points for the match.

Lack of Preparedness – Semi-Finals and Finals

13.16. Should the match be a semi-final or final, the club will be required to attend and maintain the ground for the week prior to and during the full duration of that match.

A Finals Match Referee will be appointed to ensure these conditions are followed. (See Finals Match Referee below)

13.17. The travelling team may call the host groundsman, or club representative ([see club contacts on the Cricket Far North website](#)) or captain in the hours prior to the commencement of the match to enquire as to the fitness of the ground but should be aware that no decision may be made at the time of the call.

13.18. The match will continue under the guidance of the match umpires who will manage the match as outlined in [General Playing Condition 2.8 – Suspension of Play in Dangerous and Unfair conditions](#) above if weather continues to impact the match.

14. Finals Match Referees

All processes outlined in Item 13 above must also be met for finals matches however host clubs will be informed by Cricket Far North or an independent person, designated as a Finals Match Referee who will be available for the week preceding the semi-finals and finals and/or reserve finals days.

The Finals Match Referee will confirm the status of their grounds as required, during this proceeding week leading up to the semi-finals or finals and if required, on the day of the semi-final or final.

It is the obligation of a club to ensure they are in constant contact with the Finals Match Referee during this period.

14.1.1. The delegated Finals Match Referee can be a current financial member of the Cricket Far North Umpires Association, or a representative(s) of the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee, who is not a representative of either club involved in the match.

The Finals Match Referee will be selected by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee and their contact details will be sent to the clubs involved across all grades. The Finals Match Referee will:

14.1.1.1. Evaluate the preparation of the ground is in accordance with the conditions outlined in this document including the wicket square, the pitch, boundaries, and the outfield to ensure the grounds have been properly maintained during the week leading up to the semi-final or final or reserve days.

14.1.1.2. The Finals Match Referee will keep the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee informed of any issues as they occur.

14.1.1.3. The Finals Match Referee will provide date stamped photographs, videos, or any other evidence to support his/her evaluations to the appropriate contact in the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee.

14.1.1.4. IF there are issues which may result in a match not starting at the scheduled time on the day of the match, the Finals Match Referee will inform the appropriate contact in the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee, the opposition team/club/captain, and the appointed umpire(s) regarding the status of the grounds on the Thursday evening no later than 9:00 p.m. via mobile phone call or text message. [Umpire mobile numbers can be found here.](#)

14.1.1.5. The Finals Match Referee will attend the final and will work with the umpires during a match assisting them with the playing conditions, informing captains and assisting the scorers with the Duckworth Lewis calculations.

14.1.2. On match day, should the Finals Match Referee feel the finals match could commence within 2 hours of the designated start time, then the match will not be cancelled/postponed, and players and umpires will be required to attend the normal commencement time of the match. [See clause 13 – Attendance Required above](#) and [14.2 to 14.7 below.](#)

14.1.3. The same process outlined in 13.1 to 13.6 will continue until such time as the match cannot continue due to a lack of time for a minimum length match to be played.

Time is calculated backward from the scheduled completion time.

Time for a match to be completed are:

14.1.3.1. 40 over matches (minimum of 20 overs each to comprise a finals match): 270 minutes (Includes a 15-minute interval).

- 14.1.3.2. 35 over matches (minimum of 15 overs each to comprise a finals match): 240 minutes (includes a 15-minute interval).
- 14.1.3.3. All other limited over matches will be 50% of the overs comprising a full match, calculated at 4 minutes per over with a 15-minute interval.
- 14.1.4. The club will be required to provide a grounds person or suitable club member to attend and maintain the ground for the week prior to the semi-final or final or reserve days and to be present, or available for the full duration of all finals matches.

14.1.5. Should the Finals Match Referee feel there is negligence on any aspects of grounds preparation in the week leading up to the final, the home team may be disqualified from the semi-final or final.

Attendance Required.

- 14.2. If no such decision is made to abandon or postpone the match within 3 hours of the scheduled start of play as per 13.7 to 13.12 (preliminary matches) and 13.16 to 13.18 (finals matches), it shall be obligatory for both teams to attend at the ground prior to the scheduled start of play.
- 14.3. In preliminary matches, upon the arrival at the ground, if the umpires feel the wicket would not have been playable due to the poor weather during the preceding week as opposed to precipitation which occurred during the period prior to the match, and the match is abandoned, the umpires will report as such on the match report and provide this to the Chief Executive Officer, who will forward the match report to the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee for their ruling.
- 14.4. If there is no official umpire available, and the away captain also feels the conditions are as per 14.3 above, they should compile photographic and video evidence to substantiate their claims and provide a written report via the appropriate form **no later than midday on the Monday following the match**. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee will investigate and make their ruling.

If the home club is deemed negligent in their grounds preparation, they may be liable to the payment of the ground fees to the opposition club and umpire match fees.

- 14.5. If a Bureau of Meteorology report indicates a major weather event such as a cyclone or severe low accompanying heavy showers, which reaches a severe warning level in the week leading into the weekend, all matches for that weekend may be cancelled.
- See [APPENDIX A – Cyclone Policy below](#).

14.6. If weather conditions cause dangerous conditions for driving, a match may be cancelled as a safety precaution for travelling players and match officials, even if the venue itself is available for play.

