

# 2026 SEQ MAJOR LEAGUE

REGULATIONS, CODES OF BEHAVIOUR & FORMS



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## Section 1: Administration

### 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Host Centre	Age Groups
<b>SEQ Major League</b>	March – August 2026	SEQ Centres	Ladies A, B Men's A, B, C, D U19s / Masters 1, 2 & 3 / 50 / 55
<b>Australian Masters Championships</b>	May 2026	Werribee VIC	Over 30 Ladies Over 35/40/45/50/55/60 Men's
<b>Australian Opens Championships</b>	June 2026	Cranborne VIC	Open Men Open Women 22 & Under Men 22 & Under Women
<b>Australian Junior Championships</b>	July 2026	Cranborne VIC	U14 Boys U14 Girls U16 Boys U16 Girls U18 Boys U18 Girls
<b>SEQ Men's Major League Grand Finals</b>	Finals Series starts Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2026	Semis (3v4) – Wynnum Semis (1v4) – Caboolture Prelims – Gold Coast Grand Finals – Strathpine	All Men's & Ladies Grades
<b>2026 Zones Carnivals</b>	TBA	TBA TBA TBA TBA	Over 35/45/55/60 Men's Open Men's / Open Ladies 22 Ladies / Over 30L Over 40's & 50's Men's / 22 Men
<b>Junior State Carnival</b>	24 – 27 Sept 2026	Wynnum	10 & Under 12 & Under 14 & Under 16 & Under 14 & Under Girls 16 & Under Girls
<b>Junior World Series</b>	26 Sept – 3 Oct 2026	South Africa	13 & Under Boys & Girls 15 & Under Boys & Girls 17 & Under Boys & Girls
<b>Australian Masters Trans Tasman</b>	15-20 Sept 2026	Christchurch, New Zealand	Over 30 Ladies Over 35/40/45/50/55 Men's

## Section 2: REGULATIONS GOVERNING MAJOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

<b>Abbreviations:</b>	Cricket Australia - CA
	Indoor Cricket Federation Queensland - ICFQ
	Queensland Cricket - QC
	Indoor Cricket Federation Qld Committee - ICFQC
	South East Queensland - SEQ
	North Queensland - NQ
	Indoor Cricket Centre - Centres

### 1. ROLE OF ICFQ

- a. ICFQ is the governing body that oversees the Major League Competition
- b. ICFQ's role is to oversee the Major League and Zone competitions on behalf of the Centres. With this, all competitions under ICFQ will be governed by the ICFQ Committee.

### 2. ROLE and POWERS OF THE INDOOR CRICKET FEDERATION QLD COMMITTEE (ICFC)

- a. It is expected that all committee members will contribute their ideas and expertise from the perspective of the best long-term interest in respect of all aspects of the control, management and promotion of Indoor Cricket, namely;
  - i. To ensure that the overall management of ICFQ competitions is set up to ensure positive promotion throughout Centres for participants to pursue their highest potential.
  - ii. To manage the ongoing conduct and oversee all ICFQ run competitions, both male, female and junior.
  - iii. To propose changes to the playing conditions to the Centre Owners, after receiving feedback from players and Centres post-season, as well as address other issues affecting the current and future development of indoor cricket within Queensland.
  - iv. Develop and provide member Centres with a selection of game formats most suitable for all participants, both male & female, junior and senior in line with the ICFQ strategic plan.
- b. In the event of a breach of the Major League competition regulations, the ICFQC may impose on a player or Centre such a penalty as the ICFQC considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- c. The penalty may include any combination of the following:
  - i. Warning
  - ii. Suspended Sentence
  - iii. Forfeiture of the game including points gained by the team in the game in question or other games;
  - iv. In the event of a Semi Final or Final, forfeiture of the match;
  - v. A monetary penalty.

### 3. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

These Regulations apply individually and collectively to all players and officials who participate in a ICFQ sanctioned event.

All players and officials have a duty to maintain and encourage the highest level of fair play and sportsmanship. They are expected to set an example in conduct and are obliged to avoid all unfair acts and practices which are detrimental to the sport or may bring the sport, ICFQ, or any indoor cricket body into disrepute.

