

NEWCASTLE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION



Season 2024-2025

Club Administration Handbook

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PLAYING DATES SEASON 2024-2025

Format	First Round	Last round before Christmas	First round after Christmas	Last round	Final Series Commence	Back up Grand Final Day
Friday Premier League	18 Oct 2024	13 Dec 2024	31 January 2025	28 February 2025	7 March 2025	28 March 2025
Saturday competition – Mixed and All Girls	19 October 2024	14 December 2024	1 February 2025	8 March 2025	15 March 2025	29 March 2025
Early Stage 1 – U9	19 October 2024	14 December 2024	8 February 2025	8 March 2025		
Monday T20 Bash	21 October 2024	16 December 2024	3 February 2025	10 March 2025	17 March 2025	31 March 2025
Summer Smash 2024			LM: 10 Feb 2025 Newc: 14 Feb 2025	LM: 24 March 2025 Newc: 28 March 2025		

- There are NO replays of regular season matches or semifinals.

COMPETITION STRUCTURES 2024-2025

Format Name	Indicative Age(s)	Day played	Duration (overs)
Summer Smash	U8 – U11, NOT already playing junior cricket (mixed)	Lake Macquarie – Monday Newcastle - Friday	14
Early Stage 1 U9	U9 (mixed)	Saturday morning	14
Stage 1 Junior Cricket	U10 and U11 (mixed)	Saturday morning	20
Sage 1 All Girls Cricket	U11 girls*	Saturday morning	20
Stage 2 Junior Cricket	U12 and U13 (mixed)	Saturday morning	30
Stage 2 All Girls Cricket	U13 girls*	Saturday morning	30
Stage 3 Junior Cricket	U14 and U15-U18: div 2/3 (mixed)	Saturday morning	30
Stage 3 All Girls Cricket (9 a side)	U14 – U18 girls*	Saturday morning	30
Stage 3 Premier League	U15-U18: div 1 & 2 (mixed)	Friday afternoon	20 / 40
T20 Social Bash	U14 (mixed)	Monday afternoon	20

* Age is indicative only

ADMINISTRATION BY-LAWS

All by-laws printed herein are those of the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association Inc. While all care is taken in their compilation, where discrepancies occur the applicable by-law shall be that as passed at the meeting for that purpose or by first reference to the document of Incorporation and the rules contained therein.

By-Law 1: Management of Competitions

The management of competitions conducted by the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA, the Association) shall be vested in a Committee of Management (the Committee), elected annually and having delegated authority under Incorporation Rule 13.

The Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for promoting, advancing and fostering cricket.
- b. Match competing teams in their respective ages and divisions.
- c. Reserve the right to reject any application for player registration and/or any application for team entry, for such reasons as the Committee shall from time to time determine.
- d. Decide in which age or division a team or player may compete.
- e. Arrange the playing of all matches and resolve all matters arising.
- f. Prior to the commencement of each season, prepare a program covering the Association's activities for the entire season. Such program shall include scheduled dates of competitions and any interruptions thereto, semi-finals, grand finals and any other Association activity.
- g. Divide each age group into a convenient number of divisions, according to the playing strength.
- h. The competition shall consist of six or eight team divisions where possible.
- i. Decide which rule will take precedence, in the event of perceived conflicting rules, in all Association competitions.

By-Law 2: Team Entry

- a. Each team entry is done directly into PlayHQ and must include the names of at least minimum team numbers per respective age group.
- b. No team entry shall be received from any club using the name of the firm, company, business organisation, registered club, or individual person without a written authority from the appropriate party sanctioning the use of their name.
- c. Clubs which are not financial must pay all outstanding fees prior to submitting applications for team entries otherwise such applications may not be accepted.

By-Law 3: Player Eligibility

- a. Players must have attained the age of seven years and be below the specified age as at the 31st August immediately prior to the commencement of the season. No players shall be eligible to play in a competition more than two years above the lowest age division for which they are eligible, without prior approval of the NJCA. For the Stage 3 under 15–18 competition, including Friday Premier League, no player is able to play up into this age group without the prior approval of the NJCA. Dispensations for Stage 3 cricket will only be considered for highly skilled and experienced players with demonstrated capabilities. No player who is older than

17 on 1 September immediately prior to the commencement of the season will be eligible to play in an NJCA competition.