14.7. At any time, the decision to cancel matches under 14.5 and 14.6, will be a decision of the CFN Board and is final.

PLAYER REGULATIONS

15. Age Qualifications.

15.1. Grades

The following minimum age and skill level restrictions shall apply on the date of any given Cricket Far North sanctioned match:

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| 15.1.1. | First Grade | 15 years of age. |
| 15.1.2. | Second Grade | 15 years of age. |
| 15.1.3. | All other senior men's grades | 14 years of age. |
| 15.1.4. | Open Ladies | 12 years of age. |
| 15.1.5. | Junior Matches (ages as at Sept 1 of each year) | |
| 15.1.5.1. | Colts Premier League Tier 3 skill level | |
| 15.1.5.2. | Jimmy Maher Cup Tier 3 skill level | |
| 15.1.5.3. | James Hopes Cup Tier 2 skill level | |
| 15.1.5.4. | Brendan Nash Cup Tier 1 skill level | |

16. Juniors playing in the senior competitions.

16.1. Clubs are encouraged to prioritise Jimmy Maher Cup players to play in that competition. Only Jimmy Maher Cup players can play in senior competitions. [See Age requirements for senior cricket.](#)

16.2. Jimmy Maher Cup players may choose to participate in both the Jimmy Maher Cup and in the various Senior Cricket competitions. Where circumstances arise that may prevent participation in both, players are encouraged but not obliged to preference the Jimmy Maher Cup.

16.3. [If a player in the Jimmy Maher Cup has been informed he/she will be playing in any match following their game at another ground, under no circumstances will the JMC match be shortened to allow the player\(s\) to leave early to attend that match. Players may leave but play will continue.](#)

16.4. [16.3 also pertains to any training sessions or organised event.](#)

16.5. Dispensation for the Senior Competitions.

It is expected that players will first play in the Jimmy Maher Cup and subsequently in Senior Cricket Competitions, however this is not mandatory. Should a player wish to play senior cricket only (in which case, they will then be considered as senior players), this is permissible under the following circumstances:

16.5.1. As soon as player reaches the minimum ages in the senior competition as outlined in clause 15 - Age Qualifications above, they may play in the given grade without any need for dispensation.

16.5.2. If the junior player does not reach the age qualifications, the club must apply for and receive approval on the online [Junior Player](#)

[Dispensation Request form](#) as per clause 18 – Dispensation Procedure below.

- 16.6. Junior Players can play up in senior grades as much as the club desires. They are not restricted by the statistical benchmarks outlined in article 19.15 below. It also means junior players can play down in the junior competitions even if they surpass the statistical benchmarks in article 19.15.
- 16.7. If a junior player (U18) who plays most of the season in a senior team and does not play more than 4 commenced matches in the Colts Premier League or Jimmy Maher Cup competition during the season, they will be considered senior players and are not eligible to play in any Colts Premier League or Jimmy Maher Cup finals matches.

17. Juniors playing in the Junior Competitions.

Clubs will also need to apply for dispensation on their junior players moving within the Junior competitions.

- 17.1. Dispensation for junior players who have played 3 or more games in the Jimmy Maher Cup Competitions and who want to move back to the James Hope Cup, must be made adhering to clause 18 – Dispensation Procedure.
- 17.2. Clubs are responsible for the movement of their own players between their Tier 1 Brendan Nash Cup and their Tier 2 James Hopes Cup teams. However, they must adhere to the confirmed playing conditions of those competitions. Should any club feel these playing conditions are breached, they may appeal to the Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au).

18. Dispensation Procedure

- 18.1. When requesting dispensation, the club must fill out the appropriate online [Junior Player Dispensation Request Form](#).
- 18.2. This form must be filled out online in full and this will automatically go to the Fixtures and Grounds Sub-Committee (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au) for their deliberations. If any section of the dispensation request form is not filled, the request will not be considered.
- 18.3. The Chief Executive Officer will forward the findings of Fixtures and Competitions on to the requesting club and will keep the request and finding on record.
- 18.4. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committees are committed to ensuring all players play the game in a safe and caring community, and all requests for compensation will be taken seriously. However, the Sub-Committee's decision on dispensation is not subject to appeal.

19. Re-grading and 'Doubling Up' of Players

- The term 're-grading' means dropping a player down to a lower grade.
- The term 'Doubling Up' means having a player play more than 1 match on a weekend (or over 2 weekends if a 2-Day match). It means a player is playing up a grade, not down a grade.
- Players who do not reach the statistic levels mentioned in 19.15 do not need to request a re-grade or a double-up.

Re-Grading Players ([Re-Grade Request Form](#))

- 19.1. There is no requirement for an application to be made to re-grade a player to a higher grade, unless they are under the minimum age for the grade they are to play in.
- 19.2. Any player who has played 3 or more matches in a grade, and who has surpassed the statistical benchmarks listed in 19.15 below, must request a re-grade to move to a lower grade. Exception is for players under 18 whereby:
- 19.2.1. Any player who is under the age of 18 can play 2nd grade without restriction. This will be the age they are on the 1st September for the season. If they turn 18 during the season, they are still able to play 2nd grade for the remaining of the season.
- 19.3. Players who do not reach these statistical benchmarks can be re-graded by the club without a request despite having played more than 3 matches in that grade.
- 19.4. If any team feels a player has been re-graded but has surpassed the requirements of 19.15 inform the Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au) using the [Dispute of a Re-Graded Player Form](#).
- 19.5. A player does not need to request another re-grade if they have returned to a higher grade after having been granted a re-grade previously in the season, until such time as he/she surpasses the statistical benchmarks listed in Clause 19.15 below.
- 19.6. If a player has been informed he/she will be playing in any match following their game at another ground, under no circumstances will the match be shortened to allow the player(s) to leave early to attend that match.
- 19.7. Item 19.6 also pertains to any training sessions or organised event.

