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PGG WRIGHTSON CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYING CONDITIONS

COMPETITION 2020/2021

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

Play hard and play fair.

Accept the umpire's decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.

Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.

Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Conduct

The NZC current seasons Code of Conduct with SCA amendments shall apply to all club competitions under the control of the SCA.

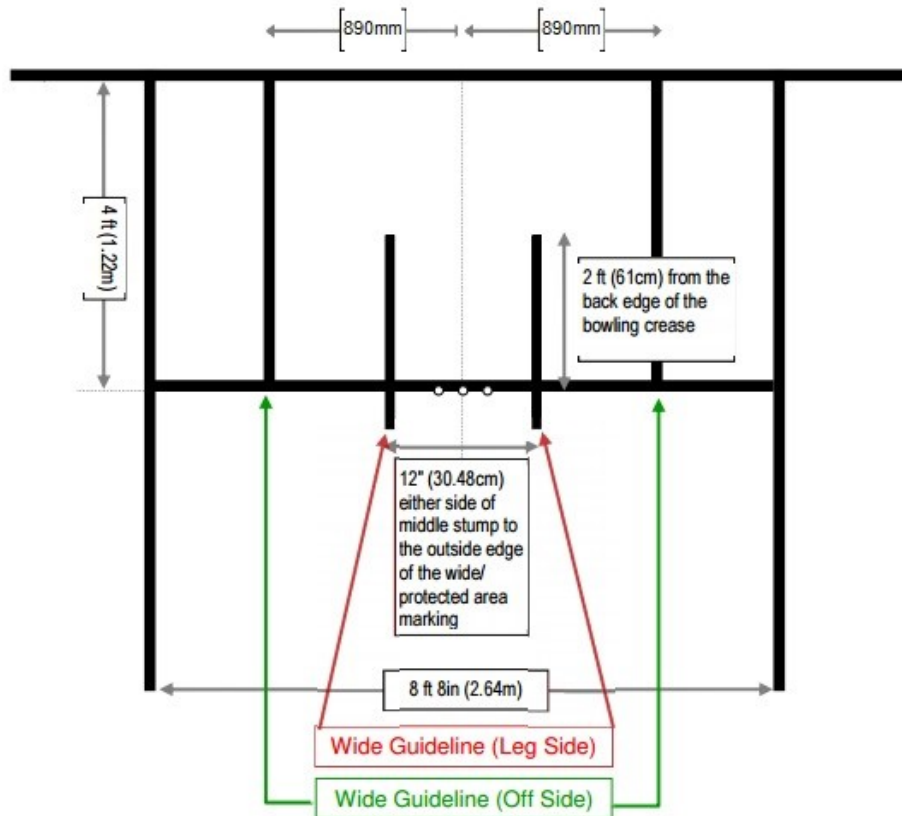
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Match Details

- ✚ 40 overs - 8 overs (max) per bowler
- ✚ Start time 12:30pm (Alternative start times can be negotiated between opposing team captains).
- ✚ 30 yard (27.5m) circle-fielding restrictions applied during the first 12 overs. There must be 2 catching players (within 15 yards or 13.72 metres) inside those overs, excluding the wicketkeeper. (Only 2 players allowed outside the 30 yard circle until the 12th over is completed, a maximum of 5 players allowed outside 30 yard circle from 13 - 40 overs)
- ✚ Where possible the pitches should be marked with wide guidelines 890mm either side of the centre stump for offside wides and 305mm (1 foot) either side of the centre stump for legside wides (see diagram below)
- ✚ Full toss above waist is a no ball, as is a bouncer over shoulder height (normal batting stance).
- ✚ If the bowler bowls a no ball (front foot or height) then the next delivery will be deemed a free hit. The fielding captain is not allowed to make field adjustments prior to the start of the free hit delivery, unless batsmen have changed ends. If the free hit delivery is either wide or another no ball then the free hit remains for the next legal delivery.
- ✚ For each match teams may be composed of twelve players. Prior to the toss for each match, team captains must provide the opposing captain a list of their batting X1 and fielding X1 (designated batter and designated bowler).
The player left out of the fielding X1 can act as 12th man for the fielding portion of the match. (ie the player may bat in the batting X1 but not bowl).
The 12th man acts as a substitute fielder the captain must advise the umpires when a player is leaving the field of play, and why, and when he is returning.
- ✚ A runner for a batsman when batting is not permitted.
- ✚ If an umpire feels that a batsman, in running between the wickets, has significantly changed his direction without probable cause and thereby obstructed a fielder's attempt to affect a run out, the batsman should, on appeal, be given out, obstructing the field. It shall not be relevant whether a run out would have occurred or not.
- ✚ The bowler is permitted, before releasing the ball and provided he has not completed his usual delivery swing, to attempt to run out the non-striker. Whether the attempt is successful or not, the ball shall not count as one of the over. If the bowler fails in an attempt to run out the non-striker, the umpire shall call and signal Dead ball as soon as possible.