- b. The Association or its nominee may require proof of age. Acceptable documentation shall be original birth certificates, passports, naturalisation certificates or other documentation as approved by the Association.
- c. Any player registered by a club in an older age group than which they are eligible to play shall not be permitted to play in a lower age group or division without permission of the Committee. . .
- d. Any team playing an ineligible player(s) shall forfeit any points gained from this match to the opposing team. In addition, the Manager or Coach of the offending team may be suspended for a maximum of four matches for the first offence in a maximum of 10 matches for each subsequent offence.

The Association will run a check at Rounds 5 and 10 for any breaches of this rule.

- e. Any player found to be playing in a lower age group than they are eligible for, and who has not been granted prior dispensation from the Committee, will result in the relevant loss of points on the Club of the Year program. Any winning points gained from this match by the defaulting team will be forfeited to the opposing team.
- f. Girls can play 2 years below their age group in the mixed competitions. For the avoidance of doubt, By-Law 3(a) applies to girls both in the mixed competition and in All Girls competitions.
- g. The Committee may approve a request for transfer between clubs during the season, but only in exceptional circumstances.
- h. When a club has two teams in the same division in one format, players are not interchangeable. Clubs may seek dispensation in exceptional circumstances but must have written approval. Violation of this rule may cause loss of points.
- i. No player shall be declared in two teams for their club on the same day.

By-Law 4: Player Registration

- a. All players must register and pay through their respective clubs using the Play HQ online system..
- b. Players must be registered to the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association prior to taking part in any junior game. Although PlayHQ allows for participants to play one match without registering, the NJCA require ALL participants to be registered with a club prior to participating in ANY match. Players so registered will be eligible to play but the Committee reserves the right to subsequently reject such application as per By-Law 1(c) without penalty for any games played by the player.
- c. Players registered with two or more clubs shall be deemed to be members of the club with whom they first registered within the Association.
- d. Players may register in more than one format with their Club. Eg, Monday T20 Bash and Saturday morning cricket or Friday Premier League. Unless players have registered for both formats, players are not interchangeable. For example, a player registered in the Friday Premier League but not registered in the Monday T20 Bash cannot play in the club's team in the Monday T20 Bash competition. Clubs may seek dispensation in exceptional circumstances but must have written approval. Violation of this rule may cause loss of points.

By-Law 5: Representative Player Registration

- a. For the purpose of this By-Law, Newcastle Cricket Zone will nominate a list of representative players who are current representative players. These players, together with any players coming from other zones, will be classified as representative players.
- b. Any club that proposes to import a representative player from another club to play in an NJCA competition (except Friday Premier League to which this By-Law does not apply) must FIRST seek and obtain approval from the Executive of the NJCA Committee. The Committee executive may approve such players based on the following restrictions:

For Stage One:

- (i) . The representative rule does not apply to Stage One.

For Stage Two and Three 30 Over (Saturday morning games) Games:

- (i) Importing team has up to two (2) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player without restrictions.
- (ii) Importing team already has three (3) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 25 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half of the overs normally allotted to bowlers.
- (iii) Importing team already has (4) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 20 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half the overs normally allotted to bowlers.
- (iv) Importing team already has five (5) or more rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 15 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half the overs normally allotted to bowlers.

In addition, players aligning to (ii), (iii) or (iv) in Stage Two would only be allowed to bowl two overs maximum, and Stage Three would only be allowed to bowl 3 overs maximum.

For Monday T20 Bash Games:

- (i) Importing team has up to two (2) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player without restrictions.
- (ii) Importing team already has three (3) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 15 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half of the overs normally allotted to bowlers.
- (iii) Importing team already has (4) rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 12 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half the overs normally allotted to bowlers.
- (iv) Importing team already has five (5) or more rep players. Can import one (1) rep player but all rep players in the team must retire after facing 10 balls. They can come back in order of retirement when all other batters have been dismissed. In addition, all rep players in the team may only bowl half the overs normally allotted to bowlers and no more than a

maximum of two overs.