Players ineligible for re-grades.

A club may [request a re-grade](#) if they feel they have an extenuating circumstance. A player is ineligible for a re-grade if:

- 19.8. They attain the statistical benchmarks outlined in clause 19.15 below.
- 19.9. The re-grade request is for a move to a grade that is 2 grades or more lower than their previous match. However, if the player has been promoted from a grade that is more than 2 grades below, they can return to their original grade without needing a re-grade request.
- 19.10. **Open Representative Player.**
Any player who has been selected in higher open representative cricket (as outlined in regulations 21 and 22 below) during the current season, will not be eligible to be:
- 19.10.1. Re-graded to lesser grades during that entire season, unless they are within 19.2.1 on junior guidelines.
- 19.10.2. Replace players in lower grades during that entire season (as per regulation 21 – Replacement of Players (Higher Representative Selection).
- 19.10.3. If a club feels this player is not performing in first grade, and would like to re-grade him/her, they may apply on the [Player - Regrade Request Form](#) for consideration by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee. A player of this calibre can only play down one grade i.e. from 1st Grade to 2nd Grade.

- 19.10.4.** Any player who is under the age of 18 (junior player) can play 2nd grade without restriction. This will be the age they are on the 1st September for the season. If they turn 18 during the season, they are still able to play 2nd grade for the remainder of the season.

Doubling-up Players ([Double-Up Request Form](#))

- 19.11. Application for doubling-up is only required if a player is doing so in different grades, and who complies with the requirements outlined in 19.2 above.
- 19.12. Junior players may double-up without request in any senior grade.
- 19.13. Junior players can also play back in the junior grades even if they have surpassed the statistical benchmarks outlined in 19.15 below.
Please note however, the bowling restrictions on a weekend for junior players ([See Appendix B - Bowling Restrictions](#)) for bowling restrictions for junior players)
- 19.14. Applications for a player re-grade or 'double-up' must be made via the correct form [available here](#) **no later than midnight on the Thursday prior to the commencement of the match.**
Late applications will not be considered.
- 19.15. Statistics for Re-Grade and Doubling Up
For any request for a re-grade or doubling up, a player must have reached specific criteria as outlined below in 19.15.1 to 19.15.4.
If the player has **not reached these statistical benchmarks, they do not need to request a re-grade or double-up**, no matter how many matches they have played.
These criteria are:
- 19.15.1. T20 BATTING BENCHMARKS.**
After accumulating a minimum of 50 runs and a minimum batting average **above 17.00.**
- 19.15.2. T20 BOWLING BENCHMARKS.**
After bowling a minimum of 10 overs and surpassed a minimum bowling average of **under 17.00.**
- 19.15.3. LIMITED OVER BATTING BENCHMARKS**
After accumulating a minimum of 100 runs and a minimum batting average **above 17.00.**
- 19.15.4. LIMITED OVER BOWLING BENCHMARKS**
After bowling a minimum of 20 overs and surpassed a minimum bowling average **under 17.00.**
- 19.16. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee have absolute discretion to grant or refuse any re-grading or double up request. There are no grounds for an appeal on their decision.
- 19.17. No player can play more than 2 senior matches in any given weekend.

Penalty for Transgression for articles 15, 18, 19 above and 20 below the club and team will incur a **Loss of 6 competition points**. Teams who lose illegally due to breaches of these articles, will be awarded a win, and the team in which the breaches occurred will receive no points for that match.

20. Interchange of Players Between Teams in The Same Grade

If any club has more than 1 team in any grade, the players therein shall not be interchangeable except in the following circumstances:

- 20.1. A player on promotion or re-grade to a grade in which the club has more than 1 team may play in any team in such grade.
- 20.2. Once having played 3 games for a team, this becomes the player's primary team.
- 20.3. Clubs may interchange players from their primary team to a second team in the same grade for no more than 2 preliminary games. No interchange is allowable for finals matches (see Regulation 26 Semi-Final and Final Eligibility below).
- 20.4. A club may apply for approval to transfer a player permanently from one team to another in the same grade.
 - 20.4.1. Contact the Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au) before midnight on the Thursday immediately preceding the date set down for the commencement of the match for which consent is sought, attaching the appropriate [Transfer Request Form](#).
 - 20.4.2. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee will assess the application, and the club will be informed of the decision through the Chief Executive Officer.
 - 20.4.3. Consideration shall apply only to the transfer of players to the team named in the application.
- 20.5. In any grade interchange of players can be made if necessary to avoid possible forfeit of one of the included teams.
 - 20.5.1. The Club must inform the Chief Executive Officer if they have brought clause 20.5 into action as per General Playing Conditions Item 15.1 Forfeiture of Matches.
 - 20.5.2. The player interchanged between teams must comply with clause 20.3 above.

Penalty for Transgression – Loss of 6 competition points. Applied to the team in which the member played. Teams who lose illegally due to breaches of these articles, will be awarded a win, and the team in which the breaches occurred will receive no points for that match.

