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ASSOCIATION INC**

**Senior Twenty/20
Competition Rules**



2024/25

The 13th season of BHRDCA T20 competition

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TWENTY/20 COMPETITION MANUAL SEASON 2024/25

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The 2024/25 BHRDCA Twenty 20 Competition consists of **Eight** Grades of six teams per grade teams.

Each grade is Sponsor branded; the 2024/25 Grades shall be known as:

Kookaburra T20 Shield (1st Grade)	Field of View Photography T20 Shield (5th Grade)
Greg Chappell Cricket Centre T20 Shield (2nd Grade)	SEDA College T20 Shield (6th Grade)
Century Cricket Centre T20 Shield (3rd Grade)	Top Notch Trophies T20 Shield (7th Grade)
Mulgrave Country Club T20 Shield (4th Grade)	Modern Orthodontics T20 Shield (8th Grade)

The teams in each grade play each other once in a round robin format. A standard ladder is maintained and at the conclusion of the round robin matches the top four teams in each grade play off in Semi Finals. The winners of the Semi Finals play off in the Grand Final. Should weather intervene in the final series, the BHRDCA Committee of Management reserve the right to institute a Reserve Day.

DATES of PLAY

Round 1: November 26, 2024

Round 2: December 3, 2024

Round 3: December 10, 2024

Round 4: January 14, 2025

Round 5: January 21, 2025

SEMI FINALS: January 28, 2025 (Reserve Date February 4)

GRAND FINALS:

T20 A Grade – Kookaburra Shield & T20 B Grade – Greg Chappell Cricket Centre Shield:

Sunday: 16 February, 2025

All Other T20 Grades:

Tuesday: February 11, 2025

Reserve Date – All Grand Finals Tuesday: February 18, 2025

FINALS FORMAT

The team finishing higher at the end of the round robin rounds shall host the respective final, with Semi Finals played 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners progressing to the Grand Final (**NOTE:** In the Grade where 5 teams participate, a straight Grand Final between 1st & 2nd after the H & A season will be played), on the ground of the highest placed team.

Eligibility: Players participating in the final series must have played at least two matches in the preliminary rounds in **that Grade** or a **lower Grade**, i.e., must have played 2 or more games in a grade and cannot qualify having played 2 games across 2 grades.

Players: The principle governing the selection of players to the T20 grades is the same for the BHRDCA Senior competition; A regular Shield player (i.e. RMS, HWS, DMS & PWS player) cannot be selected for a lower T20 team (e.g. for the 2024/25 season, this equates to 6th, 7th & 8th Grade) **without a sound reason on a submitted permit to the BHRDCA Permit Mgr.**

As International, State, Premier Cricket and VSDCA players are generally ineligible to represent clubs in the Cricket Victoria Statewide Twenty20 Cup, BHRDCA will allow the selection of such players however, standard BHRDCA Permit conditions apply and they must participate in grades that allow such players.

Special dispensation permits for Players falling into the above category may be made and will be dealt with at the discretion of the Permits Committee. Permits must be lodged by 12:00 p.m. Tuesday before the scheduled match.

Match Balls: Pink coloured balls, or as otherwise directed by the BHRDCA CoM. Clubs **must** have a supply of additional balls available in the event that a ball is lost or damaged, with the Umpire(s) the sole arbiter of the replacement ball. Where no Umpire stands, a like for like ball will be the replacement ball, with both Captains agreeing on the state of such ball.

Equipment: The host club is required to supply stumps, bails, boundary markers, scoreboard and should have a designated area in the near the ground for both Home & Away teams to expedite entry/exit from the field. Players are to arrange their own drinks. Stumps bearing coloured club or sponsors logos are permitted.

Coloured pads or pad covers are permitted so long as they are a club colour matched to the playing attire.

