

VSDCA Umpires Meeting

10 December 2024

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- Pennant Rule 7.6 covers the process clubs need to adopt when requesting permission to use a 'replacement player'.

Key points to note are:

- Once Geoff Hart has approved, he will notify opposition club & officiating umpires (usually via Neill Murray).
- Umpires should clarify this with both captains at toss of the coin.
- **Using Louis Cameron from Brunswick as an example in Round 6 scheduled to be played on November 23 & 30.**
- Cameron unavailable to play on Saturday November 23 as he is with Test side in Perth.
- Brunswick obtains approval from Geoff Hart to use a replacement player for Cameron on this date.
- **Brunswick field on November 23**, replacement player can bowl no restrictions.
- **November 30**, Cameron would take his place in batting order as normal.
- Alternatively, **if Brunswick bat on November 23**, replacement players take his position in batting order.
- **November 30**, Cameron is available to bowl from first over of day's play, and if Brunswick have a second innings, is entitled to bat in that innings.

Pitch Ratings

- If umpires give a pitch rating of **7 or below**, you need to add some comments to your report stating the reasons why.
- These ratings go to Councils, so the VSDCA need this information if a Council contacts Ken Hilton and requests some additional feedback.
- The same applies to **6 or below in the Spirit of Cricket**. The VSDCA need to know what types of player behavior the umpires experienced to give a side such a low rating.
- If a rating of 6 and below this is totally unacceptable in our competition.
- Please note; that the Spirit of Cricket is a rating out of 10 points, not 5 points as some umpires are using.

T20 Twilight Competition

- The VSDCA are trialing something new in the T20 Twilight (only) in the endeavor to get games finished within the stated playing times.
- For this season, at the end of each block of 5 overs, the fielding captain will check with the umpires to see if they are on time for completion of each 5 over block.
- It is estimated they have 19 minutes to bowl 5 overs, plus allowances, if they have not bowled their 15 overs plus allowances within 57 minutes the fielding side will be restricted to 4 fielders outside the inner circle for the last 5 overs.
- **For this to work, the umpires must be alert throughout the innings, policing the 90 seconds for change over of batters at fall of wickets, lost or replacement cricket balls, injuries etc, to prevent the batting side manipulating the time restrictions.**

**** Ken Hilton will be sending a paper to clubs in January prior to the competition commencing.**

T20 Twilight Competition

Amended Rule.

- 10 Bowling Procedures & Slow Over Rate Penalty
- (a) Overs are to be bowled in 5 over blocks alternating between ends, i.e. overs 1-5 are bowled from one end, overs 6-10 are bowled from the other end, etc.
- (b) At the end of each over, only the 2 batsmen change ends. Apart from the normal field position changes, the fieldsmen only change after each 5 over block. At the end of each 5 over block, the batsmen remain at the same end.
- (c) No bowler shall bowl more than 4 overs in an innings.
- (d) The fielding side is allocated 75 minutes to bowl its allotted 20 overs.
- (e) The Umpires will strictly monitor time requirements (this will include **90 seconds** for new striker to face next delivery), **and advise fielding Captain after the completion of each 5 over block as to whether fielding side is meeting its time requirements. (Allowances are to be made for interruptions to play e.g. lost ball, injured player etc).**
- (f) **If a fielding side fails to complete its 15 overs within the allotted time (57 minutes plus any allowances), it will be restricted to 4 fieldsmen outside the field restriction circles for overs 16-20.**

J G Craig Competition

Craig Competition Points for Umpires

- Bowling Restrictions Rule 3.7
- Regardless of how many Overs are bowled before a break by that Bowler when he returns he can only bowl to an aggregate of 5. If he stops after 2 he can bowl another 3 then rest for 30 minutes.
- **Votes:-Email to peterflack@optusnet.com.au daily.**
- Match Reports to Ken Hilton each night – not at end of week.
- Side batting second entitled to 10 overs ONLY after winning- except on Days of extreme heat when game will finish. No second innings.
- Control drinks breaks – cue Managers before play.
- Fielding restrictions - Rule 9.14 Helmets compulsory for Batsmen and Keepers standing up.

J G Craig Competition

- Clothing All Players to be the same - a Full Colour shirt or White shirt with Club Colours or Plain White shirt.
- White Pants/ White Pads/Red Ball.
- VSDCA will pay Umpires and bill Clubs.
- Round 1 is a Sunday – may affect availability.
- Standard wide's call – not BBL
- Spirit of Cricket to be enforced.
- No play by 2pm – game abandoned
- Extreme weather in hands of Executive – 4 possibilities – Early start/Shortened Match/Finish when result Abandoned.
- The Duckworth Lewis system does not apply to rain affected matches.
- 20 overs constitutes a match for a result to be achieved.

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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR