



## **Rules and Regulations**

### **2021/22 Season**

#### **1. Definitions**

- a.) **Chairperson:** shall mean the Chairperson of HKCA or his/her appointed deputy.
- b.) **Administrator:** shall mean the CEO of HKCA or his/her appointed deputy.
- c.) **CCC:** shall mean the Community Cricket Coordinator appointed by the Board or his/her appointed deputy.
- d.) **The Board:** shall mean the Board of Directors of HKCA
- e.) **HKCA** shall mean the Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket Association Incorporated, a body duly incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

#### **2. Eligibility**

##### **2.1 To be eligible to play in any HKCA competition a player:**

- a.) must live in live in Horowhenua Kapiti, and
- b.) must be a financial member of a club affiliated to HKCA, and
- c.) must not have played for a club based outside HK at any time during the season.

**2.2 For the purpose of this rule a student who normally lives in Horowhenua Kapiti but has been attending primary, secondary or tertiary education outside Horowhenua Kapiti is deemed to live in Horowhenua Kapiti**

**2.3 The CCC may, at his sole discretion, grant any player dispensation from the requirement to live in Horowhenua Kapiti if, and for so long as, the player plays his/her cricket solely for a HKCA club. The CCCs decision in respect of any grant or refusal of such dispensation shall be final.**

#### **3. Non-financial member**

**Any player in default with his/her subscription or fines to any club or association affiliated with New Zealand Cricket (Inc) may be debarred by the Board from taking part in any HKCA competition.**

#### **4. Transfer of players**

**4.1 A player shall be free to change clubs in Horowhenua Kapiti between the end of a season and the start of the next season as long as the player has no outstanding subscriptions owing to his/her club they are transferring from.**

**4.2. Any player may change clubs in Horowhenua Kapiti during a season provided the written consent of the Board is obtained and a written clearance from his/her former club is presented to the new club before the player starts to play for the new club. No part may be taken in a match that commenced prior to full consent being obtained. This clearance is not required by primary, secondary or tertiary students while at school in Horowhenua Kapiti or transferring from a school to a club upon completion of their secondary school education.**

**4.3 A player shall be deemed to be a member of the club for which he/she first plays in any season even if a subscription has not been paid.**

**4.4 No club shall refuse to release a player from a club without good reason. What shall constitute good reason shall if necessary be determined by the Board. A club shall act promptly on a transfer request.**

#### **5. Representative Unavailability**

**5.1 Any player who is not available for any representative match under the control of HKCA, shall not play in a club match under the control of HKCA on any day of the representative match, unless he/she has notified the**

**Convener of Selectors (“the Convener”) and the CCC of HKCA of his/her non-availability, prior to the team being selected. The Convener and the CCC shall in each case determine whether the reason for non-availability shall warrant clearance to play club cricket.**

**5.2 Where a player is released by the selectors from a representative team because of injury, he/she shall not play in a club match on any day of the representative match unless he/she has been given leave to do so by the Convener and the CCC**

**6. Participation in the National Club Championship**

**The Horowhenua Kapiti Premier Limited Overs Champion will have the opportunity to contest the Central Districts Club Champs for the right to participate in the National Club Champs in Auckland. HKCA may decide, at its absolute discretion, to decline this opportunity to any Club or team that fails to meet certain criteria that the Board may set; these may include:**

- a.) **The Clubs inability to substantially field the players that participated in the winning of the Horowhenua Kapiti Limited Overs Club Championship**
- b.) **Any reports of the Team, or player/s of that team, unsatisfactory behavior, on or off the field, at any time during the season.**

**7. Power of Board and/or CCC**

**The CCC and/or the Board in its absolute discretion may:**

- a.) **Alter any competition at any time that it deems necessary.**
- b.) **Fine clubs and/or deduct points for any prescribed breach of the conditions contained within these rules.**
- c.) **Make dispensation decisions or rulings concerning any HKCA competition match and in such case the decision or ruling will be final.**
- d.) **Delegate authorities**

**7.1 Change of times and venues**

**All matches shall be played at the time and venue as set down by HKCA unless prior approval for any change is obtained from the CCC. If approval is granted the host team is responsible for notifying the opposition and the umpires.**

**7.2 Cancellations**

**There shall be no general notice of cancellation of any matches. It is the responsibility of the teams involved in any match to cancel matches.**

**7.3 Default**

- a.) **In the event of a team defaulting a match, the Secretary of that club must notify the Secretary of the opposing club and the CCC by 8 pm on the Thursday preceding the match.**
- b.) **The defaulting team will be penalised by having 2 points deducted.**
- c.) **No team shall be eligible to commence or resume play unless there is a minimum of seven players ready and available to take the field. This applies to both the batting and fielding sides. If any team fails to field a team of seven players the game shall be called off and the team with less than seven players will be deemed to have defaulted that game and points will be awarded to their opposition accordingly. Any team, which does not have the required number of players ready to take the field 20 minutes after the scheduled commencement or resumption of play, shall forfeit the match. This applies to both the batting and fielding sides**
- d.) **A defaulting team shall forfeit the game to the opposing team. If a club fails to observe the default procedure it will be liable of a fine of \$100.00 and the team shall not play any further matches in the competition until the fine has been paid to HKCA**
- e.) **The non-defaulting team shall be awarded points equivalent to the highest number of points by any other team in the grade for that series of matches.**
- f.) **Premier Grade - In the event of any team in the Premier grade defaulting a match, the defaulting team and all its Club teams shall not be awarded any points earned during that round of matches.**

**8. Results**

**8.1 Submitting Results to the Website**

- a.) **The winning team must submit results of all games via CricHQ.**
- b.) **In the case of tie or an abandoned game (ie no result) the home team is responsible for submitting the result.**

- c.) If the results are not submitted to the website within 72 hours of the completion of the match, all match points earned by the winning team will be deducted. Similarly, the home team will lose any points entitlement for failing to submit a "tie" or a "no result" (abandoned) game.
- d.) Each person wishing to submit results must have created a CricHQ profile and be given administration rights by the CCC Administrator or Club Administrator with rights to the club team he/she wishes to submit a result for
- e.) For all grades a full scorecard is required to be submitted
- f.) All Premier games should be scored live, it is the responsibility of the home team to do this, and the home team must upload the result.