Playing Uniform: Competing clubs may wear their regular cricket uniforms or may use coloured clothing, as approved prior by the BHRDCA CoM, provided all players are wearing the same playing attire. The sponsors brand marks and club logos are permitted. Names and Numbers on playing shirts are permitted, only surnames may be used, **NOTE: Nicknames are not permitted.**

Umpires: Where available an Umpire(s) will be appointed to each match. Umpires' Fees shall be fixed at **\$100 each (\$50 per Umpire/Club)** when **two Umpires** are appointed or **\$100 (\$50 per Club)** if **one Umpire** is appointed to the match.

Scorers: Each team will need to provide a scorer. The BHRDCA scorebooks should be used, however Live scoring / eScoring is permissible, provided at least one scorebook is also maintained at a match.

Match Reports: The home team is required to submit the scores in accordance with the standard Competition Management Platform reporting process (i.e. within 24 hours of the completion of the match). The away team confirms the match scores (within 48 hours of the completion of the match). Each team is required to enter their player statistics. Failure to comply with these requirements and timelines may incur a penalty fee. (Refer BHRDCA Senior Competition Rules – Rule 15. Schedule of Administration Fees)

Awards: The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Twenty20 Final in each grade...

- BHRDCA Premiership Flag
- 13 Premiership Medals to the winning team

Additional medallions may be purchased by the winning club via the BHRDCA Committee of Management.

RULES AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. Playing Conditions

- (a) The Laws of Cricket (Code 2017 & 2022), as adopted by BHRDCA except as varied hereunder, shall apply.
- (b) Unless varied within these rules, the BHRDCA Senior Competition Rules apply.
- (c) Artificial lighting **CANNOT** be used to augment natural light to progress play in any BHRDCA T20 competition

2. Eligibility of Players

- (a) All participating players must be registered on the Competition Management Platform with the club they are representing in the season of the competition.
- (b) *Clubs with two or more teams in the T20 competition may interchange players with a permit.*

*The closing time for permits is Tuesday 12:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled match. The principle governing the selection of players to the T20 grades is the same as for the senior competition. A regular Shield player (i.e. RMS, HWS, DMS & PWS player) cannot be selected for a lower T20 team (e.g. for the 2024/25 season, this equates to 6th, 7th & 8th Grade) **without a sound reason on a submitted permit to the BHRDCA Permit Mgr.***

(c) Unless specified by the Permit Committee; Permits are only applicable to the match for which the Permit is applied

- (d) Any player serving a suspension in any other BHRDCA or VMCU competition at the time of a scheduled Twenty20 match is ineligible.
- (e) Players participating in a Final match must have played a **minimum of two matches** in the preliminary rounds in **that Grade.**

3. Guest Players

(a) Up to a **maximum of two (2) Guest players** are permitted to participate in a Clubs Team affiliated within the **first five (5) Grades** of the Annual T20 Competition. **NOTE:** no Guest players are allowed to play in a team that is graded below the top five (5) Grades of the Annual T20 Competition.

(b) A **Guest player** is defined as **“a player who is not registered to play in any of your Club’s regular Saturday or Sunday Senior/Veteran/Women’s Competition teams** i.e. this player plays for a different club to your Club and would require a PlayHQ season permit to be submitted to participate in the BHRDCA Annual T20 Competition.

(c) A Club may have a player(s) that participate in a club team where they were a former junior player of the club within last 5 seasons and this player(s) have moved to an elevated competition to enhance their skills, e.g. the player was a junior at your club in the last 5 seasons and now participates in either the Victorian Premier Cricket Association (Premier Cricket) or the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association (VSDCA).

(d) In the **first five (5) Grades** of the Annual T20 Competition a **combined total of three (3) Guest and Home-grown players** can be in a **selected team** that participates in a match **with a maximum of no more than 2 guest players** within this limit.

(e) **Outside the first five (5) Grades** of the Annual T20 Competition, a club **may select a maximum of 2 Home-grown players** in a selected side, but **NO** guest players are allowed to participate in these grades outside the first five (5) grades of Annual T20 Competition

(f) Before the toss for innings the Captain shall identify any such Guest/Home-grown players to his opposing Captain and appointed umpire(s).