Wide Ball

Guidelines and Application. Umpires need to ensure a balance between the application of the Law and the Playing Condition.

- ✚ Leg side
- ✚ Deliveries directed and bowled down the leg side (behind the body of the striker, standing in his normal batting stance) that pass outside the leg side wide guideline will be interpreted as a form of negative bowling and should be called "wide". For the sake of clarity, a ball that passes down the leg side, but in between the striker and the leg stump, shall not be deemed a "wide" for the purposes of this Playing Condition as there has been a reasonable opportunity for the batsman to score. The only exception to this directive is for a ball that just misses the leg stump. This is not deemed negative bowling and should not be called "wide" when the batsman moves across to the off stump from his original stance. Had the batsman not moved onto the off stump but remained in his normal batting stance the ball would have struck him, thereby negating any wide call.



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✚ Offside

Applying the Playing Condition, any delivery that passes outside the off side wide guideline, with the batsman in a "normal" batting stance, should be called "wide".

For clarity:

- i. If the batsman brings the ball sufficiently within reach and the ball passes outside the off side "wide" guideline then it is not a "wide". For example, a batsman moving to the off side as the bowler bowls, could bring the ball within his reach even though the ball passes outside the off side "wide" guideline, and if he fails to make contact with the ball, the delivery will not be called a "wide".
- ii. In extreme cases where the bowler delivers a ball and it passes wide of the return crease, then regardless of what movement the striker makes and even if he brings the ball within reach, if he makes no contact with the ball, then this delivery shall be called "wide".
- iii. When a right arm bowler is bowling around the wicket to a right hand batsman, or left arm bowler bowling around the wicket to a LH batsman and bowls full yorkers on the off side marked "wide" guideline; this is deemed a negative tactic, and the delivery should be called "wide".

✚ Wide interpretation for the reverse sweep or switch hit

The interpretation to be followed for calling a wide when a switch hit or reverse sweep is played or the batsman gets in a position to play the shot and then aborts it, is as follows.

- i. By the batsman playing the switch hit or the reverse sweep or getting in a position to play the shot, he is deemed to bring the ball sufficiently within his reach, on the leg side as well.
- ii. Consequently, in these circumstances, guidelines shall apply on both sides of the stumps. Simply, when the batsman plays or aborts playing a reverse sweep or a switch hit, these shots negate the leg stump wide interpretation.

Overhead wide in conjunction with NZC Playing Condition 41.2 (d) any ball that passes above head height of the batsman standing upright, that prevents it being hit with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called wide.



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Fitness for play

- ✦ It is solely for the captains together to decide whether either, conditions of ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.
- ✦ Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal.
- ✦ Conditions shall be regarded as dangerous if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.
- ✦ Conditions shall be regarded as unreasonable if, although posing no risk to safety, it would not be sensible for play to proceed.
- ✦ The fact that the grass and ball are wet and slippery does not warrant the ground conditions being regarded as unreasonable or dangerous. If the umpires consider the ground is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fielders of the power of free movement, or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets, then these conditions shall be regarded as so bad that it would be unreasonable for play to continue.



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Competition Format

- ✚ The competition will consist of two Divisions.
- ✚ Start date 31st October 2020 with 14 rounds through to 27th February 2021.
- ✚ All teams will be placed from 1st to 6th or 7th at the end of league play.
- ✚ The semi-finals will be held on 6th March 2021 with the final on 13th March 2021. There will be Reserve Days for the semi-final and final on 7th & 14th March 2021 respectively.