- c. In exceptional circumstances the Committee Executive may approve a player transferring with no restrictions. To assist the Association in exercising the discretion referred to herein, the following are examples of what might constitute special circumstances: the imported player's living or work arrangements, together with this By-Law, make it impracticable for the player to play for any other team which could include the player.

By-Law 6 Representative Cricket Player Eligibility

It is a requirement of the Newcastle Cricket Zone that players must be bona-fide NJCA competition participants or granted dispensation to play under an alternate Newcastle cricket association. A bona-fide NJCA player takes regular part in an NJCA competition with absences typically only as required by injury, illness, family circumstances, team player rotation and other like circumstances.

By-Law 7: Re-grades

Teams

These will only occur in exceptional circumstances and generally only after teams have applied in writing for a re-grade. If a team applies for re-grade to a lower division, they must nominate which team in the lower division is to be considered to replace them. The ultimate decision will be made by the executive of the NJCA.

At any stage during the first round the Committee may, where it deems necessary, re-grade teams to higher or lower divisions normally after week 5 (6 team division) or week 7 (8 team division).

Points gained shall carry over to the new division provided that:

- (i) The existing points of a team re-graded to a higher division, if higher than the team with the highest points for that division, shall be reduced to that of the highest team.
- (ii) The existing points of a team re-graded to a lower division, if lower than the team with the lowest points already for that division, shall be increased to that of the lowest team.

Players

- a. Applications for the re-grade of players from a higher to lower grade must be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary/Administrator. Such application shall be submitted by the players club, clearly stating performances and reason for the re-grade.
- b. When a player has played three games with a team in a higher division than that in which they were nominated, the player then becomes a member of the higher division team and cannot return to the team they were originally graded into, without the consent of the Association. Being a substitute does not constitute being a player for the purposes of this by-law.

By-Law 8 Results of Matches

Live scoring is preferred however there must be one written score sheet per match. CA Junior Format scorebooks shall be used in all matches. Where live scoring is not used, score sheets must be completely filled in prior to entry into Play HQ.

Submission of Results

- a. Each team coach or manager is responsible to enter their results (or confirm results) and enter their own team batting and bowling statistics via their Management Access on the Play HQ

website within 72 hours of the commencement of the match. This includes entering the result of any abandoned games (draws). Any team having trouble accessing Play HQ or entering results may contact the NJCA Administrator for assistance.

- b. With matches of the final round, semi-finals and grand finals, coaches and managers shall enter results via Management Access on Play HQ within 24 hours from the commencement of the match (either played or unplayed). Where the result of one of these games is in dispute, both score sheets must be delivered to the Association Administrator by 6.00pm on the day of the match.
- c. Results not submitted, via Play HQ, by the times specified in sub clauses a. and b. and score sheets not received as per sub-clause b. may result in a fine of \$30 per team for the first offence and \$50 per team for each subsequent offence. In addition, teams with continual offences may face loss of points and/or the outcome of the match overturned at the discretion of the Committee.
- d. The point score shall be published on PlayHQ website and may be available on PlayCricket. Teams wishing clarification of the point score may contact the Association Administrator. Teams wishing to dispute the points score must do so in writing within seven days of publication to the Association Administrator on the club's official letterhead signed by the club secretary.

By-Law 9 Protests and/or Disputes

Each team shall be responsible for their own score sheets. In the event of a disputed match, the reasons for the dispute must be noted on the Scoresheet otherwise the result will stand. In the event of a dispute both teams must send the original sheet to the Association for a ruling.