(g) Any such Guest/Home-grown players shall be identified on the Handwritten Team Sheet, in the Scorebook or already loaded on the Competition Management Platform for either live or e-scoring and may not thereafter be changed without the consent of the opposing Captain and appointed umpire(s).

4. Duration of Match & Nomination of Teams

(a) The matches will consist of one innings per team, each innings being limited to a maximum of 20 overs. Teams may play up to 12 players per team (1 nominated bowler) as nominated by the Captain.

(b) Before the toss for innings the Captain shall nominate their players. The nominations shall be in writing (i.e. on a Team Sheet, in the Scorebook or already loaded on Competition Management Platform for either live or e-scoring) and may not thereafter be changed without the consent of the opposing Captain.

(c) The Captain must inform his opposition Captain and the appointed Umpire(s) of who their 12th player (if named) is and also identify any guest players that are participating in the match at the Toss of the coin.

5. Hours of Play and Intervals

(a) Hours of play are to be determined by the competing clubs. The scheduled start time is 5:15 PM, however on agreement by both captains, play may commence play earlier (e.g. both teams present at 5:00 PM – start play).

- The first Match innings should run from 5:15 PM to 6:25 PM, with Umpires & Captains (where no Umpires present) ensuring this innings concludes no later than 6:25 PM.

- The second Match innings should run from 6:35 PM to 7:45 PM, with Umpires & Captains (where no Umpires present) ensuring this innings concludes no later than 7:45 PM.

(b) Intervals between innings shall be of ten (10) minutes duration, however Clubs are encouraged to keep the interval between innings as brief as possible.

(c) If no play is possible, or any of the matches are a tie or no result, a “Super Over” must take place (**Refer Rule 12.**)

6. Batting

(a) Uninterrupted matches. Each team shall bat for 20 overs unless dismissed earlier. If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 20 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 20 overs.

(b) In the event of a delayed/interrupted match: five overs/team constitutes a minimum match requirement

(c) If the team batting second receives less than 5 completed overs, the match shall be declared a draw

(d) In the event of a delayed or interrupted match (and provided both teams have faced a minimum 5 Overs), when the interruption occurs in the second Batting Innings, the score at the equivalent completed whole over of the first innings will be deemed the **PAR SCORE** for the match and the Winning Team will be the team with the highest score at the completed whole Over.

PAR SCORE EXAMPLE: **Team A** scores 150 from their 20 Overs (with their score after 14 Overs – 112), **Team B's** innings is disrupted with no further play possible after 14.4 Overs, with their score after the 14th completed over – 110)

NOTE: Because both teams have faced a minimum of 5 Overs – a match is constituted.

Their **PAR SCORE** is thus 112, i.e. **Team A's** score at the conclusion of the 14th Over is 112, **Team B's** Score after 14 completed overs was 110 therefore **Team A** is declared the winner.

(e) When no interruption occurs and both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the same agreed number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.

(f) A tie is equal runs scored, irrespective of wickets lost.

(g) In the event of a tie, if circumstances permit (Umpires and/or Captains where no Umpires are present to determine) a “Super Over” will be contested to achieve a result (**Refer Rule 12.**)

7. Batter Timed Out (Law 40)

(a) To further assist in timely Match completion, the incoming batter must cross with the dismissed batter on the field of play

(b) The incoming batter must take guard, or his partner be ready to receive the next ball within 2 minutes of the fall of the previous wicket.

Failure to comply may result in the incoming batter (upon appeal), being dismissed: Timed Out & the player issued with a Yellow card.

8. Bowling

(a) Overs are to be bowled in 5-over blocks alternating between ends, i.e. Overs 1-5 are bowled from one end, then overs 6-10 are bowled from the other end, etc.

(b) At the end of each over, only the two batters and two Umpires change ends. Apart from the normal field position changes, the fieldsmen only change after each five over block. At the conclusion of each 5 over block, the Umpires and batters remain at the same end.

(c) Each bowler will be restricted to a maximum of 4 overs per innings. Umpires will make appropriate adjustments for matches of reduced overs, based on the following table...

