

PART B: ADMINISTRATION

Clubs are strongly advised to select players that are sufficiently competent to play in the league for which they are selected.

Eastern Cricket **instructs** all umpires, club chairmen, secretaries, captains, coaches, managers and all players to study the playing regulations and to acquaint themselves with the conditions under which the various competitions are conducted. A lack of knowledge of these playing regulations will not absolve any person, club or association of any liability, responsibility or consequence.

B1 Application of the laws of cricket

- 1.1 The laws under which all League cricket is to be played shall be, in order of precedence, as follows:
 - 1.1.1 Playing Regulations of Eastern Cricket.
 - 1.1.2 The Laws of Cricket – Oct 2017 Code
 - 1.1.3 Law 42 Parts 3,4,5,9,10,13,14 and 16
- 1.2 Injured batsmen while batting will not be allowed to have a runner
- 1.3 **Particular attention should be given to the Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket.**

B2 Leagues

The winner of the Premier Limited 50 Over League shall advance to the National Club Championship. (Must conform to the CSA transformation code)

LEAGUE	PRIMARY COMPETITION
Premier/Reserve Promotion/Directors/Executive	50 limited overs
Chairman – Presidents	40 limited overs
Colts	50 limited overs
1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd /4 th / 5 th / Women's	35 and T20 Limited overs

B3 Fixtures

- 3.1 Published fixtures as compiled and contained in APPENDIX B are final and no debate shall be entered into. All available venues have been taken into consideration. There is the possibility that some teams may play more home or away matches than others, every effort has been made to accommodate as many teams as possible verse available fields and resources. Therefore, grounds may be used for matches involving other teams not from the club, which normally has use of the ground. I.e. Such as T20 matches or where there are limited fields available for emerging club fixtures.
- 3.2 No match shall take place at any date, time or venue, including field, other than that scheduled in the fixture list. If the fixture is altered without permission, all points gained by either team, in such a match will be forfeited.
- 3.3 The Director of Club Cricket and the Club Cricket Administrator shall be the only persons entitled to grant permission to alter fixtures and then only in exceptional circumstances. Before altering a fixture, the Director of Club Cricket or his appointee shall consider the following:
 - 3.3.1 The circumstances which necessitates the alteration
 - 3.3.2 No other matches may be affected by the alteration
 - 3.3.3 Both captains/ Chairman's must agree to the alteration
 - 3.3.4 If the venue is to be altered the field must be of the required standard
 - 3.3.5 The interests of cricket must be served
- 3.4 **No** other Eastern Cricket Director or employee of Eastern Cricket shall have the right to alter any date, time or venue, including field, after the fixtures have been published **unless** such a person is appointed by the Director of Club Cricket.

B4 Responsibilities of Clubs

- 4.1 It is the duty of all clubs to ensure that all their respective teams turn up at the venue of any match, irrespective of weather conditions.
- 4.2 The home club shall be responsible for the provision of refreshments, i.e. lunch, where required, tea and drinks for on field breaks, for twelve visiting players, two scorers and two umpires. Should the lunch provided not conform to the laid down standards the club tasked with providing lunch shall lose their lunch grant.
- 4.3 The home club shall be responsible for the preparation and marking of the pitch, including the provision of cricket stumps and bails.
- 4.4 The home clubs shall be responsible for the clear marking of the boundaries and any limited over inner circle fielding restriction markings.
- 4.5 The home club shall be responsible for first aid.
- 4.6 The home club must provide and ensure that facilities for scorers are available and that scorers do not move around during the course of the match in progress. The home team scorer shall determine the location of the scorer's position. Should the scorers sit apart and a dispute arises, the score as determined by the home team scorer shall prevail. Each team must provide their own scorer, preferably not a player.
- 4.7 In the event of a match being called off, the home club is responsible for contacting the Chairman of the ECUA. Should the club not inform the Chairman and an umpire is appointed to that match and the match does not take place then the club **is liable** for the full standing fee for that umpire.