All players and officials must comply with the *Code of Behaviour* and Policies on Racial and Religious Vilification and Intoxicated Players. Any player or official engaging in, or alleged to have engaged in, unprofessional behavior will be subject to the hearing procedure in the Code of Behaviour.

See appendices at the back of this document for more information.

It is the responsibility of each Centre to ensure the suite of policies on player behaviour are made available to all players prior to the commencement of each season.

#### 4. CENTRES AND TEAMS MATRIX

This table shows the breakdown of teams participating in the 2026 Major League:

2026 Major League Grades												
	Men's A	Ladies A	Ladies B	Colts 19's	Men's B	Men's C	Men's D	Masters 1	Masters 2	Masters 3	O50 Men's	O55 Men's
Caboolture	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Gold Coast	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ipswich	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Strathpine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Victoria Point	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Wynnum	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL TEAMS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL RDS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Finals Qual.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Graded Up</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

- Each Centre must field a minimum of 8 grades including compulsory Men's A, Men's B, Men's C, & Masters 1 (over 35). Centres unable to field a team in one of those grades must seek approval from the ICFQC. The additional 4 grades may be made up of any combination of Men's D, Colts 19's, Masters 2, Masters 3 (subject to fielding Masters 2), 50's, 55's, Ladies A and Ladies B.
- All Centres will be able to participate in Master's 2 as long as Masters 1 is filled first. All Centres will be able to participate in Masters 3 as long as both Masters 1 & Masters 2 is filled first. If this is not being met, a prior approval from the ICFQC will be required.
- Centres cannot withdraw teams from the competition at any stage. Penalties will apply at the discretion of the ICFQC for any Centre that withdraws a team after the commencement of the season. These penalties may include, but not be limited to, forfeit points awarded, as well as double game fees paid to host Centre, Suspended Sentences and/ or Official Warnings.

#### 5. UNFINANCIAL MEMBER

The ICFQ Unfinancial Persons list encompasses people who become Unfinancial with ICFQ, Qld Cricket, Cricket Australia or any member centre/club of ICFQ.

- Any person on the distributed Unfinancial Persons list will be suspended and may not play in any ICFQ sanctioned event (Major League, Zones or State Titles) until they have either paid the debt in full or have entered into and maintained a suitable payment plan. It is the responsibility of the Person's Centre/club to ensure that these payment plans are being maintained by checking with the reporting organisation, Centre or club. Once a person has finalised their debt, ICFQ must be notified in writing and if approved the person will be removed from the Unfinancial Persons list
- Any player who has entered into a suitable payment plan with the reporting organisation, Centre or club will be listed on the Unfinancial Person's List as on a payment plan. Provided this person maintains their payment plan, they will be permitted to play in any ICFQ sanctioned event, despite being on the Unfinancial Person's List. This Person's Centre/club MUST check with the reporting organisation prior to every round/event that a payment has been made within the previous 2 weeks to satisfy maintenance of their payment plan.

Failure to confirm this with the reporting organisation, Centre or club could see your Centre/club forfeit any match that this person takes part in.

- In the event that an unfinancial person's new Centre/club cannot get a response from the reporting organisation, Centre or club by the Friday of a round/event, the Centre will need to email the ICFQ Treasurer with proof of their efforts to confirm the person's status on their payment plan (proof can be a copy of the email sent to the reporting organisation, Centre or club, giving them a minimum of 5 days notice to confirm the status of the payment plan). The Treasurer will keep this email on file and the person will be permitted to play in that particular round/event only, until confirmation of the status of their payment plan. The Treasurer to notify all relevant parties.
- If a member Centre/club would like to add someone to the Unfinancial Persons list the following must be adhered to;
  - Notify ICFQ in writing of the person to be added to the list, including contact details (email) for the person and the total amount owing (amounts owing will be used internally by ICFQ only)