Length of Innings	Bowling restrictions
20 Overs	Maximum 4 Overs per bowler
19 Overs	4 bowlers can bowl 4 overs each, 1 bowler bowls 3 overs
18 Overs	3 bowlers can bowl 4 overs each, 2 bowlers bowl 3 overs
17 Overs	2 bowlers can bowl 4 overs each, 3 bowlers bowl 3 overs
16 Overs	1 bowler can bowl 4 overs each, 4 bowlers bowl 3 overs
15 Overs	Maximum 3 Overs per bowler
14 Overs	4 bowlers can bowl 3 overs each, 1 bowler bowls 2 overs
13 Overs	3 bowlers can bowl 3 overs each, 2 bowlers bowl 2 overs
12 Overs	2 bowlers can bowl 3 overs each, 3 bowlers bowl 2 overs
11 Overs	1 bowler can bowl 3 overs each, 4 bowlers bowl 2 overs
10 Overs	Maximum 2 Overs per bowler
9 Overs	4 bowlers can bowl 2 overs each 1 bowler bowls 1 over
8 Overs	3 bowlers can bowl 2 overs each 2 bowlers bowl 1 over
7 Overs	2 bowlers can bowl 2 overs each 3 bowlers bowl 1 over each
6 Overs	1 bowler can bowl 2 overs, 4 bowlers bowl 1 over
5 Overs	Maximum of 1 over per bowler

9. Bowling Run up limitation/restriction

- a) For all T20 Competition Grades, Bowlers shall be restricted to a maximum Run up of **Ten (10) Metres**
- b) Clubs are required to measure this ten (10) metres from the Stumps at the non Strikers (Bowlers) end & are required to mark a horizontal line on the playing surface pursuant to the above, at this point across both sides of the playing surface
- c) Bowlers in breach of **Rule 9(a) (above)** as determined by the controlling Umpire, shall have the delivery in breach called a **No Ball** and Per Rule 10 (below) the ball is to be rebowled and the next delivery will become a free hit for the batter facing it.

10. Free Hit after a No Ball

a) The delivery following a No ball call is a deemed free hit for the batter facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery will become a free hit for the batter facing it.

b) For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the conditions that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

c) Field changes are only be permitted for free hit deliveries if a different batter is on strike for that delivery.

11. Inner Field Area Restriction

(a) Area of Restriction. The restricted area shall be the area around the pitch within semi-circles, one at each end, and straight lines, one on each side.

(b) Semi-Circles and Line Measurements. The radius of each semi-circle shall be 27.5 metres from the centre stump and the extremities of its base shall meet with the straight lines of pitch length, at points in line with the bowling crease.

(c) Marking of Area Limits. The limits of the restricted area shall be clearly marked by a white line or by discs. The discs shall be 30 in number and be fixed in place approximately 7 metres apart with one disc at each extremity of the bases of the semi-circles.

(d) Restrictions on the Placement of Fieldsmen. At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fieldsmen on the leg side.

(e) For the first 5 overs (1-5) of each innings, only two fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the field restriction circles.

(f) For the next 5 overs (6-10), only 3 fieldsmen

(g) For the next 5 overs (11-15), only 4 fieldsmen

(h) For the last 5 overs (16-20), only 5 fieldsmen.

(i) In an interrupted match, the field-restrictions will apply as follows:

Length of Innings	2 Fielders Out	3 Fielders Out	4 Fielders Out	5 Fielders Out
Overs	Over Number	Over Number	Over Number	Over Number
20	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20
19	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19
18	1 - 3	4 - 8	9 - 13	14 - 18
17	1 - 2	3 - 7	8 - 12	13 - 17
16	1	2 - 6	7 - 1	12 - 16
15		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15
14		1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14
13		1 - 3	4 - 8	9 - 13
12		1 - 2	3 - 7	8 - 12
11		1	2 - 6	7 - 11
10			1 - 5	6 - 10
9			1 - 4	5 - 9
8			1 - 3	4 - 8
7			1 - 2	3 - 7
6			1	2 - 6
5				1 - 5

12. "Super Over" Format

In the event of a Tied match at the conclusion of both team's innings (irrespective of wickets lost), a pair of "Super Over's", consisting of 6 legitimate balls/team (No Balls & Wides to be rebowled and any runs accrued added to the Batting Team's "Super Over" total) will be commenced immediately to determine the match result.