B5 Captains responsibilities

- 5.1 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit and traditions of the game as well as within the laws (Law 41.). In this regard, specific reference is made to the Preamble and the Disciplinary Code.
- 5.2 The Captains must ensure that players understand that the Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play (Law 41).
- 5.3 The Captains are responsible for the nomination of players to the umpires or opposing captain before the toss for an innings takes place (Law 1). The completion of the correct Eastern Cricket result sheet with the player's first names and surnames filled in shall satisfy this Law. A player will be deemed to be **unregistered** if only his first name appears on the result sheet.
- 5.4 The Captains are responsible for ensuring that the result sheet has been correctly completed in full. After completion of the match the Result Sheet becomes the full official record of the match and after submission to Eastern Cricket any omissions or oversights cannot be taken into account
- 5.5 The Home Team Captain must ensure that the ground staff has made available ample sawdust, should this be required.
- 5.6 The Home Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that spare stumps, bails and balls are available.
- 5.7 The Captains are responsible for ensuring that players adhere to the dress code as determined by Eastern Cricket.
- 5.8 The Captain of the home side is responsible for ensuring that drinks are ready at least five (5) minutes before the due time.
- 5.9 The Captains of both teams shall be responsible for ensuring that players from both teams are available at all times, even before the commencement of the match, to assist in removing or placing covers on the pitch when requested to do so by the umpires or player umpires even if ground staff are available at the ground.
- 5.10 Captains should co-operate with the Umpires in doing everything possible to spend the maximum amount of time on the field of play.
- 5.11 Captains are responsible to ensure that before any innings takes place in a rain-affected match that they are aware of the revised number of overs to be bowled per team as well as the revised target and overs if applicable to the second innings (see playing regulations part 16 for the calculations). Any dispute on a result that arises from captains not following this regulation will not be entertained.
- 5.12 The captain has to complete match reports for every Premier (via player profile link) and Promotion League fixture played during the season. No captain is allowed to ask the scorer to complete the match report on his or her behalf.
- 5.13 If the report is not submitted by the Monday following the fixture, the outstanding report will be Flagged to the appropriate captain and progressively to the Club and the Member.

- 5.14 All reports for Premier League fixtures should be submitted before or on the Wednesday following the fixture over the weekend.
- 5.15 The match reports that are submitted must clarify the reasons for a particular score. There must be clarity regarding the umpire decisions in the comments section of the report. These comments relate to umpire scores of D or E on the match reports.

B6 Dress Code

Captains shall be responsible for the correct dress code of their teams. All players shall observe these dress regulations:

- 6.1 Long white trousers. No short pants may be worn.
- 6.2 White or cream cricket/golf shirt. A cricket shirt manufactured by a recognized manufacturer shall be acceptable.
- 6.3 Only advertising content approved by the Director: Club Cricket will be allowed.
- 6.4 Cricket socks.
- 6.5 Cricket boots or white sport shoes.
- 6.6 Only recognized cricket caps or hats uniform for the team will be allowed.
- 6.7 Umpires are directed to report any violation of the dress code to the Director: Club Cricket.