- a. Protests and/or disputes shall be heard by a Protest and Dispute Committee. The Committee shall have power to summon any member of the Association to give evidence and also to require the production of any books, correspondence or any other documents considered necessary to the purpose of its inquiry.
- b. The Committee shall have power to initiate action proceedings against any club, team or player, whenever necessary.
- c. Protests and/or disputes shall be submitted in writing setting out all relevant particulars and forwarded to the Association Secretary/Administrator by 6pm on the Wednesday following the match.
- d. A fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each submission which may be returned at the discretion of protest and dispute Committee.
- e. The Association Secretary/Administrator shall, at the discretion of the chair of the Protest and Dispute Committee, summon all parties involved to attend the next meeting of the Protest and Dispute Committee. Such notification shall include details of the subject matter listed for hearing. Failure to appear as summoned, while not necessarily delaying proceedings, shall result in automatic disqualification pending attendance at a subsequent meeting of, or as otherwise directed by the Protest and Dispute Committee.
- f. The Protest and Dispute Committee shall impose a penalty considered appropriate to the circumstances and their decision shall be final, subject to an appeal being lodged in accordance with Administration By-Law 9, Appeals.
- g. The Association Secretary/Administrator shall confirm in writing the Protest and Dispute Committee decision to the parties involved.

- h. In protests and/or disputes involving players and/or clubs of other Associations, the Protest and Dispute Committee of such Associations shall be invited to meet to hear evidence but, in making a decision, each Committee shall do so regarding its own respective Association.

By-Law 10 Appeals

- a. Appeals against the decision of either the protest or disputes or the Judiciary Committee shall be heard by an Appeals Committee.
- b. The lodging of an appeal shall be made, in writing, to the Association Secretary/Administrator within fourteen days of the Committee's decision being handed down.
- c. An appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 which may be returned at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.
- d. The Association Secretary/Administrator, providing the appeal satisfies the requirements herein, shall at the direction of the Appeals Committee chairman, advise the appellant to attend the next meeting of the Appeals Committee. Failure of the appellant to appear shall result in the appeal being dismissed.
- e. The Association Secretary/Administrator shall confirm the decision of the Appeals Committee in writing to the appellant.

By-Law 11 Fixtures

All fixtures will be available on Play HQ, the NJCA website, and may also be viewable on the PlayCricket app. If any alterations thereto become necessary after the Wednesday prior to the match the Association shall advise the respective clubs and umpires accordingly. The relocation of matches for any reason is not permitted without the permission of the Association administrator. Requests for relocation will not be considered after 5pm of the evening before the match.

By-Law 12 Forfeit

- a. Any team unable to fulfil its engagement shall notify the Association Administrator of its intention to forfeit not later than 48 hours prior to the match, otherwise the defaulting team shall be responsible for all expenses associated therewith, including umpiring fees (if applicable).
- b. Any team forfeiting two matches may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, be withdrawn from the competition.
- c. Clubs forfeiting matches without notice (as per a. above) may be subject to a fine of \$50 for each offence.
- d. The Committee of Management may under exceptional circumstances approve a request for a game to be deferred.
- e. The Committee of Management shall have discretionary powers in dealing with all forfeited matches referred to it.

By-Law 13 Wet Weather and Extreme Weather

- a. The NJCA Committee shall have power to abandon matches whenever weather conditions warrant such action. The prospect of extreme heat or other extreme weather such as poor air quality, may also result in matches being cancelled.
- b. On match days:
 - i) it is the responsibility of the home team to inspect the pitch at least 1.5 hours before the nominated match start time, and to contact the opposition team in the event that ground

conditions are unsuitable to proceed (ie wet weather). The general process should include mutual agreement between the two teams regarding ground conditions and may include the provision of photos from the home team to the away team for discussion.

ii) The Marsh Insurance form (either electronic or manual) should be used by the home team to assess grounds prior to play for every game, where there is no official umpire.

iii) Any other local requirements, such as Council processes to re-open closed grounds, are the responsibility of the home team, and should be strictly followed.

iv) Games should not proceed on closed grounds without following the relevant processes.

v) Similarly, any games that proceed with wilful disregard to the ground conditions, regardless of whether the ground is indicated to be open or closed, are subject to match results potentially being nullified, at the discretion of the NJCA. Repeated infringements risk the loss of competition points, and potential sanctions against coaches / club officials. For example, games should not proceed when water is ponded within playing areas, particularly ponded water on the wicket and/or in the bowlers run up and wicket keeper's areas. Player safety must be considered at all times.