(a) The "Super Over" will commence with the team who Batted second in the T20 match continuing their Innings for the first "Super Over" and the team who bowled to them, batting second.

(b) At the conclusion of the first team's "Super Over", the second team resumes the crease, receiving 6 legitimate balls.

(c) The team scoring the most runs (regardless of wickets lost) in the "Super Over" playoff will be declared the Match winner.

(d) Should a Tie remain at the conclusion of the first pair of "Super Over's", a subsequent pair of "Super Over's" will be played out until a result (other than a Tied match), is achieved

(e) In the event of a Tie, and where extreme conditions (including bad light) prevent a "Super Over(s)" from being completed the match will be declared DRAWN

13. Declarations

(a) The Captain of the batting team **may not** declare his innings closed at any time during the course of a match.

14. Investigations, Disputes/Protests, Contrived Results, Appeals

(a) The Committee of Management shall have power to investigate and adjudicate upon all matters arising out of, or in connection with, matches.

(b) If a member of the Committee of Management is a representative of a Club involved in an investigation, he shall cease to act on the Committee for the duration of the investigation.

(c) Any Club referring a dispute to the Committee of Management shall, within two days after the completion of the match in which the cause of disagreement has occurred, lodge a statement in writing of the matter in dispute.

(d) The Committee shall have power to investigate a game or the actions of the captains of the clubs or any players involved in a match if it suspects reasonably that the competing clubs with or without the assistance or collusion of any other person or club have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the Committee decides to carry out an investigation it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or the conduct of either captain or any player and will give any person(s) the opportunity to be heard.

(e) If the Committee finds that the Clubs, captains or players have colluded to contrive the outcome of a match the Committee may in its absolute discretion do one or more of the following:

- (i) Fine a club, captain or player;
- (ii) Suspend a captain or player from playing in any match or matches;
- (iii) Take any other action it deems appropriate.

15. Conduct: Club Player Officials Members and Employees

a) BHRDCA Tribunal, Set Penalty, Red/Yellow Card & Umpires Report systems apply to the Twenty 20 Competition including BHRDCA Match Report (MRF) & Game Conduct Incident Report (GCIR) processes. MRF & GCIR Forms can be downloaded from the **BHRDCA Website > Senior Resources > Forms**

BHRDCA T20 Premiership Records

<u>Season</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>
2024/25	Kookaburra Sport Shield	Greg Chappell Cricket Shield	Century Cricket Shield	Mulgrave Country Club Shield
2023/24	Kookaburra Sport Shield Forest Hill	Greg Chappell Cricket Shield Doncaster	Century Cricket Shield Box Hill North Super Kings	Mulgrave Country Club Shield Blackburn North
2022/23	Kookaburra Sport Shield Blackburn South	Topline Cricket Shield Kerrimuir United	Mulgrave Country Club Shield Blackburn	Field of View Shield Park Orchards
2021/22	Kookaburra Sport Shield Forest Hill	Topline Cricket Shield Blackburn North	Mulgrave Country Club Shield Deakin	Field of View Shield Vermont
2020/21	Kookaburra Sport Shield Heatherdale	Topline Cricket Shield Templestowe	Storage King Shield Koonung Heights	Mulgrave Country Club Shield Vermont South
2019/20	Kookaburra Sport Shield Blackburn South	ANZ Bank Shield Bulleen Templestowe	Topline Cricket Shield Templestowe	Rebel Sport Shield Kerrimuir United
2018/19	Kookaburra Sport Shield Forest Hill	ANZ Bank Shield Wyclif	Topline Cricket Shield Blackburn North	Rebel Sport Shield Yarraleen
2017/18	Kookaburra Sport Shield Forest Hill	Rebel Sport Shield Vermont	Topline Cricket Shield East Box Hill	G & C Mutual Bank Shield Mulgrave / Wheelers Hill
2016/17	Gray Nicholls / Platypus Shield BHNSK	Rebel Sport Shield Forest Hill	Track On Shield Glen Waverley Hawks	Topline Cricket Shield Manningham
2015/16	Gray Nicholls / Platypus Shield BHNSK	Rebel Sport Shield Blackburn	Smash Gear Shield Mulgrave / Wheelers Hill	Cheeta Recovery Shield Laburnum
2014/15	Kookaburra Sport Shield Vermont Heatherdale	Rebel Sport Shield BHNSK Templestowe	Smash Gear Shield Vermont South Koonung Heights	Cheeta Recovery Shield Heatherdale
2013/14	Heatherdale	Templestowe	Koonung Heights	
2012/13	Bulleen-Templestowe	Kerrimuir	Yarraleen	
2011/12	Vermont	Blackburn Nth.	Syndal	
2010/11	Heatherdale	Blackburn Nth.		

