

The captain of a team has a great deal of responsibility, not only for leading his/her team on the field during a match, but also before and after a match.

All clubs should ensure their captains are aware of the following responsibilities they **MUST** comply with when assuming this role.

The captain is responsible for:

Captain's role when there are no official umpires

- Captains choose their umpires either from their player base, or from someone within their club. The new Club Umpires would be a suggestion.
- These people **MUST** know the Playing Conditions
- They **MUST** be treated as an umpire, even if they are players. Players should help them out as well.
- Players under 17 should not be asked to umpire unless they have some certification or accreditation.

Weather issues which may affect play

- When a match has no official umpires, the Captains **MUST** understand how the management of a match progresses i.e. DLS, reduced overs, reduced bowlers' overs etc.
There is a table (Appendix C) in the Playing Conditions which will help.
- The Limited Overs Playing Conditions do not clearly define what must be done in these situations. You need to access the General Playing Conditions – available on the Cricket Far North website.
- Have the “Fitness for Play” and “Suspension of Play” (Page 17 and 18) and specifically “Delayed or Interrupted Matches” (Page 36) in the **General Playing Conditions** to inform you of what you need to do in these situations.
- NOTE: to abandon a match, both captains must agree. If one does not, the players will remain until they do.

Player behaviour

- Ensuring all players conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to and outlined in the Spirit of Cricket both on and off the field, prior to and following a match, whenever the team is involved in a match.
- Breaches against the Code of Behaviour by any player **MAY** also involve the captain being reported to the judiciary, along with the offending player.
- A captain is the compass of behaviour for his/her team and should always be exemplary. Poor behaviour by a captain will be considered harshly by both umpires and the Code of Behaviour process.

Playing Conditions and Player Regulations

- Ensuring he/she has a complete understanding of the playing conditions and regulations (available online). The General Playing Conditions are available on the cricketfarnorth.com.au website. These can be downloaded or accessed online – we recommend you have access to a copy with you at all matches. There is no excuse for a captain to be ignorant of any regulation or playing condition.
- The Limited Overs Playing Conditions are brief coverage of Playing Conditions and do not cover many situations which can occur in a match.

- Ensuring the pitches are covered for your home games at the appropriate times. Penalties WILL be incurred.

Before a match

- Ensure the Marsh Gameday Checklist (<https://info-pacific.marsh.com/acton/media/44357/cricket-check-list-marsh>) is filled out before each match, training session and rep match. This is to cover the venue should there be any accidents to players or spectators etc.
Without this form being completed, compensation may not happen.
- A QR Code to the Gameday checklist should be displayed at all grounds. If not, please enquire about why it isn't.
- Providing TWO written team lists (rather than relying on the online team list) of players, with their full names: one for their opposition captain and one for the umpire(s) to be provided at the toss. This also includes the age of junior (U19) players, where required.
IF the players have numbers, please also write those down beside their name. This makes it much easier for the scorers identifying players.
Players who are fill-ins or who have asked for their profile to be private on PlayHQ appear as ***** in PlayCricket and in the Live Score App, so we need to know who they are.
- Ensure the players are all wearing the correct uniform.
- Have a new match ball available for when your team is in the field.

During the match

- Player behaviour is your responsibility.
- Be fully aware of the process's umpires will now be utilising during a match (See the Code of Conduct procedures available on the Cricket Far North website)
- Being very aware of the wash-out and delays to play with regards to inclement weather conditions, and to ensure all players are available during these times.
- Consult with the opposition Captain regarding whether play will continue when weather sets in.
- If no official umpires consult with the captain of the opposition team on the reduction of overs – based on 4 minutes per over.
- Being aware of over rates. Slow over rates reflect on the captain only, and they can be penalised or be brought before the judiciary should this occur. Should you feel the slow over rate has affected the outcome of the game – fill in the Over Rate Breach form available at the cricketfarnorth.com.au site.

After a Match

- Immediately after a match – for all captains but particularly for 1st Grade captains, please make sure you speak with the umpires before you do covers, team meetings etc.
1st Grade captains must do their awards as soon as possible after the match. The umpires do not need to hang around waiting for you to discuss the match with them or to get the awards done.
- Please discuss the match with the umpire(s) following the game. If you have concerns over their umpiring, discuss these in a civil and constructive manner.



The Role of the Captain



- Both umpire and player awards will be recorded on the Umpire's Match Report.
- Any player reports or incident reports will require a discussion with the umpires.
- Ensure the umpires have recorded and signed their umpire awards in the scorebooks after each match.
- If there is **no umpire** appointed to the match, the captains must confer on the Umpire Awards (Best and Fairest) and write these into the scorebook. These should then be recorded in PlayHQ OR a match report can be filled out (available at cricketfarnorth.com.au) listing the points awards. This will go to the Administration Officer and will be recorded in PlayHQ.
- Ensure the teams PlayHQ scorer receives the score sheet and award votes well ahead of time for the results to be entered into PlayHQ within the designated timeline.