vi) Clubs are responsible for any fines imposed by Council(s) for damage to grounds where games should not have been played.

vii) The home team should also contact the match umpire, if one has been appointed, to advise of cancellations. Failure to do so will result in the home team being responsible for payment of the umpire's fee in full.

c. Results must be entered on PlayHQ regardless of whether play proceeded or not (ie match abandoned)

d. Teams participating in matches not cancelled by the home club's representatives by 7am must proceed to the allocated ground otherwise forfeiture of points could result.

By-Law 14 Point Score

a. Competitions shall be decided on a point score basis and providing the requirements of section (b) are fulfilled, the following points shall be allotted:

b. First Innings Win - 3 points

i. Draw, Tie or Bye - 2 points

ii. First Innings Loss - 1 point

iii. Loss by Forfeit – 0 points

iv. Win by forfeit shall attract the maximum points gained by any other team in the same age and division in the round.

c. A result shall be deemed to have been achieved when matches are won, lost, drawn, tied, forfeited or, having commenced are unable to continue. All results achieved shall stand.

d. Teams shall receive two points when matches are cancelled by the Association or by the umpire prior to play commencing.

By-Law 15 Competition Placing

a. In the event of teams having an equal number of points at the completion of the competition, ultimate placing shall be determined by net run rate.

A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the

competition. Note the following:

(i) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

(iii) Clubs must correctly enter the overs they faced during their innings in the 'overs bowled' column. In the case of a match being reduced due to rain or a slow over rate, the max number of overs will have to be adjusted to the agreed reduced amount (27 for example).

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By-Law 16 Claims to Titles

- a. Teams leading the point score at the end of normal competition shall be known as "Minor Premiers".
- b. Final winners shall be known as "Major Premiers".
- c. Semi-finals shall be played in each division of each age, except Summer Smash and Early Stage 1 U9, and shall be contested by the four teams having the highest number of competition points, with ultimate divisional placing, if necessary, being determined by net run rate. Team 1 shall play Team 4 and Team 2 shall play Team 3.
- d. In the event of a draw or tie in a semifinal, the team from the two contesting sides having the highest position on the points table shall advance to the grand final.

By-Law 17 Semi-finals and Finals

All semi-finals and grand finals shall be played on the best available pitches, turf or hard wicket. The team finishing higher on the points table shall have the home ground advantage where possible (turf wickets must have a backup ground).

Should weather conditions result in the cancellation of both semi-finals in the division, teams occupying first and second positions on the points table shall advance to the grand final.

- a. Should only one semi-final in the division be cancelled, the team from such semi-finals having the highest position on the points table shall advance to the grand final.
- b. Grand finals shall be played in each division of each age, except Summer Smash and Early Stage 1 U9, and shall be contested by semi-finals winners or teams advancing directly to the grand final.
- c. Where a completed grand final is a tie, the participating teams shall be declared joint major premiers.
- d. Should weather conditions necessitate the cancellation of the grand final, or in the event of a grand final resulting in a draw, the match shall be rescheduled to the backup date set by the NJCA at the start of the season.
- e. In the event of the rescheduled grand final resulting in a draw or being cancelled due to weather, the grand finalist occupying the highest position on the points table shall be known as major premier, except in the event of the rescheduled final resulting in a tie where the grand finalists shall be known as joint major premiers.

By-Law 18 Player Eligibility for Semi-Finals & Finals

- a. A player shall not participate in the semi-finals or grand final unless they have played in at least

three competition matches with their club during the current season in the age and division of the team competing in the grand final.