<u>Season</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
2024/25	Field of View Shield	SEDA College Shield	Top Notch Trophies Shield	Modern Orthodontics Shield
2023/24	Field of View Shield	SEDA College Shield	Top Notch Trophies Shield	
2022/23	Mitcham	Kerrimuir United	Park Orchards	
2021/22	SEDA College Shield Heatherdale	Icon Media Shield Yarraleen	Club Builder Shield Glen Waverley Hawks	
2020/21	SEDA College Shield Vermont South	Rebel Sport Shield		
2019/20	Field of View Shield Doncaster	Storage King Shield Blackburn South		
2018/19	Field of View Shield Laburnum	Storage King Shield Doncaster	Grant Professionals Shield	
2017/18	Park Orchards	Templestowe	Heatherdale	
2016/17	Field of View Shield St. David's	Better Cricket Shield Park Orchards		
2015/16	Top Notch Trophies Shield Deakin	Field of View Shield Yarraleen		
2014/15	Top Notch Trophies Shield Yarraleen			
	Maddocks Sports Shield Manningham			

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Attachment 3A – EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY

BOX HILL REPORTER DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOC.

BHRDCA EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY

Revised 1/10/2024

Reference Service – The BHRDCA CoM shall identify and advise a specific reference service at the commencement of the season i.e. Melbourne Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Website <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> from which the forecast temperature (at 8.00 a.m. on Match Day) is considered as a basis for the implementation of this policy.

HOME & AWAY MATCHES

The BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the BHRDCA CoM for Home & Away matches when the temperature in **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> for **Senior Shield Grades** to reach **40°C (or over)** during the normal hours of play (between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.)

In **Senior non Shield Grades**, the BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the BHRDCA CoM for Home & Away matches when the temperature in Melbourne is forecast by the BoM <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> to reach **37°C (or over)** during the normal hours of play (between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.)

ALL FINALS MATCHES

The BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the BHRDCA CoM for Home & Away matches when the temperature in **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> for all **Senior Grades (Shield & no Shield Grades)** to reach **40°C (or over)** during the normal hours of play (between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.)

The policy applies to **Junior Section Grades** when the temperature for **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM to reach **38°C** during the normal hours of play i.e. **Junior Section Grades** participating in Twilight matches between 5.00 and 8.15 p.m. and for Daylight matches between 8.30 and 11.45 a.m.

The policy applies to **Veteran Section Grades** when the temperature for **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM to reach **38°C** during the normal hours of play i.e. **Veteran Section Grades** participating in Daylight matches between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.

The decision to cancel any play shall be made at or before **7.00 a.m.** for Saturday/Sunday morning matches, **10.00 a.m.** on the morning of Saturday/Sunday afternoon matches and **2.00 p.m.** for Twilight matches.

Should the policy be implemented, notification shall be via the BHRDCA communication channels e.g. posted on the BHRDCA Website and via announcements on the BHRDCA Social Media network.