- ii. Evidence must be provided to ICFQ that the debt exists AND that effort has been made to collect the outstanding monies from said person
  - iii. ICFQ will notify a person via email that they are to be added to the list, this person then has 48 hours to respond otherwise will be added to the list.
- e. Once it is approved that a person will be added to the Unfinancial Persons List, ICFQ will notify that said person, reporting Centre/club and current or new Centre/club (if known).
  - f. ICFQ will distribute this list at the start of each year to all member Centres/clubs. This list may be updated and redistributed to all member Centres/clubs in the event of a new addition to the list or a debt being settled in full.
  - g. It will be the responsibility of all Centres/clubs to regularly check this list to ensure that none of their players or potential players are on this list.
  - h. If any Unfinancial person does take the court in any ICFQ sanctioned competition or event without having adhered to the above rules and stipulations the penalty will be forfeiture of the match or matches they participate in.

## 6. GAME FEES

- a. The game fees shall be \$160 per team per fixture. All Centres will be responsible for the payment of game fees for each of their teams. Any changes to game fees will be considered by the ICFQC at the start of each season.

## 7. PLAYER QUALIFICATION

- a. All Major League players without exception must play regular domestic fixtures within the Centre which they represent in the Major League Competition.
- b. Regular qualification means that a player must have participated in at least 1/3 or more of the completed fixtures in the Centre's season that coincides with the Major League competition.
- c. Verification – In the event that ICFQ questions a Centre regarding this rule, the Centre must present an original team card showing the name of the player, team and dates of participation and copies of score sheets for the relevant games. If a Centre fails to provide the requested documents, a guilty finding will be made, and penalties may be applied at the discretion of the ICFQC. These could include, but not limited to Official warnings, suspended sentences, forfeits, or withdrawal from competition.
- d. Extenuating Circumstances – Injury or illness to a player may be accepted, this must however be verifiable and recorded by the Centre.
- e. All team Sheets for all fixtures must be sent through to ICFQ ([stats@icfq.com.au](mailto:stats@icfq.com.au)) by COB Wednesday following the round of fixtures on the supplied ICFQ Template Form.
- f. ICFQ will utilise SPAWTZ to record and manage player qualifications throughout the Major League season. The data held in SPAWTZ will be cross referenced from time to time with the provided team sheets to ensure accurate information across the board.

## 8. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a. Players **External to SEQ** will need to be submitted to the ICFQ Committee for Approval (at least 7 Days prior) based on the following Criteria.
  - i. **REGULAR PLAYER** – Any player outside SEQ (incl NQ and or Interstate) who is genuinely wishing to be a part of the SEQ Major League competition (Meeting RULE 11-b CONDITION 1)
    - [a] **Players who are approved for this exemption and fail to qualify for FINALS will be required to provide reasonable evidence as to WHY they were unable to, and if not satisfactory all games they played in where RULE 8-a-ii-a is breached will result in a FORFEIT.**
  - ii. **FILL IN PLAYER** - Any player outside SEQ (incl NQ and or Interstate who is wishing to fill in on a specific ML Round.
    - [a] **MAX 2 of these players are permitted to play in any single ML Fixture.** Any Breach of this will constitute a forfeit for the specific match involved.
- b. No player may play for more than one Centre in any year. [See Transfer Rule]
- c. No female player may play in any ICFQ senior men's grade and no male player may play in any ICFQ senior women's grade.