21. Players selected in Cricket Far North Representative teams.

- 21.1. Any player, who has made himself available and is selected in any CFN representative team (Open, U21, U18 or Open Ladies), cannot withdraw from the team unless under such circumstance as an emergent personal or work-related issue which must be officially confirmed.
- 21.2. The player will then NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY in any fixture match with his club during the weekend(s) of the representative match from which he has withdrawn.

Penalty if said player does compete in a club fixture is loss of match points for the team he plays for.

22. Replacement of Players (Higher Representative Selection).

This regulation pertains to any 2-day type competition. It is not relevant for limited overs matches, except for clause 22.3.2.

- 22.1. The application of this regulation to situations and to other representative teams shall be determined from time to time by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee, at an ordinary meeting of the Sub-Committee or at a special meeting of Cricket Far North convened for that purpose.
- 22.2. This regulation shall apply to all preliminary rounds, semi-finals, and finals. Players selected by Cricket Australia (CA), Queensland Country Cricket Association (QCCA), Queensland Cricket (QC), Queensland Junior Cricket (QJC), Queensland School Sport (QSS) or the North Queensland Cricket Alliance (NQCA) for a match on one day of a club round including semi-finals and finals may be replaced on that day and participate normally on the other day/days of the relevant club fixture including semi-finals and finals.
- 22.3. Replacement procedure:
- 1.1.1. The replacement player is drawn from another grade playing in the same round or preselected as a replacement only.
- 22.3.1. Consequential vacancies in a lower grade must be preselected as a replacement only.
- 22.3.2. Players who are selected as replacements in any grade will have that match considered as having played for their usual grade for finals eligibility purposes.

If playing in a non-limited over match.

- 22.3.3. A player involved as a replacement may continue the not out innings of the player he replaces on a subsequent day of play.
- 22.3.4. Captains must notify opposing Captains and the umpires of the names of replacement players before the toss written on a legible team list which must be presented prior to the toss.
- 22.3.5. A player selected by QCCA, QC, Cricket Australia, QJC, QSS or NQCA official after the commencement of a club fixture may be replaced in accordance with this regulation. The Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au) and the secretary of the opposing club (the captain may deputise) must be notified of the replacement players by noon on the Friday following the first day of the match. The player's captain prior to resumption of play shall notify the umpires.
- 22.3.6. A player omitted by QCCA, QC, Cricket Australia or QJC, QSS and officials after the commencement of a club fixture may compete in his normal grade team on a subsequent day of play. The Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au) and the secretary of the opposing club (the captain may deputise) must be notified of the replacement players by noon on the Friday following the first day of the match. The player's captain prior to resumption of play shall notify the umpires.

23. Alcohol and Drugs

Players must not consume alcohol or recreational drugs during the hours of play or arrive at the match under the influence of alcohol/recreational drugs which may cause them to bring the game into disrepute or be seen to place them in

danger of injury. The enforcement of this regulation is the responsibility of the team captains.

24. Queensland Cricket Intoxicated Players Policy.

- 24.1. A player under the influence of alcohol or drugs possesses a potential risk to themselves and to the other players, spectators, and officials. An intoxicated player is not permitted to participate in a Queensland Cricket (QC) sanctioned match; umpires have the authority to exclude the participation of intoxicated players from a match and will exercise that authority where appropriate to facilitate the continued safe conduct of matches.
- 24.2. The umpires will report the player(s) on their match report and inform the Chief Executive Officer.
- 24.3. If there are no umpires assigned to the match, the captains must take the action in 24.2 in the form of an email outlining the player's name, the club they played for and the name of the player's captain.
- 24.4. Players are reminded that no insurance claim will be valid if they are found to be affected by alcohol or drugs.

This is a breach of the Player Code of Behaviour and the **Penalty for Transgression** for both the **captain and player** is a report under the Code of Behaviour.

25. Player's Dress

25.1. SHIRTS

Players may wear coloured shirts in the respective club colours.

25.1.1. Coloured Playing Shirt Designs.

A Club must apply for approval for any significant change to their existing playing apparel including their coloured shirt(s) and/or trousers.

This must display:

- 25.1.1.1. the proposed colour designs.
- 25.1.1.2. the positioning and details of the logos and/or sponsorship decals.
- 25.1.1.3. Clubs will be informed by the Chief Executive Officer if their designs are clashing or unsuitable for the competition and will be asked to provide a re-designed copy when available.
- 25.1.1.4. All coloured shirts should be available for play from the first match of the season.
- 25.1.1.5. Numbers should be used on the back of the shirt and is recommended. See 25.1.3 for size of numbers.
- 25.1.1.6. Mixed shirts are not permissible.
- 25.1.1.7. Shirts should be designed in the manner that stays within the current logo regulations [below] and with colours that are suitable to be used with a white ball. Clubs can design the playing shirt/s within these boundaries, but the Cricket Far North Board has final decision on shirt approval.

25.1.2. Permitted Logos on white and coloured player shirts:

Only approved logos and identification, as authorised by Cricket Far North is permitted to be worn in matches. It is the responsibility of the team's captain to ensure the players are correctly attired. It is up to the discretion of the umpires who can refuse a player access to the field if they do not comply with these regulations. Penalty time will apply for this player if it exists in the playing conditions.