Semi Finals

1st v 4th
2nd v 3rd

Home ground determined by highest placed team at end of the round-robin

Final

Winner of 1v4 v Winner of 2v3

Home ground determined by highest placed team at end of the round-robin

Promotion Relegation

Winner of Division 2 can challenge last place Division 1 team

- ✚ In the event of teams finishing on equal points, placing's will be determined as follows:
 - The team with the most number of wins
 - The team with the most number of wins over the other team(s)
 - The team with the highest net run rate

- ✚ If the Semi Finals and/or Final are not completed then the winner of the fixture will be the highest place team at the end of the round-robin

Player Eligibility

- ✚ If a player has moved to a different club they must have paid last season's sub to their previous club before they can play for a new club in the 2020 - 2021 Season. Refer to condition 12 of Senior Playing Conditions regarding player transfers.

- ✚ Any team playing ineligible players will forfeit any competition points they win.



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- ✚ For semi-finals & finals it will be up to the captain's discretion and a gentlemen's agreement shall apply that no "game breaking" players be played. Remember to play within the "Spirit of the Game"
- ✚ Players must have played 3 Competition Games (completed games) in The PGG Wrightson Championship Competition (same division) to become eligible for the final series.
- ✚ Clubs to name their team a.s.a.p. (As best they can at the start of the week) for all final series games.

Points

- ✚ The winning team will receive 4 points for a win.
- ✚ If a match is drawn then the points will be shared 2 each.
- ✚ NO RAINED OFF RULE - If you play you are awarded the points available
- ✚ No bonus points
- ✚ End of season stats will decide top batsmen & bowling and overall MVP as calculated by CricHQ
- ✚ Statistics are for all competition games including semi's & finals
- ✚ All teams will be invited to the Southland Cricket Awards evening in March/April 2021
- ✚ Loss of points won after 18 December 2021 if Southland Cricket affiliation fees not paid.
- ✚ Affiliation fees are \$300 payable to Southland Cricket. Invoices will be emailed out.

The Ball

- ✚ Quality Kookaburra 156g, 4 piece leather cricket ball must be used for this grade.
- ✚ Ball types for this competition are:
 - ✚ 4 piece - Kookaburra Senator
 - ✚ 4 piece - Kookaburra Club Match
 - ✚ 4 piece - Kookaburra Regulation
- ✚ If the umpires/captains consider that the deterioration in the condition of the ball is such that it is affecting the safety of players or the quality of the game, then if the fielding team has a replacement ball of similar use, then the current ball should be replaced. The umpires/captains must also agree on the replacement ball. Each innings will be treated separately.

Alcohol - Will not be allowed on the field of play at any time or at school grounds.

Standard of Dress





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- ✦ Teams may wear coloured clothing as a part of a uniform; otherwise teams will wear standard whites.
- ✦ Venues to have access to Toilets.

Umpiring

- ✦ It is generally accepted that the team batting is responsible for the umpiring duties.
- ✦ SCA will endeavour to provide umpires for the finals.

Results

- ✦ Result cards are to be filled out and returned by the HOME team through the online CricHQ system.
- ✦ These can be completed by live scoring on the CricHQ App or by entering a full scorecard online after completion of the game.
- ✦ All players must be pre-registered in CricHQ with full details. If a non-registered player is involved in a game, their full registration must be completed within 2 days. Games will be defaulted if non-registered players are continually used.
- ✦ Please complete the full card regardless if players did not end up batting in their innings.
- ✦ All results must be submitted by 12pm on the Sunday following the round. If there are any issues please liaise with Southland Cricket to resolve. Teams sending in late results will default games. This will start from Round 1.
- ✦ All draws, results and points can be found at www.southlandcricket.co.nz

Cancellations

- ✦ Cancellations remain at the discretion of the opposing captains.

Complaints

All complaints regarding the competition must be made in writing and submitted to Southland Cricket. Complaints received may be discussed with the Combined Country Committee before any formal decision is made if appropriate.

Combined Country Committee: Ross McCall Steve Waddell Jono Hodson

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