- d. Transfer Rule:
- i. A NQ Player will be allowed to participate in SEQ Major League for that particular year of competition. These players will need to qualify under the following when applying for a "Participation Exemption" (All Players MUST Seek exemption)
    - [a] Player wishes to be a regular part of the SEQ ML Competition and qualify for finals (See RULE 8-a-i)
  - ii. Once a player has represented a Centre in one fixture match in the current season that player may not transfer to another Centre without clearance by the ICFQC.
  - iii. Transfers may only be granted on the following grounds:
    - [a] Where the player has had a change of address, which involved a reasonable distance.
    - [b] Closure of the player's Centre.
    - [c] Where a player transfers employment in an affiliated Centre provided the new employment is full time and can be verified.
    - [d] Extenuating circumstances where the ICFQC deems it would be in the best interests of the competition and/or the individual.
  - iv. Transfers within a Division may be granted by the ICFQC provided:
    - [a] The Transfer is not disputed.
    - [b] All financial obligations to the original Centre have been met by the player. [See Unfinancial Members]
    - [c] At least one of the conditions in (a, b or c) or (iii) above is met.
  - v. Notice of application for Inter-Division transfers must be forwarded to ICFQ for consideration by ICFQC.
  - vi. In the event of an approved player transfer, all matches played for the previous Centre will be counted for grading and qualification.
- e. Residency:
- i. All players must reside in Qld or if residing interstate seek an exemption from the ICFQC a minimum of 7 days prior to playing. These are to be supplied according to 3 separate categories
    - [a] PLAYERS that meet RULE 7-a – As a courtesy to ICFQ.
    - [b] PLAYERS that wish to meet RULE 8-a-i
    - [c] PLAYERS that wish to meet RULE 8-a-ii
  - ii. All these approvals will be based on what Divisions/ Tiers they are eligible to compete in.

## 9. AGE QUALIFICATIONS

- a. To play in the Masters competition (Masters 1, Masters 2, Masters 3, Over 50 Men & Over 55 Men), a player must reach the minimum qualifying age in the same calendar year of the competition. Masters 1, 2 & 3 minimum age is 35 years. Players must be born in 1991 or prior to qualify for this division.
- b. To play in the Colts Competition, a player must be 19 or under in the same calendar year of the competition. Players must be born in 2007 or later to qualify for this division.
- c. It is the responsibility of the Centre Management to verify the age of all players representing their Centre.
- d. Players may be required to show proof of age at any SEQ Major League Fixture.
- e. Should any Centre/player contravene these rules, a decision on a suitable penalty will be made by the ICFQC.

## 10. STATE AND NATIONAL PLAYERS – PERMITTED GRADES

A State player is defined as a person selected by a State or Territory to play at a Nationals event. This is to exclude players that Nominate to play for Queensland and are unsuccessful in being selected (in the 'Maroon' sides).

For the purposes of grading under these provisions, those players selected in "Qld White" sides are not formally recognised as a 'State Player' and thereby less restricted than 'Maroon players' of similar age group (as noted).

Similarly (for the purposes of grading under these provisions), those players selected in "Qld White" sides but called into 'Maroon' sides, will then be formally recognised as a 'State Player' and subject to relevant provisions.

- a. The following table shows the divisions that specific State and/or National players are permitted to play in;

Division	Permitted State Players
MENS A	ALL State Players
MENS B	ALL State Players excluding OPEN MEN
MENS C	ALL State Players EXCLUDING OPEN MEN / 22s / 35s / 40s ("Qld White" & Masters State players over the age of 45 years remain eligible)
MENS D	OVER 50s, 55s & 60s & all Junior State players (14s & 16s - EXCLUDING 18's)
MASTERS 1	ALL age eligible players
MASTERS 2	ALL Masters State players over the age of 45 & 35s / 40s "Qld White" players
MASTERS 3	ONLY over 50s, 55s & 60s State players (incl 50s, 55s & 60s "Qld White" players)
OVER 50s	ALL Age Eligible players
COLTS	ALL Age Eligible players
LADIES A	ALL female State players are eligible
LADIES B	ONLY Junior State players (14's, 16's, 18's)

- b. For the purpose of determining State players, this condition will apply in the year when a player is selected in a State team to play at the National competition. For example, if a player is selected in the Under 22 State Team for the 2026 National Championships, he is ineligible to play Men's C and D in 2026. Similarly, if a (Junior) player is selected in the Under 18's State Team for the 2026 (Junior) National Championships, he is ineligible to play Men's D in 2026, but still able to play Colts (due age eligibility).
- c. Players selected that subsequently withdraw from a State team (or the championships do not proceed) will still be considered State Representatives and the condition in 11 [b] shall still apply.
- d. Centre's wishing to play players outside of these regulations must apply to the ICFQC outlining the details as to why the player should be permitted to play.