25.1.3. Permitted logo sizes and dimensions.

- **Club Logo.**
64.5 cm² (10 sq.in.) on either chest
- **Manufacturers Logo.**
6 sq.in. (38.71 cm²) on either or both arm sleeve
- **Commercial Logos:**
It is not expected that a playing shirt will have any commercial logos on the front or back of the shirt. However, if the club sponsors require these please contact the Chief Executive Officer.
- **Club Sponsor logos:**
64.5 cm² (10 sq.in.) on either arm sleeve or 64.5 cm² (10 sq.in.) on either back or chest.
- **Numbering**
Numbers should be a minimum of 20cm long with proportional width.

25.1.4. White Playing Shirts

White playing shirts may be used in red ball cricket matches only.

25.1.5. Coloured Playing Shirts

Coloured playing shirts may be used for White Ball cricket matches. However, they may only be used in Red Ball matches if there is no significant amount of red on the front of the shirt.

25.2. TROUSERS AND PADS

Long Polyester/cotton trousers of conventional style will be accepted.

25.2.1. Manufacturer's brand must not exceed 5 square centimetres.

25.2.2. Teams playing in the 1st Grade limited over and T20 competitions must wear club-coloured trousers and coloured batting pads.

25.2.3. Teams playing in other grades which use a white ball may also wear club-coloured trousers and coloured batting pads.

25.2.4. If a red ball is used, coloured trousers are permitted, but the batting pads must be white.

25.2.5. Any player not wearing the correct trousers and batting pads will not be allowed to participate in the match until such time as the correct attire is being worn.

25.2.6. A club may use the same-coloured shirts or trousers in One Day and T20 matches, or at its discretion, a club may use a different coloured shirt for One Day and T20 Matches.

25.3. HEADGEAR THAT ARE NOT HELMETS.

The permitted headgear is:

- 25.3.1. Current Club cap only.
Caps of club's players have previously played for are not acceptable.
- 25.3.2. White floppy hats
- 25.3.3. White towelling cricket hats
- 25.3.4. Baseball caps, bucket, promotion or floppy caps with coloured trims are not allowed.
- 25.4. HELMETS.
Batting helmets are mandatory for all players under all forms of bowling.
Fielding:
 - 25.4.1. All players standing in as wicketkeepers MUST wear a protective helmet when standing up to the wicket.
 - 25.4.2. Senior players must wear a helmet when standing within 7 metres in front of the striker's popping crease.
 - 25.4.3. Junior players (U18) are not permitted to stand within 10 metres in front of the striker's popping crease.
- 25.5. FOOTWEAR.
 - 25.5.1. Socks.
Socks must be white, cream or matching their trouser colour.
 - 25.5.1.1. No other colour should be visible when the player is in motion.
 - 25.5.1.2. Colour bands at the top of socks is not acceptable should the player choose to tuck their trouser leg in their socks when batting.
 - 25.5.1.3. Socks must be worn at all times when on the cricket field.
 - 25.5.2. Shoes.
All players batting or bowling on turf wickets must wear cricket shoes with spikes. It is preferred that predominantly white shoes be worn.

Penalty: Transgression of the above regulations will see the offending player and captain reported on the Match Report provided by the umpire(s) and signed by the captains. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee will decide on any appropriate action in this regard.

26. Alterations to Regulations.

These Regulations will be the standard for the season addressed on the cover page of this document and will not be amended during a season unless under extenuating circumstances as deemed by the Fixtures and Ground Sub-Committee. Should an extenuating situation arise:

- 26.1. No existing regulation shall be repealed or altered nor shall any new regulation or playing condition be added without the concurrence of three fourths of the persons present and entitled to vote at a CFN General meeting (this may be virtual or via email).
- 26.2. Regulation alterations will be advertised on the website and Facebook and the new regulations and playing conditions posted for all to download, a link to the document will be emailed to all club and association secretaries.

- 26.3. The version number of these regulations will be clearly outlined, and a change notification will appear on the first page of the Regulations booklet and on the Cricket Far North website and Social Media pages (if existing).

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS REGULATIONS

27. Eligibility of Players for Semi-Finals and Finals – all competitions

- 27.1. To be eligible to play in a semi-final or final match in all senior, and junior competitions a player must have played in at least 4 of the completed or suspended matches on separate weekends* of the preliminary round matches of that grade and/or any lower grade. These 4 matches must be of the format of the final i.e. if a limited over final, the player must have played 4 limited over matches if it is a T20 final, they must have competed in 4 T20 matches, – [see General Playing Condition 1.2.4 – regarding the naming of Teams and Team Lists](#).

NOTE: * a suspended match is one which has commenced (that is, at least one ball has been bowled in the first innings), but has been abandoned for some reason such as poor weather or a major injury to players, the umpire has called off the match etc.

- 27.2. This also infers that the players are registered and financial.
- 27.3. Note that should more than one eligible player be unavailable in a final's team due to participation in a regional, zone or state sanctioned competition ([see article 21 – Higher Representative Selection above](#)) which clashes with a final, the reserve day should be chosen so the player(s) are available to play.
If the club feels they can provide an eligible player in this person's place, without any weakening of the team, however, this can be by-passed.
- 27.4. Any player who has replaced a player on representative duty will be credited with a match in their normal grade. See Regulation 21.3.2.
- 27.5. Any junior player who plays in a representative match including the above or in the Queensland Schoolboys or Queensland Junior Cricket sanctioned matches, will be credited with the relevant junior competition as outlined in the junior fixtures' skill levels in the junior competition playing conditions.
- 27.6. It is solely up to the club, the team selectors and captain's responsibility in ensuring their named team is eligible to play the semi-finals and finals.
- 27.7. To ensure eligibility, clubs shall:
- 27.7.1. Check PlayHQ for the number of games they have played to confirm eligibility outlined in clause 26.1 above.
 - 27.7.2. Ensure a junior (U18) player is eligible if chosen in a senior [semi-final or final match, by checking they have played a minimum of 4 matches](#) in a Colts Premier League or lower grades, and who is the appropriate age and if not to provide a Junior Player Dispensation Request ([see Regulation 15 and 17 – Age Qualifications and Dispensation Processes](#)).
- 27.8. The umpires cannot rule on player eligibility status.