- b. Clubs wishing to play players in a different format, age or division in semi-finals and/or grand final must provide statistics of players who will be substituting, the name of the player/s they will be replacing, and the reason for player absence before any dispensation is considered by the NJCA Executive Committee. Any requests for dispensations must be submitted on the prescribed form by 5.00pm on the Wednesday prior to a match. In the interest and spirit of the game, these replacement players should be equal to or less in ability to the player/s being replaced.
- c. When a bye occurs in the competition, the team having the bye shall, for player eligibility purposes, have each registered player credited as having played a game whose name appears on the most recent match score sheet.
- d. In the event of games being washed out or cancelled by the Association these games shall, for player eligibility purposes, have each registered player credited as having played a game whose name appears on the most recent match score sheet.

By-Law 19 Grounds

- a. Clubs will nominate preferred home grounds for each team however the Association reserves the right to make the final decision on the allocation of home grounds.
- b. Clubs controlling grounds shall arrange preparation of pitches and provide other equipment where necessary.
- c. Newcastle LGA clubs are responsible for nominating their training venues prior to the commencement of each season to the Competition Administrator. The Competition Administrator books training grounds directly with City of Newcastle.
- d. Clubs are responsible for obtaining a key to each of their home ground amenities from the Competition Administrator prior to the commencement of the season.
- e. All toilets must be unlocked prior to commencement of play. This applies to all grounds that have been allocated as home grounds.
- f. Clubs are reminded that they are responsible to ensure all grounds are clearly marked and fit for play, and that the 10-metre area is clearly marked.
- g. Teams shall ensure that any additional pitch markings made for games with shorter pitch lengths are removed at the end of matches. Permanent crease markings must not be used.
- h. Teams playing on unenclosed grounds shall each provide at least 12 markers of 200 mm minimum height above ground level. All such boundary markers are to be of the witches' hat / plastic cone type or similar. Posts, sticks, flags or similar boundary markers shall not be used.
- i. All home teams must complete a Marsh Insurance Game Day Checklist (either manually or electronically) prior to the commencement of the match. The checklist must be signed and Conditions agreed by both coaches / managers, however, if an official umpire is appointed, the umpire makes the final decision regarding the fitness of the pitch and grounds and the Marsh Insurance Checklist is not required.

By-Law 20 Umpires

- a. Members of an affiliated cricket umpire's association may officiate at matches conducted by this Association as allocated.
- b. Each team shall be responsible to pay an umpire's fee as ratified by the Association. Umpire fees are paid in cash, or by bank transfer if agreed by both parties, to the umpire on game

- day.
- c. If an umpire is not notified of a cancelled game at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled match start time and an umpire proceeds to the ground, the umpire shall be entitled to the full match fee, which should be paid by the team that did not provide sufficient notice of cancellation, ie the home team if due to conditions, or the team with insufficient numbers if due to forfeit.
 - d. If a match is not cancelled prior and an umpire proceeds to the ground and deems the game cannot start, the umpire shall be paid a fee of \$20, which should be shared between the teams (\$10 per team). If the game commences and is then abandoned, the umpire shall be entitled to a full match payment, which should be shared between the teams.
 - e. An official umpire, not appointed in the published list, shall take precedence over an unofficial umpire if allocated by their Association or because of a forfeit or abandonment of, or a result having been achieved, in their allocated match.
 - f. Each team is expected to pay the umpire the nominated match fee in cash, or by bank transfer of both parties agree, at the match. Clubs are responsible for reimbursing teams for umpires fees and for factoring umpire costs into their fees.

By-Law 21 Player or Participant Injury

- a. When a player sustains an injury, the player's name and the nature of the injury must be advised to the club secretary or Concussion Officer in the case of head injury as soon as practicable by the team Manager or Coach.
- b. Should the player wish to lodge an insurance claim, details can be obtained on the internet <https://au.marsh.com/sport/cricket-australia/players.html> or by contacting their club secretary.
- c. The Newcastle Junior Cricket Association Inc. will accept no insurance liability for injury or incident beyond that provided for under the national club insurance scheme.