B7 Registration of members

- 7.1 No individual shall be allowed to play for any club without **first** being registered with Eastern Cricket. The Club Cricket Sub Committee shall determine such a method from time to time.
- 7.2 Further, in a limited overs match such a team will have four (4) points, and a team in a regular cricket match shall have twelve (12) points deducted from their accumulated total for each unregistered player playing in a match.
- 7.3 No player shall be allowed to play for a club affiliated to Eastern Cricket while he is registered with/or playing for a club affiliated to another Provincial Union. Should he do so he will be deemed to be an unregistered player in terms of this Playing Regulation.
- 7.4 The onus is on the Club to ensure that all members are registered in accordance with the laid down method and that no player is registered with another club or is registered with another Union. Should he do so he will be deemed to be an unregistered player and the actions above will be applied.
- 7.5 Should it come to the attention of the Director of Club Cricket, by any means whatsoever, that a Club is fielding or has fielded a member not registered with the Union, he shall be obliged to apply this Playing Regulation.
- 7.6 No individual shall be allowed to be elected to the Committee of a club without first being registered with Eastern Cricket according to the laid down method prevailing at the time for at least 60 days prior to being elected.
- 7.7 No individual other than an officially elected committee member of an Affiliate or Association shall have any right to express any opinion, concern or objection at any Eastern Cricket Council meeting.
- 7.8 A member / individual wishing to lodge a complaint should do so in writing using the proper reporting protocol via the Club Chairman of any Affiliate or Association. The Chairman of the respective Affiliate or Association is required to endorse the validity of such complaint, lodging such at the office of Eastern Cricket, Club Administrator. Any and all correspondence from any individual or member who has not followed the proper reporting protocol will be ignored and discarded thereof.
- 7.9 Any ACTIVE player who does not have a proper Identity number registered on the Union's database the Age of 16, a copy of his Birth Certificate must be provided.
- 7.10 A **foreign player** (that is, a person who does not possess South African citizenship or South African residency for two years) may register with a club when their intention is to participate locally and continue residing in South Africa. This regulation is subject to the South African Home Affairs regulations.
- 7.11 The number of foreign players playing in the premier and promotion leagues is restricted to one player per team.
- 7.12 The number of foreign players representing clubs in lower leagues is not restricted and can be determined at the discretion of the Member Board.

- 7.13 All registered foreign players participating in official CSA club fixtures will be regarded as white players. This regulation also applies to players representing their teams at the national club competitions.
- 7.14 A foreign player (that is, a person who does not possess South African citizenship or South African residency for 2 (two) years) is considered a Professional Foreign Player when they have played the majority of their cricket in a country other than South Africa and have been remunerated directly for their services as a full-time cricketer in such country.
- 7.15 A club may play 1 (one) Professional Foreign Player (as defined in 7.14 above) in a league team after the prior consent of the Member Board has been obtained.

B8 Transfers

- 8.1 Any Active member of a club requiring a transfer to another club must provide Eastern Cricket with a fully completed official Eastern Cricket Clearance Certificate after **30th April** of one cricket season and before midnight of the **1st of October** of each new cricket season but if a player did not play in the first two matches of the season, transfers will close on the 15th October. The clearance certificate must be hand written in BLUE ink and hand delivered to the Union. No other clearance certificates will be accepted.
- 8.2 Any Active player may transfer during the period from 1st January to 15th January provided a fully completed official Eastern Cricket Clearance Certificate reaches the Union before midnight of the 15th of January. Such a member requiring a transfer during this period will be prohibited from playing for their new club against their previous club until the following season. In addition, should a member not have discharged his full financial obligations to the club by 31st December, the club may levy an additional surcharge equal to 25% of the original financial obligation.
This rule is not applicable for Premier and Promotion players.
- 8.3 Any person, who has transferred to a club affiliated to another Union during the course of the season, will not be permitted to transfer back to any club affiliated to Eastern Cricket until the 31st March of that season.
- 8.4 A member requiring a transfer must not in any way be indebted to his previous club and must not be under any disciplinary sanction. A club shall be entitled to withhold a member's transfer in such cases. A club must inform Eastern Cricket of any disciplinary sanction imposed upon a member within seven (7) days of the hearing. Should such information not be provided the member will be deemed not to be under disciplinary sanction for the purpose of this bye-law only.
- 8.5 Further a club may not withhold a transfer should the member not be in debt and is not under disciplinary sanction. The Club Cricket Sub-Committee shall have the right to intervene if prevailed upon by the member and it shall, after investigation, have the right to accept a transfer without a release signature in such cases.
- 8.6 A club may not levy an amount greater than R2000.00 from a member who has outstanding fees and requires a transfer. Such a player may not play for his new club unless and until he has paid his new club the required fee.
- 8.7 Outside the periods stated above, the Club Cricket Sub-Committee will not grant a transfer for any other reason other than that of change of residence from one town to another.
- 8.8 A player or official forming part of a club's squad, playing or management, to the National Club Championships may be allowed to transfer from that club only if the player moves from a residence inside Eastern Cricket jurisdiction to a residence outside Eastern Cricket jurisdiction. Such a move must take place after the Championships are completed. A transfer will not be granted should any other reason be provided. The persons must remain with the club until the scheduled completion of the final match of that season.