Drinks – Umpires, Captains (where Umpires are not present) for Senior and Veterans Grades; Team Managers and Coaches for Junior Grades may allow additional drink breaks without concern as to the extra time beyond the scheduled playing time. Any participant may call for additional drink breaks whilst batting, fielding or umpiring, although every effort should be taken to minimise when this occurs.

Bowlers may have drinks placed on the boundary line, which can be consumed at the completion of an over without disrupting play. It is recommended that when the Temperature exceeds 34°C that a minimum of two drinks breaks per session are taken.

Tea Break – Umpires, Captains (where Umpires are not present), Team Managers and Coaches in Junior Grades may schedule a longer break and play additional make up time after the scheduled time for stumps. This is entirely at the Umpires, Captains and or Team Managers/Coaches discretion, but a consensus decision must be reached.

Player Rotation – After notifying their Captain and an Umpire (if present), a player may remove themselves from the field at any time for reasons of heat stress. If a team has more than the named eleven players, they may, after notifying the Umpire, rotate fielders to rest players in extreme conditions. Umpires and Captains in afternoon matches are to pay particular attention to juniors who have played cricket earlier in the day, for signs of heat stress.

Heat Stress - Any player observed to be suffering from heat stress is to be sent from the field by the Umpire, Captain or Team Official immediately.

Shade – Clubs should provide shaded areas where the batting team, spectators and scorers may shelter.

Sun Protection – Players are reminded of the need for frequent applications of sunscreen and the use of long sleeved shirts to reduce exposure to the sun. Hats are an essential item and wide brimmed style is recommended, particularly on sunny days.

Lightning – Where an Umpire or Captain (where Umpires are not present) or a Team Official believes that lightning poses a threat to the safety of participants, play shall be suspended, and safe shelter taken. Any time lost for lightning shall be treated in the same manner as for extreme conditions.

Umpires – Where an Umpire feels that their health or judgment may suffer because of extreme conditions, they may take a break from their duties, after arranging an appropriate substitute.

First Aid – Club First Aid Kits must include aids for the treatment of heat affected participants. Every endeavour should be made to have a club member, who is properly skilled in the treatment of heat affected people, at home games. A notice should be prominently included in or displayed near the first aid kit, explaining treatment of heat affected patients.

Early Finish – If the extreme conditions exist in Senior or Veterans matches, both Captains, by agreement may call the game off early after there has been a first innings result, however, both Captains must agree to such an early finish.

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Attachment 3B – AIR QUALITY POLICY

Air Quality, Pollution & Smoke – Players are reminded of the need for the safe breathing levels when adverse atmospheric conditions prevail – i.e. smog, smoke etc.

Prior to the commencement of play, should apparent adverse conditions exist a reading is to be obtained from the Melbourne Air Quality Index (<http://aqicn.org/melbourne>). This map overlay features air quality (**PM_{2.5} – Particulate Matter**) readings at measuring stations based at locations inclusive of Melbourne (CBD), Box Hill, Brighton, Dandenong and Mooroolbark.

When the **PM_{2.5}** reading is **150+** at the nearest Air Quality location Site, play must be suspended immediately.

It is the responsibility of the officiating Scorers/off field Officials to check the air quality levels during the course of a match should adverse conditions escalate. Checks must occur every half hour if adverse conditions are apparent.

All Players and Officials should go inside a pavilion, and if no pavilion is conveniently accessible, play must be suspended.

If two successive **PM_{2.5}** readings are **150+**, play must be abandoned immediately. **NOTE:** Captains can agree to abandon the match earlier.

If the reading at 9.30 a.m. on match-day is **170+**, play shall be abandoned for the day and communicated to all club administrators and Umpires and noted on the BHRDCA Website and Social Media outlets.

Attachment 11 – YELLOW & RED DISCIPLINARY CARD

Disciplinary cards are used in many sports as a means of warning, reprimanding, or penalising a player, coach, or team official. The cards are most often used by **referees** or umpires to indicate that a player has committed an offence. The official shall hold the card above their head while looking or pointing towards the player that has committed the offence. This action makes the decision clear to all players, as well as spectators and other officials in a manner that is language-neutral. The colour or shape of the card used by the official indicates the type or seriousness of the offence and the level of punishment that is to be applied. **Yellow and Red disciplinary cards** are the most common, typically indicating, respectively, cautions and/or **dismissals** from a playing arena.