By-Law 22 Playing Apparel

The approved attire of the Association shall be:-

- a. Conventional white, cream or appropriately coloured long trousers or shorts, conventional white, cream or appropriately coloured shirts with sleeves and collar. Colours on shirts and pants are permissible providing that there are no colours or patterns which may impair the batter's ability to sight the cricket ball used (e.g. red, orange, pink etc). Navy, dark blue, dark green and black pants are considered appropriate colours for playing pants. Other colours require the approval of the Association. Where clubs shift to coloured pants, consideration should be given to accessibility and costs. Players may optionally have a player number and/or name on the back of the shirt. Designs are to be presented to the NJCA Committee and approved prior to being introduced. NJCA encourages clubs to particularly consider introducing coloured pants for their all girls teams, considering the requirements mentioned above.
- b. All NJCA players are encouraged to wear appropriate head covering. This shall be a cricketing cap or peak cap of their club colours, or a broadbrim or bucket hat in white, cream or club colours. Coloured towelling hats, sun visors or any type of headwear with commercial advertising, other than Association approved club sponsorship, are not allowable.
- c. Sponsorship advertising or club insignia shall not be worn on cricket attire until the Committee of Management has approved a prototype of the finished garment which must be submitted

for approval in the form of the drawing before placing an order for club requirements. Following approval the club shall ensure that, for the duration of the sponsorship, the approved garment is worn by the entire team and the prototype drawing, suitably endorsed by the Association, is attached to the inside cover of the scorebook. Such advertising shall be restricted to a small pocket insignia, a cricket cap emblem and, for advertising on the back of a cricket shirt, the height of the lettering shall be 35mm maximum and the complete advertisement shall not exceed 250mm wide and 200mm high.

By-Law 23 Defaulters

- a. A defaulter is a club who has failed to pay an amount owing for entry fees, subscriptions, competition fees, umpiring fees, registration fees, fines and levies, tickets for social functions properly issued by the Association to a club or by a club to a player and all other payments or dues imposed in accordance with Association rules, bylaws or regulations or those of an affiliated organization.
- b. Where a club is in default to the Association, each member of such club shall be notified in writing by the Association as to the amount of the default and be offered an opportunity of meeting their portion of the liability within 14 days of the issue of such notice.
- c. Where a member of the club is posted as a defaulter by their club, the Association shall investigate and satisfy itself that the member in question is liable for the amount claimed.
- d. Where a club disbands or withdraws from the Association each registered player shall contribute 1/12 of the amount owing by the club with a minimum of 10 cents where the total debt is over \$1 and 5 cents where the debt is under \$1.
- e. The management Committee shall impose a fine of \$100 to clubs who fail to have a representative in attendance at Association meetings.

By-Law 24 Trophies

- a. Association trophies shall be returned to a nominated location by a designated time each year. Clubs failing to comply may incur a fine of \$100 and/or take no further part in the competition.
- b. Association trophies held by disbanded clubs must be returned to the Association Secretary/Administrator before players from disbanded clubs are allowed to register with other clubs.

By-Law 25 Facility Grant Applications

Clubs may apply for funding to the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association for the procurement of new grounds or training facilities, the refurbishment of old grounds or improvements to existing facilities to make them suitable for junior cricket.

The application must be submitted to the association Administrator/Secretary a minimum of one (1) month prior to commencement outlining details of the work to be carried out, written quotes and evidence of the club's proposed contribution to the project. Refer to the association Facility Funding Guidelines for further information.

By-Law 26 NJCA Club Representation on Committee

All Newcastle Junior Cricket Association affiliated clubs who, in the season prior fielded five or more teams (U10s to U18s), shall supply one (1) person to join the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association

Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting. This person shall attend a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of scheduled NJCA Committee Meetings.

By-Law 27 Alterations to Administrative or Competition By- Laws

The Management Committee shall be empowered to reorganise all relevant sections of the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association Inc. ByLaws to facilitate ease of reference, clarity and consistency. Unless otherwise stated, all rules apply equally to semi-finals, Grand finals and competition matches.

By-Law 28 Rule Changes

Should any rule, by-law or policy require changing or clarification, the written consent to such change from a majority of member clubs shall suffice in making the change effective until such time as the amendment can be ratified by a general meeting or annual general meeting of the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association.