B9 Clearance certificates

- 9.1 No club shall be entitled to admit, as a member junior, senior or women's, any person who has previously been a registered member of another club in any competition within the Union, without first obtaining a clearance certificate from that previous club.
- 9.2 Further, no club shall be entitled to admit, as a member junior, senior or women's, any person who has previously been a member of another club or has played for another club or Academy team in any competition organized in any other Union, without first obtaining a clearance certificate from that previous club/ team. Under these circumstances the clearance certificate may take the form of a

letter stating that the member is not in any way indebted to his previous club/ team and is not under any disciplinary sanction.

- 9.3 Should a player not obtain a clearance certificate from his previous club and play for another club, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and clause 7 will apply.

B10 Promotion / Relegation

The Club Cricket Committee of Eastern Cricket shall determine promotion or relegation. The Committee may, at its discretion and with the recommendation of the Director of Club Cricket, promote or relegate teams at half season in December.

B11 Final League Positions

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points after completion of the league fixtures the Director: Club Cricket shall consider the following when determining league positions:

- 11.1 The Team with the greater number of wins
- 11.2 **Only in the Premier Limited 50 Over league** - If teams are still equal on points after completion, the overall Net Run Rate (NRR) will determine the final league standings. If they are still equal then 11.3 to 11.6 shall be applied.
- 11.3 The team winning the match when they were last scheduled to play each other shall be placed ahead of the losing team. This shall apply to the current season.
- 11.4 Should the teams still be equal, the team drawing / tying the most matches shall be placed above the other.
- 11.5 Should the teams still be equal the team of the club who has the highest administrative rating shall be placed above the other. The rating shall be calculated as set out in clause 22 below.
- 11.6 Inadequate result sheets or failure to produce result sheets will automatically disqualify a contender.

B12 Withdrawal from the league

- 12.1 Any club wishing to withdraw a team from league competition after the fixtures have been issued must withdraw the team competing in the lowest league. Should the club have two teams, which are equal lowest, either team may be withdrawn.
- 12.2 A club withdrawing a team from the league, after the fixtures have been issued shall be fined in accordance with Clause 22 & 23.

B13 Club scratching a team (default)

- 13.1 Any club intending to scratch a match must give notice of its intention to an official of the opposing club, to the Chairman of the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association and to the Club Cricket Administrator before the scheduled starting time of that match. This may be done telephonically. Should official umpires be appointed to a match and a club scratches a team and does not inform the Chairman of the Umpires Association timeously, such a club shall be **liable** for umpire costs.
- 13.2 Any club scratching a team shall be adjudged to have lost the match and the Club Cricket Administrator will impose a fine as set out as per clause 22 & 23.
- 13.3 Any team of a club, which fails to fulfil a fixture or who arrives late to a match, in the first half of the season, will be allowed to complete their scheduled fixtures. However, one team from the club may, at the discretion of the Club Cricket Committee, be debarred from further participation in the league in the second half, and it's playing record expunged from the log.
- 13.4 Any team of a club, which fails to fulfil a fixture or who arrives late in the second half of the season, may be immediately debarred from further participation in the league in the second half, and its playing record, in the second half, expunged from the log.
- 13.5 The club withdrawing a side is not absolved from completing a result sheet on which it is clearly stated that such a team has withdrawn from a match in accordance with Playing Regulation 13.1.
- 13.6 Any fine or penalty imposed by the Club Cricket Administrator in terms of the above Playing Regulations 13.1, 13.2 & 13.3 may be subject to an appeal to the Appeals Board (Disciplinary Code).

B14 Disputes between clubs

See DISCIPLINARY CODE F – Protests, Disputes & Minor Complaints for the procedure for the handling of disputes.