- 27.9. If there is contention over the eligibility of a player which cannot be adjudicated on match day, the player concerned can play in the match and a ruling will be made by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee (based on details outlined in the Match Report provided by the umpire(s) and signed by the captains following the conclusion of the match **or from information which comes to the committee following the match** as to the player's validity and will subsequently rule on the outcome of the match.
- 27.10. **The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee may also request and/or receive further information following the conclusion of a match which may be used by them to rule on the outcome of a match.**
- 27.11. If an ineligible player is recorded on the team list and plays, the match shall be forfeited by the offending team. This is the sole responsibility of the team captain on the day of the match.

28. Teams Qualifying for Semi-final or Final.

- 28.1. For any reason, the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee may adapt different requirements for some or all the grade competitions following the commencement of a season, this will need to be ratified by a general meeting of Cricket Far North before clubs are informed. However, the standard requirement is:
- 28.2. With Eight [8] or more teams in the competition - at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the four highest placed teams, in each format of their competitions shall qualify to play in the final's series.
The semi-finals will be:
- Team 1 v Team 4
- Team 2 v Team 3
Winners of each semi-final will progress to the final.
- 28.3. In 7-team and in 6-Team competitions – at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the three highest placed teams, in each format of their competitions shall qualify to play in the final's series.
The semi-finals will be:
- Team 2 V Team 3
- Team 1 will progress directly to the final.
The winner of the semi-final will progress to the finals.
- 28.4. In other competitions – Whereby a competition has been provided which is outside normal fixtures such as super6 or re-structured T20 competitions not played within grades, or other format, the semi-finals and finals will be outlined in the competition's separate playing conditions.
- 28.5. **All competitions of 6 teams or less will not play a semi-final. Finals will be 1 v 2 in the preliminary ladder.**

29. Teams Finishing on Equal Points

- 29.1. In the event of the teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in a Semi-Final or Final match will be determined by the most wins in the preliminary matches or, if still equal, the higher [net run rate](#) in the preliminary matches. See below for additional information as to how net run rate is calculated.

- 29.2. The Net run rate is not applicable for a match that is declared no result.

30. Minimum Overs for Semi-Finals and Finals

- 30.1. Minimum overs for semi-finals and finals will be 50% of the preliminary match format. For example, if the preliminary matches are a 40 over format, the minimum overs for both teams in a semi-final will be 20 overs.
Playing times will be earlier than preliminary matches to enable every effort to be made to complete the match.

31. Allocation of Semi-Finals and Finals Venues

- 31.1. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee shall allocate the grounds on which Semi-Finals and Finals are played.

Semi-Finals Venues:

- 31.2. In all Semi-Finals, the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder shall have the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the ground on which the Semi-Final is played.
- 31.3. If the team that has finished higher on the premiership ladder does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi-Final, then the opposing team has the right to nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi-Final.
- 31.4. If the opposing team does not nominate one of its home grounds as the venue for the Semi-Final, then the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee shall allocate a ground.
- 31.5. This regulation does not apply where a Club is unable to nominate a home ground as a venue because its home grounds are being used for Final Matches of that Club's higher grades.
- 31.6. Where that occurs, the Club may nominate another venue to play the Semi-Final.
- 31.7. Clubs shall nominate their grounds in order of priority prior to 31 January each year.

32. Tie in Semi-Final

All semi-finals will enforce the Super Over should there be a tie. The Super Over process will continue until there is a result. [\(See Appendix A - the Super Over\).](#)

33. No Result in a Semi-Final

If a semi-final results in a Tie (No Super Over Possible), No Result or the match is Abandoned on the scheduled day of play, there will be no allowance for a reallocation of the match. The team finishing highest on the ladder prior to the semi-finals shall automatically progress into the final.

34. Finals Venues:

- 34.1. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee will allocate the Venues for all finals matches.
- 34.2. Clubs shall be requested to make their grounds available for all Semi-Finals and Finals, including matches in which their teams are not involved in. Should there be extenuating circumstances, which prevent a

Club's grounds from being available for Semi-Finals and Finals, the Club should outline the specific circumstances in writing to the Cricket Far North Chief Executive Officer (admin@cricketfarnorth.com.au), no later than the 31 January each year.

- 34.3. The venues chosen to host the semi-finals and finals must ensure they follow [Clauses 2.8.7 Lack of Preparedness](#), 9 – [Preparation and Maintenance of the Pitch](#) and [10 Covering of the Pitch](#). All effort must be made to ensure a match can commence despite adverse weather. Failure to do so and under consideration from the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee, may result in a forfeiture of the match. [See 13.11 to 13.16 Finals Match Referee for more detail.](#)

- 34.4. If the match is played on a ground which is neither of the team's home ground, a financial reimbursement of all ground, match and umpire fees may be requested of the affiliated club the ground belongs to.