## 11. QUALIFICATION / GRADING OF PLAYERS

- a. Provided a player is not a current State or National player covered in rule 11, the following table shows the TIERS that players can qualify in and cross over into throughout the season.

*Note: Unless otherwise agreed to (in writing) by ICFQC, a player 'grading' into a specific tier due to games played overrides any exemption provisions.*

Tier Level	1	2	3	4	State Qual
Tier 1	A Grade	Ladies A			Open State Players / O30's & 22's Ladies
Tier 2	B Grade	Masters 1	Ladies B		State 22's (Men's), State 35's & 40's
Tier 3	C Grade	Masters 2			State 45's / 35's, 40's 'White' players / ALL Masters State players over age of 45 / (Juniors - 18's Boys)
Tier 4	D Grade	Masters 3	50's / 55's	Colts	State 50's, 55's & 60's / 45's 'White' players / Juniors (14's & 16's)

- b. For the Purpose of QUALIFICATION and GRADING FOR FINALS the following 2 CONDITIONS are to be satisfied:

**CONDITION 1** – *What a player is required to meet to be eligible to play in an ICFQ Finals Series (and be eligible to Participate in an ICFQ Zone Tournament)*

- **MEET CONDITION 1 (a):** A player MUST compete in 1/3 of the seasons ROUNDS (Rounded Up). A Round is a defined as the total number of games in a division for the season. Eg. C Grade has 10 ROUNDS in a full season.
- **MEET CONDITION 1 (b).** For any Division with less than Full Team Numbers (6) the qualification rule above still applies for that division. However, if a player also wants to be eligible for another division, they ALSO have to meet that divisions rules. Eg. Colts. 6 ROUNDS in Total Season. 1/3 of 6 = 2 (rounded up) matches qualifies for Finals. To be eligible for any C Grade they still need to play another 2 ROUND(S) at that tier level.

**CONDITION 2** – Where & When a player is considered GRADED into a specific TIER & can NO Longer Play down Tiers.

- **MEET CONDITION 2** – The following **DOES NOT** apply to Men’s or Ladies A grade divisions [refer Rule 2(e) as outlined below].
- **CONDITION 2 (a)** – For the Purpose of Grading the following calculation will be applied.  
 “G” = (½ x Seasons ROUNDS) – 1  
 - [e.g. For C Grade. “G” = (½ x 10 games) -1 = 4 games].
- **CONDITION 2 (b)** – Once a player has played “G” (Number of Games), The LOWEST Tier of the Players Highest “G” (These matches can be played on a single Night) **GRADES a player**, and that player can no longer play down a TIER.  
 - e.g. A Player plays 2 x A grade / 2 x M1 / 1 x C grade – That player is now a TIER 3 GRADED PLAYER and can no longer play TIER 4. [With exception of Rule 2(d)]  
 - If that player plays another 1 x M1 and 1x B that player is now a TIER 2 GRADED PLAYER (i.e. played 5 games in TIER 2) and can no longer play TIER 3 (With exception of Rule 2(d))
- **CONDITION 2 (c)** – This is a rolling grading system throughout the season and is enforceable once the player plays their “G” (numbered) Match.
- **CONDITION 2 (d)** – Exceptions to the above TIERED System are:
  - A Player Qualified in Men’s A (TIER 1) can still play MASTERS 1 / 50s & 55s (Only) if they are still age eligible for those divisions.
  - Any Player Qualified in any Men’s Competition (Tier 1-4) and still be eligible to Play COLTS (Only) if they are age eligible for this division.
  - A Player Qualified in Ladies 1 (TIER 1) can still play LADIES B with the exception of Players who have been selected in Qld Opens, Over 30s, or Under 22’s in the past 2 years are ineligible to play.
  - Players who are Under 18 (& not selected in Qld U18’s) are excluded from the “grading up” rule for Ladies A (5 games). ANYONE Over 18 (or Under 18 & selected in Qld U18’s Girls) is subject to grading into Ladies A after 5 games in Ladies A, and no longer eligible for Ladies B
- **CONDITION 2 (e)** – Exceptions to the above TIERED System for Premier Grades (Mens A & Ladies A) are:
  - For the Purpose of Grading the following calculation will be applied. “G” = (½ x Seasons ROUNDS) + 1
    - o [e.g. For Men’s A Grade. “G” = (½ x 10 games) + 1 = 6 games]
    - o [e.g. For Ladies A Grade. “G” = (½ x 8 games) + 1 = 5 games]