B15 Submission of results and reports

- 15.1 All clubs taking part in competitions or leagues organized by Eastern Cricket must submit the **OFFICIAL** Eastern Cricket Result Sheets for the correct competition, by the dates and times indicated on the result sheet for that competition.
- 15.2 Failure to submit a result sheet timeously shall result in no points being awarded to that team. No points shall be awarded if any other result sheet other than the OFFICIAL result sheet is used.
- 15.3 The onus is on the Club Committee to ensure that the correct result sheet is submitted timeously.
- 15.4 Any Club/ Team/ Match officials/ players/ EC employee who wish to lodge a complaint of any nature must do so on the prescribed EC Incident form and submit it to the Club Cricket Department at the Eastern Cricket Office. Any person who fails to comply with this procedure shall automatically stand suspended as per DC offenses code 47.

B16 Reversions

- 16.1 No player shall be allowed to play for one club on a Saturday and a different club on a Sunday. Should a player do so, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and A4 shall apply.
- 16.2 In addition the “Loading of teams” is considered to be unfair. Any club deemed to be “loading” teams in the opinion of the Club Cricket Sub Committee will be strongly condemned and could lose all or part of their financial grant. (See Clause 19 below)
- 16.3 No player will be allowed to play for one club and to coach at another club, unless prior approval is obtained from the Director of Club Cricket. Should a player do so, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and Clause 7 shall apply. (This excludes the EJCCA and or ESCA)

B17 Players conduct

- 17.1 Players and officials shall adhere to Eastern Cricket's Code of Conduct.
- 17.2 Players acting as Player Umpires shall be expected to ACT AND BE TREATED as official Umpires.
- 17.3 The onus is on the visiting scorer to establish if there is a home scorer and where they are located.

B18 Umpires

- 18.1 In the event of no Umpires being appointed for a match, or should either or both Umpires fail to attend, the Captains of the opposing teams shall mutually appoint the Umpire or Umpires from the players playing in the match.
- 18.2 The batting Captain shall appoint the other Umpire from the players playing in the match where only one official umpire is appointed. No team shall be entitled to claim a postponement of a fixture due to there being no official umpires.
- 18.3 If only one official Umpire reports for duty at any particular match neither Captain shall have the right to demand that such official Umpire officiate at both ends. The official Umpire in response to a request from either Captain may officiate at both ends. Should the official Umpire, in his opinion, feel that the umpire appointed by the batting Captain is negligent in carrying out his duties, he shall have the right to instruct the batting Captain to appoint another umpire.
- 18.4 An umpire appointed by the batting Captain must wear trousers and a shirt. Such an umpire shall assist the Official Umpire at all times.

B19 Player restrictions

- 19.1 No player may play in a league lower than First or Promotion League after they have played in three (3) or more matches in the Premier League.
- 19.2 No player may play in a league lower than Third or Directors League after they have played in three (3) or more matches in the Promotion League.
- 19.3 Any player contracted to the Eastern Titans franchise will not be allowed to play in any league lower than the Premier League or the First League.

- 19.4 A player selected for Eastern Cricket Provincial team will not be allowed to play in any league lower than the Premier League or the First League.
- 19.5 No player under the age of **15** years may play in Eastern Cricket leagues and no player under the age of **16** years may play in the Eastern Cricket Premier League, unless formally approved by the Director: Club Cricket. The player must turn the required age during the period 1 January to 31 December of the year in which they are active.
- 19.6 No player may play for one team of a club and then a different team from the same club in the same league.
- 19.7 A player's name may not appear on 2 different result sheets on the same day.
- 19.8 No player is permitted to play outside the boundaries of the province but within the borders of South Africa whilst being a member of a club affiliated to Eastern Cricket.
- 19.9 Clubs are required to provide a list of players, on the prescribed form and before the due date, who do not wish to be considered for any representative match. Such players shall not be considered for selection. If a player, who's name does not appear on the list is selected for an Eastern Cricket representative team and withdraws or declines selection for whatever reason, such a player shall be debarred from playing for his club for the duration of the representative match as originally scheduled by Cricket South Africa. The list may be revised between the 1st and the 15th of January.
- 19.10 The Club Cricket Committee may restrict a player who they deem to be of a higher playing standard than the league for which he was selected.
- 19.11 Should any player infringe any of the above, he shall be deemed to be an unregistered player and B4 shall apply.
- 19.12 No player under the age of 18 may bat without wearing a protective helmet.
- 19.13 Only with the prior written approval by the Director of Club Cricket may a player in category's 19.2, 19.5 and 19.10 be exempted from the restrictions.