## **8.2 Disputed Results**

When the result of a match is in dispute, the captains of both teams must make a written submission to the CCC within 48 hours of completion of the match and include:

- (a) A complete written explanation stating the reason for the dispute and including copies of their respective teams' scorebook.
- (b) All letters of dispute are required to be signed by an office bearer of the Club.

Where there is a disputed result in a match that will affect a team's contention for a quarter/semi final match that is scheduled to occur within 48 hours of the completion of the disputed match, the CCC must be notified within 2 hours of the completion of the match.

## **8.3 Umpires - Captain's report**

Both premier team captains, if their games have officially appointed umpires, shall complete and send a Captain's report on Umpires. This will be submitted online within 48hrs via ????????

Failure to do so will result in a two point deducted by the CCC at its absolute discretion.

## **9. Grading of Players**

**9.1 Any re-grading application can only be submitted at the end of a match and must be in writing and be lodged by 7pm on the Thursday prior to the match they wish to play in.**

**9.2 Players must not play in one grade on any Saturday and then in a lower grade on the Sunday in any competition.**

**9.3 No player may play in the same grade or a lower grade match when their team has a bye without the approval of the appropriate CCC whose decision shall be final.**

**9.4 An application by a club to re-grade a player during the season, from a higher graded side to a lower graded side, must be made by 7pm on the Thursday preceding the match to the appropriate CCC before the player can play in the lower graded side. The CCC's decision on re-grading players shall be final.**

**9.5 Any player shall be free to change grades between one season and another.**

**9.6 If a lower grade player plays on three consecutive playing days in a higher grade, that player shall be automatically re-graded to the higher grade.**

**9.7 If a lower grade player plays in any six days in total in a higher grade in any one season, that player shall be automatically re-graded to the higher grade.**

- a.) Prior to the start of the season, Clubs with more than one team in any one grade must provide team lists of at least 11 players for each team, to the CCC. Players listed may only play in the team nominated.
- b.) Club officials will be responsible for policing this rule. Teams not complying with this rule will have points deducted.

All re-grading complaints must be lodged in writing to the CCC within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

**9.12 Up to 3 players maybe changed for the second day of a 2 day match, except when played on consecutive days.**

**Additionally:**

- a.) If a player/s has been selected to play or coach for a HKCA, CD or NZ representative team and is/are required to be replaced for the second day of a 2 day match, then the replacement player/s may participate fully in the match.
- b.) If a player who has been selected for higher honours, has batted then the replacement player shall not be entitled to bat in that innings.
- c.) If a player who has been selected for higher honours, is not out then he/she shall be recorded in the scorebook as 'retired, not out' and his/her replacement shall be entitled to continue such innings.

#### **10. Artificial Pitches**

##### **Wearing of boots/shoes**

It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players of his team who are to play on artificial surfaces do not wear sprigs of any type on their footwear. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action being taken against offenders.

#### **11. Late Arrival**

Any player who is late arriving at a game is not required to have a stand down time before that player can bowl or bat.

#### **12. Premier Pitches**

The Board can prevent a club team hosting Premier Grade matches or finals if that Clubs turf pitch surface or the surrounding playing area are not up to an acceptable level as determined by the Board. The Board's decision shall be final.

#### **13. Pitches**

- a.) All Premier grade matches shall be played on turf pitches from November 1<sup>st</sup> each season, except where dispensation for one-day matches on artificial pitches is given due to weather conditions early in the season.
- b.) Only concrete based artificial will be used for Premier grade matches if not played on grass
- c.) All other grades may play on artificial pitches
- d.) Clubs with multiple grounds, are responsible for informing the opposing team where they will be playing prior to the day of play.
- e.) Premier and Senior Grades. Grass pitch surfaces must be protected by adequate waterproofed coverings no later than the Thursday night or earlier if the forecast is detrimental to the preparation of a grass pitch before the scheduled Premier or Senior Grade game. This also applies to Premier artificial pitches. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement will lose two competition points as decided by the Competitions Director in his/her absolute discretion.
- f.) Grass pitches that, for any reason, are deemed unable to be suitably prepared for a match must be notified immediately to TCA and their opposition no later than Monday preceding the match. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement may lose competition points as decided by TCA at their absolute discretion; and their opponent may be awarded default points if a suitable alternative venue cannot be found for the match.
- g.) That all artificial pitches must have the proper crease markings plus the wide markings in place.
- h.) All artificial pitches must have no concrete visible in the playing area of the pitch and no significant areas of exposed concrete around the perimeter of the pitch

#### **14. Match requirements**

- a.) The club, on whose ground the match is played, shall ensure that the ground is properly marked; that stumps and bails are available; that the ground is in good order for play; and the amenities are serviceable. A scoreboard must be provided. When matches are played on outside grounds the team named first on the draw for matches shall be the host team.
- b.) Drinks must be available and provided by the home side for all drink breaks which also include lunch and tea breaks. The host team is also responsible for providing lunch for the travelling team
- c.) If the ground is not properly in order for play the host team may forfeit the match at the decision of the Competitions Committee.