In Grades & matches where a BHRDCA Umpires Association Official(s) is/are appointed, any such Official(s) shall be the arbiter of...

- a. Actions that constitute Unsportsman like behaviour
- b. Actions that bring the game into disrepute

YELLOW CARD

1. If, in the opinion of the appointed Official(s), a team member transgresses in a manner where his actions can be considered to be that described under (a) and/or (b) above, the Official(s) may indicate a **Yellow disciplinary card** has been earned by that team member. The Official(s) shall warn the offender that their actions contravene the Spirit of the game and have resulted in a **Yellow card** penalty.
2. If, in the opinion of the appointed Official(s), the same team member transgresses again in a manner where their actions can be considered to be that described under (a) and/or (b) above, the Official(s) may indicate a **second Yellow disciplinary card** has been earned by that team member. The Official(s) shall warn the offender that their actions contravene the Spirit of the game and have resulted in a second **Yellow card** penalty.
3. If, in the opinion of the appointed Official(s), the same team member transgresses again in a manner where his actions can be considered to be that described under (a) and/or (b) above, the Official(s) may indicate a **Red disciplinary card** has been earned by that team member and he shall be automatically referred to the Tribunal, with the Team's Captain also automatically receiving a first **Yellow card** issue.

RED CARD

1. If, in the opinion of the appointed Official(s), a team member excessively transgresses in a manner where his actions can be considered to be that described under (a) and/or (b) above, the Official(s) may indicate a **Red disciplinary card** has been earned by that team member. The Official(s) shall warn the offending individual that their actions contravene the Spirit of the game and have resulted in a **Red card** penalty.
2. That team member shall be **reported and** immediately referred to the BHRDCA Tribunal, with the Team's Captain also automatically receiving a **Yellow card** issue.

OTHER

If an individual Team member, during the season, receives **three separate Yellow cards in the same season**, they shall automatically be suspended for the duration of the next fixtured BHRDCA match (any Two or One Day match) and cannot participate in any other BHRDCA Competition matches (e.g., T20 match, BHRDCA Representative match etc. that may be scheduled during that suspension period) **until the suspension is fully served**.

Should a T20 Guest player (i.e. a player not registered with a Club for BHRDCA Saturday cricket), incur three separate Yellow cards in the same season, they shall automatically be suspended for the **next fixtured T20 match**. Any further **Yellow card** incurred by the same individual Team member shall result in a further automatic One match suspension

If a single team receive **five separate Yellow cards** throughout the season the Team's Captain shall automatically be suspended for the duration of the next fixtured BHRDCA match (any Two, One Day or T20 game) and cannot participate in any other BHRDCA Competition matches (e.g., T20 match, BHRDCA Representative match etc.) until the suspension is fully served.

Guest players participating in BHRDCA competition matches e.g. T20 matches, are also subject to this disciplinary process.

Where an Umpire has issued a **Yellow or Red card** and circumstances occur outside the disciplinary process outlined above, the offender and/or his Captain and Team, shall be dealt with by the BHRDCA Committee of Management or if required, BHRDCA Tribunal.

All Yellow disciplinary cards incurred throughout the **Home & Away Season** are reset at the conclusion of the current season and do not carry over to the following season, while any suspension applied by the BHRDCA Tribunal subsequent to a **Red disciplinary card** being issued, must be fully served until the player is eligible to return to play on the Round and/or Date specified by the BHRDCA Tribunal.

All Yellow Disciplinary cards incurred throughout the Final Series, carry over to the following season, where a Tribunal has not already sat and/or determined a suspension outcome for the disciplined member

The BHRDCA appointed Official shall advise on their Umpires Report the impost of any **Yellow/Red** cards within **48 hours of the matches conclusion**.