35. No Result in a Final.

- 35.1. If the limited overs final scheduled match does not provide a result i.e. the minimum overs ([See item 29 Minimum Overs in a Final](#)) are not achieved and the match is abandoned, the final will be re-played on a reserve day.
- 35.2. If a T20 or any other fixture (Super 6, Super 8 etc.) final scheduled match does not provide a result i.e. the minimum overs ([See item 30 Minimum Overs in a Final](#)) are not achieved and the match is abandoned, there will be no reserve day and the team which finished higher on the points table at the completion of the preliminary matches or if still equal, the most wins in the preliminary matches, or if still equal the best [net run rate \(see 39 below\)](#) at the end of the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

36. Cancellation of Finals

[Finals matches can only be postponed or cancelled by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-committee or the Match Referee assigned to the finals match.](#)

[Both teams must attend the assigned venue unless/until the finals match has been officially called off by the above authorised bodies.](#)

37. Reserve Days:

Reserve days will only apply to the main limited over fixtures. Finals for the T20 or any other fixture will not be granted a reserve day, unless deemed suitable by the Fixtures and Competitions Committee. In this case see 37.4 below.

- 37.1. In 1st Grade, there will be 2 reserve days allocated for Finals:
- the Sunday of the scheduled weekend and
- the Saturday of the following weekend.
- 37.2. All other grades' Grand Finals of the limited overs fixture for the season shall have one (1) reserve day allocated on which a Tie (with no 'Super Over' possible), No Result, or an Abandoned match may be replayed. No other fixture shall have a finals reserve day allocated. See definition above.
- 37.3. All reasonable effort should be made to complete the Grand Final on the scheduled day with any necessary reduction in overs taking place.

The minimum number of overs cannot be reduced below less than 50% of the published number of overs outlined in the format playing conditions. The final will continue under the same conditions on the reserve day.

- 37.4. If the reserve day is utilised, and no innings has been completed by either team, then the Final will begin as a new match on the reserve day with captains tossing for choice of innings as per [Clause 13.5 \(The Toss\)](#).
- 37.5. If there is a tie (with no 'Super Over' possible, [see Appendix A – Super Over](#)), No Result, or the match is abandoned on the reserve day (or second reserve day for 1st Grade), or if there is no reserve day granted, then the team which finished higher on the points table at the completion of the preliminary matches or if still equal, the most wins in the preliminary matches, or if still equal the best [net run rate \(see 39 below\)](#) at the end of the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

38. Relocation of Grand Final

- 38.1. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee may relocate the Grand Final (whether on the scheduled match date or on the reserve day) if it believes (in its absolute discretion) that the Grand Final may be materially affected by adverse ground conditions, inclement weather, bad light, or any other circumstance that it believes is relevant if it was played at the scheduled venue.
- 38.2. The members of the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee must not include any person who is a member of the clubs involved in the finals.
- 38.3. The Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee will consider the information provided by the initial grounds officer and the independent officer appointed by the sub-Committee when deliberating on their decision.
[See Club and Player Regulations regulation 13 – Weather Policy](#) – cancellation of matches – Finals Matches article 13.4.

39. Tie Result in a Final

- 39.1. All finals will enforce the Super Over should there be a tie. The Super Over process will continue until such time a result is reached.
[\(See Appendix A - the Super Over\)](#).
- 39.2. Super Over not possible
If a Super Over cannot be completed on a reserve day or relocated Final match, the team that finished higher on the points table at the conclusion of the preliminary matches shall be declared the winner.

40. Net Run Rate

- 40.1. A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.
- 40.2. In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota

of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

40.3. Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculations.

40.4. Where a match is abandoned, and upon abandonment a result is calculated under the Duckworth/Lewis scheme, where Team 1 batted first, for net run rate purposes Team 1 will be credited with Team 2's Par Score on the abandonment. The par score will be calculated off the number of overs faced by Team 2.

40.5. Where a match is concluded and a result is reached, and the Duckworth/Lewis system or in the women's and Jimmy Maher Cup competitions, the Net Run Rate was applied at an earlier point in the match, the losing team will be credited with 1 run less than the final Target Score of the winning team.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS NIGHT

The presentation/awards night shall be held as soon as practical following the last of the season's finals. Adjustments to the procedures and trophies may be made from season to season but will include the following:

Awards for All Grades

Awards in all grades enabling eligibility for trophies shall be recognised under the following conditions. All statistics exclude finals.

Batting Award. The player must have competed in at least 50% of the greatest number of completed innings played by his team.

The batting award is a combination of average and aggregate batting statistics.

Bowling Award. The player must have bowled at least 60 overs or taken at least 20 wickets prior to the finals.

The bowling Award is a combination of average and aggregate wickets.

Wicket keeping. The player must have played in at least 50% of the completed or suspended matches as a wicketkeeper for his/her team.

A completed innings shall be an innings in which the player's side has been dismissed.

A suspended match is one whereby the match has been abandoned following the commencement of play.

First Grade Awards

NOTE: Any player who is reported for a breach of the Code of Behaviour and is adjudged as charged, will automatically be ineligible for any Best and Fairest, Player's Player, U21 Player and Player of the Year awards.