B20 Prohibition of alcoholic beverages

- 20.1 The consumption of alcoholic beverages by teams at School Grounds and at the following Club is strictly prohibited: - Actonville Spurs
- 20.2 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited between the team change over at lunch time during a T20 double header on the same day.
- 20.3 Further no alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Presidential Suite of Eastern Cricket by unauthorized suppliers, individual or member.

B21 Rulings

Any rulings on the interpretation and application of any of the Playing Regulations contained herein shall be addressed to the Playing Regulations Committee who will recommend a decision to the Eastern Cricket Board of Directors who shall inform the Club delegates of the final decision.

B22 Administrative rating system

On the 31st August each Club will be allocated one hundred (100) administrative points. Until the 31st March of the following year, points will be deducted from a Club's allocation as set out below:

No	Club Administration Offence	Admin Penalty
22.1	Clubs not supplying any requested information by the due date/ Not supplying information on the correct ECU form	4 Pts
22.2	Clubs not supplying result sheet / captain's report on the umpire by the due date and time	2 Pts
22.3	Clubs not attending a meeting.	5 Pts
22.4	A team of a club causing a delay to the start of a league fixture.	2 Pts
22.5	A team defaulting a fixture.	3 Pts
22.6	A playing member of a club incorrectly dressed on the field.	2 Pts
22.7	A team using an incorrect cricket ball.	3 Pts

22.8	A team fielding an unregistered player.	5 Pts
22.9	A club's pitch incorrectly marked.	1 Pt
22.10	Playing a match at a venue other than the advertised venue.	3 Pts
22.11	A member of a club found guilty at an Eastern Cricket disciplinary hearing.	10 Pts
22.12	A club withdrawing any team after the publication of the fixtures	10 Pts
22.13	A club that does not comply with live scoring (Premier League Only)	2 Pts

B23 Summary of offences and penalties

No.	Offence	Club Fine	Team Penalty Pts
	The first penalty points are for limited over (-4) then regular time cricket (-14)		
23.1	Withdrawal of a team from the league after fixture publication	R1500.00	
23.2	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Premier League fixture.	R1500.00	-4
23.3	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Premier Reserve, Promotion League fixture.	R1000.00	-4
23.4	No Show / Withdrawal of a team from a Directors, Executive, 1 st & 2 nd League fixtures.	R500.00	-4
23.5	No Show/ Withdrawal of a team from a fixture not mentioned in 23.2 – 23.4	R300.00	-4
23.6	Non - attendance of a meeting.	R300.00	
23.7	Failure to submit result sheet by the due date.	R200.00	0 match pts
23.8	Failure to comply with Eastern Cricket dress code.	R200.00	
23.9	Penalty for using any type of cricket ball other than that specified	R250.00	-1 or -4
23.10	Incorrect marking of the cricket pitch.	R100.00	
23.11	Fielding an unregistered player.	R200.00	-4
23.12	Fielding a player registered with another club.	R300.00	-4
23.13	Fielding a player registered with another Union.	R500.00	-4
23.14	Fielding a player under the age of 15 years. (unless approved)	R200.00	-4
23.15	Failure to adhere to the Transformation Policy (Premier League Only)		-4
23.16	Failure to provide a used cricket ball, should original ball be lost or damaged.	R100.00	
23.17	Failure of the home club to provide stumps or bails.	R100.00	
23.18	Failure to provide drinks for a scheduled drinks break.	R100.00	
23.19	Failure to provide lunch for a scheduled lunch break.	R500.00	
23.20	Failure to mark boundaries according to laid down regulations.	R200.00	
23.21	Moving a fixture scheduled for one venue to another venue without permission.	R200.00	-4
23.22	Playing of matches outside the provincial boundaries without first obtaining permission from the Executive Director of Club Cricket	R500.00	
23.23	A club that does not comply with live scoring - (Premier League Only)	R500.00	
23.24	A player of a club found guilty at an Eastern Cricket disciplinary hearing, of an offence committed whilst playing in a match.	Fine to club determined by DC committee	

PART C: DIRECTIVES – Weather & Light

C1 Match called off by ground authority

Ground authority calls off a cricket match, as it cannot prepare the field or pitch for whatever reason.