Best and Fairest Player: Cricket Far North Player of the Year

This award is a compilation of points awarded to players either by official umpires for the match, by the captains together, or, if the latter is not awarded within a fortnight of a match, by the umpire coordinator based on the statistics in each match. The award is given to the player with the highest number of points compiled over the season in all formats. It is awarded on a 3/2/1 basis. One lot of 3/2/1 between the two sides.

The points are awarded on the PlayHQ website as soon as possible following each match.

John Beu Trophy: Player's Player of the Year

This award is to be selected by the two 1st Grade captains together on 3/2/1 basis (maximum of 6 points awarded per match). One lot of 3/2/1 between the two sides. This is to be recorded on the Captain's Match Report provided by the umpires and replicated onto the PlayHQ Website.

NOTE: Any player who receives a minimum of 1 suspension point will become ineligible for the “John Beu trophy: Players’ Player of the Year”.

Warren Maher Memorial Trophy: Under 21 Player of the Year

This award is selected by the Fixtures and Competitions Sub-Committee who will select the U21 Player of the Year based on their season’s statistics.

Cricket Far North – Player of the Year

An award MAY be presented to a player who has been deemed to have provided exemplary representation to the zone and/or to cricket in general.

All Other Grades Player of the Year.

These awards are a compilation of points awarded to players either by official umpires for the match, by the captains together, or, if the latter is not awarded within a fortnight of a match, by the umpire coordinator based on the statistics in each match. The award is given to the player with the highest number of points compiled over the season in all formats. It is awarded on a 3/2/1 basis. One lot of 3/2/1 between the two sides. This is to be recorded in ink on the team’s scorebook and on the Captain’s Match Report provided by the umpires.

NOTE: Any player who receives a minimum of 1 suspension point will become ineligible for the season’s “Best and Fairest” trophy for their grade.

Jimmy Maher Cup Competition

The awards for the junior competition will be based on their season’s statistics.

Individual Trophies.

All Grades – Each format played will have a separate award for each of the below. See above for eligibility for these awards.

- Batting Award
- Bowling Award
- Most Dismissals by a Wicket Keeper

All Grades – Finals Perpetual Trophies and Medals

All Finals team winners will be awarded the appropriate perpetual trophies for all formats of the game. A shield replicating the name of the perpetual trophy will be presented for the team and club to keep.

No perpetual trophy is to be taken by the winning teams or clubs and remain as property of Cricket Far North. Each perpetual trophy will be engraved with the winning team’s name and year of the award.

Each individual player of the winning team will be presented with a commemorative medal engraved with the competition grade and format.

Club Championship Trophy

The Clubs shall compete in a Club Championship terminating on completion of the Grade Competition Fixtures exclusive of Semi-finals and Finals.

Club Championship points are to be determined by multiplying the points secured [including incentive points] in each of the following competitions:

Grade Competition:

- x 3 First Grade
- x 2 Second & Third Grade
- x 1 Other Senior Grade
- x 2 Jimmy Maher Cup
- x 2 Female Competitions

In the case of a Club fielding two teams in any one Grade, the points of the team which holds a higher position in that grade on completion of the round, are added to its Club Championship points.

Points will apply to a maximum of 4 teams only per club, taking above into consideration. For clubs who have four or more teams in separate grades, the 4 teams with the highest points will make up the total score.

In the event of two or more Clubs being equal on points in the Club Championship, positions shall be decided on the highest points of the team in the highest grades, reducing until one club has more points in one grade than the other.

APPENDIX A – Cyclone Policy

POLICY

When a cyclone is approaching an area the BOM issues Tropical Cyclone Advises. An Advice is issued whenever a tropical cyclone is expected to cause winds in excess of 62 km/h (gale force) over land in Australia. A tropical cyclone advice may be a “**watch**” and/or a “**WARNING**”, depending on when and where the gales are expected to develop. Below procedure applies and overrules the playing regulations when:

- If a specific area is included in a tropical cyclone advice “**watch**” area cricket fixtures may continue.
- When a specific area is included in a tropical cyclone advice “**WARNING**” area, play must stop within 1.5 hours of the warning commencing for any matches in the warning area. This match will then be decided as per the playing regulations. (Win on DLS, No Result, Completed Result, etc)
- When a zone had been included in a “**Watch/WARNING**” area, or has a “**Severe Weather Warning for Damaging Winds**” due to a cyclone; clubs/associations do not need to cover wickets as per playing regulations as they may decide to put away equipment including covers. If this is the case, and play can’t commence due to water damage to uncovered wickets, then no play will commence, and match will be a washout as per playing regulations.
- When a club/association has had a “**watch**”, clubs are not required to cover wickets as per the playing conditions until 24 hours after “**watch**” has been cancelled as long as there is no “**Severe Weather Warning for Damaging Winds**”.
- When a club/association has had a “**WARNING**”, clubs are not required to cover wickets as per the playing conditions until 48 hours after “**WARNING**” has been cancelled as long as there is no “**Severe Weather Warning for Damaging Winds**”.

CANCELLING OF A ROUND

- Cricket Far North Executive Committee can at any stage decide to cancel a round/day of cricket if they feel like play wouldn’t be possible due to area being in a ‘**WARNING**’ for a cyclone, damage/flooding from a cyclone, inability to prepare a wicket, unable to cover wickets due to damaging winds.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Board, via the CEO, must regularly monitor BOM advice, ensure this Policy is enforced, and use all channels to communicate with clubs.

All clubs must promptly relay executive information and ensure team delegates understand the policy and required actions when a ‘**WARNING**’ is received.