RULING

If the ground authority is unable to prepare the ground and or the pitch for play and contacts the club executives to call play off then no play may take place regardless of the weather conditions on the day of the match. This includes all scheduled senior, junior or women's matches and unscheduled matches. I.e. friendly matches.

C2 Club having no covers

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the club having no covers.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence, despite the best efforts of the home club to make the pitch playable. In the Premier League's the match will be awarded to the visiting team and the home team shall receive no points. In all other leagues the match will be considered a draw.

C3 Covers not effective – officials present

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the covers not being effective. Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association are present to officiate in the match.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence at the scheduled starting time, the decision to commence rests in the hands of the Official Umpires only. If the Official Umpires deem that the ground or pitch is unplayable but both captains wish to play then the captain's wishes shall be met. However, if after commencing the match, the Official Umpires deem the conditions to be too dangerous they shall then abandon the match regardless of the opinions of the captains.

C4 Covers not effective – officials not present

Ground authority has prepared the pitch and it becomes unplayable due to the covers not being effective. There are no Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

If the ground authority has prepared the pitch for play and the match cannot commence at the scheduled starting time, the decision to commence rests in the hands of the Captains.

If the Captains disagree about the conditions, the status quo shall prevail. I.e. the status quo is that the teams are off the field; therefor they remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C5 Match interrupted by rain – officials present

Match commences as scheduled but is interrupted due to rain. There are Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

The decision to recommence rests in the hands of the Official Umpires. If the Umpires disagree about the conditions, the Status quo shall prevail. I.e. the status quo is that the teams are off the field therefore, they remain off the field until the Umpires agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C6 Match interrupted by rain – officials not present

Match commences as scheduled but is interrupted due to rain. There are no Official Umpires appointed by the Eastern Cricket Umpires Association present to officiate in the match.

RULING

The decision to recommence rests in the hands of the Captains. If the Captains disagree about the conditions, the status quo shall prevail. I.e. the status quo is that the teams are off the field therefore, they

remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved to the extent that play may commence.

C7 Definition of covers for premier league

Covers shall be manufactured from non-porous material of at least 550g/m² mass and able to cover an area of not less than 10m wide and 24m long. The area may be covered by not more than 2 pieces, but an overlap of at least 1m is required between pieces. Covers are to be free of holes and seams to be sealed. Covers are to be equipped with at least 10 handles.

C8 Guidelines for play to commence

The bowlers must have freedom of movement in their run up. The run up must allow for a secure foothold and consideration must be given to bowlers bowling from over or around the wicket. Batsmen must have freedom of movement whilst running between wickets. The condition of the adjoining pitches must be taken into account. If the adjoining pitches are wet and slippery this may inhibit a batsman's freedom of movement. Wet patches on the pitch must not in any way cause the ball to behave in an abnormal manner. Consideration must be given to the location of the wet patches allowing for both left and right handed batsmen. The fielder's freedom of movement within 30 meters of the pitch being used should also be considered. This area should be free of standing water and should provide a secure foothold for fielders.

C9 Disagreement on Conditions

Should the captains disagree on whether the conditions are fit for play the state of the match at the time shall prevail. If play is in progress the players shall remain on the field and continue to play. If the players are off the field and play is suspended for any reason the players shall remain off the field until the captains agree that conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence.

C10 Safety

The safety of the players must at all times be considered when captains or Official Umpires make decisions regarding the ground, weather or light. Captains and Umpires may be held responsible should an injury occur whilst play is conducted under unsafe conditions.

NOTE

The Captains of both teams shall be responsible for ensuring that players from both teams are available at all times, even before the commencement of the match, to assist in removing or placing covers on the pitch when requested to do so by the umpires or player umpires even if ground staff are available at the grounds.