2026 Major League Cricket Over Qualification (Graded) Table												
Grade	Men’s A	Ladies A	Ladies B	COLTS	Men’s B	Men’s C	Men’s D	Masters 1	Masters 2	Masters 3	O50 Men	O55 Men
Games	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	4	n/a	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a

- No player may be demoted more than one grade from their last match played. For example, if a player is required to drop from Men’s B to Men’s D, he must first play one game of Men’s C. These games may be played on the same night, provided the fixtures are in the appropriate order in your times grid.
- Players are permitted to play in the Finals Series in the grade/s they are qualified for. Players are also permitted to play in other finals matches for higher grades. e.g. If a player is graded in Men’s D they are eligible to play in the Men’s C Final. If a player is graded in Masters 2 they are eligible to play in Masters 1 Final).
- Should any Centre/team contravene these rules for finals the following penalty shall apply to the offending Centre, team and player:
  - The offending team will forfeit the final in which the qualification was breached.
  - The Opposition team will be granted the win.

## 12. SCHEDULING OF FIXTURES

- a. The draw, complete with dates and venues, will be produced by ICFQ and distributed to the participating Centres prior to the commencement of the season.
- b. The Major League Competition may start no earlier than Saturday 21 March 2026.
- c. Centres must finalise game times by 5:00pm Tuesday prior to the fixtures, should this not occur game times default to the standard time grid.
- d. Rescheduled Rounds:
  - i. Should a round be agreed to be rescheduled between Centres for any reason it must be approved by ICFQC
  - ii. The round must be completed no later than the weekend prior to the final regular season round games
  - iii. The reschedule must be for the entire round not individual games except for special circumstances approved by ICFQC
  - iv. Approval for individual games to be rescheduled may include those severely affected by indoor cricket representative commitments
- e. If teams can't agree on a suitable reschedule date, application should be made to ICFQ for a determination which will be binding. This may include an alternate venue being arranged should availability be an issue with the host.

## 13. MAJOR LEAGUE RULES

The Major League competition will be played under these ICFQ regulations in conjunction with the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF, except for the rule variations listed under rule 28.

## 14. TIMED INNINGS

- a. All Innings will be "Timed" with timings to be recorded on Team Sheets by umpires. (e.g. Umpires to record time of commencement of both 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> overs of each innings).
- b. The goal is for the fielding side to be in position for the 16<sup>th</sup> over within 42 Min.
- c. Umpires are to manage timing by helping teams to keep within the time limit. Time wasting, by either side, will not be tolerated.
- d. Time stoppages for "serious injuries" will be allowed at the Umpires discretion and should be noted/recorded accordingly (including any stoppages of game clock during games).
- e. Innings times will be reviewed by centre managers and ICFQ. Should times excessively exceed the 42 min, official warnings can be laid against offending Centres/ teams.
- f. Time Penalties (for timed innings) will NOT apply to games. Fielding teams are still to aim to have completed their 15 overs within 42 minutes and be ready in position for the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> over. Fielding teams that take longer than 42 minutes to complete their 15 overs (& be in position ready for commencement for the 16th over) will be warned of the issue, but NOT penalised (i.e. 5 runs for every 2 minutes, or part thereof).

The umpire will be the final judge on the time taken to complete each innings. The timing for the innings starts when the umpire calls "Play" for the 1<sup>st</sup> delivery of the innings and ends when the fielding team are ready in position for the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> over.

The umpire will stop the clock at their discretion for minor injuries, first aid treatment on court, and discussions with players for umpire warnings if they feel this discussion will take longer than normal.

For clarity, the time taken to deal with serious injuries will not count towards the 42 minutes. All injuries for the batting team will result in the umpire stopping the clock, regardless of the nature of the injury.

Umpires will warn batters for time wasting if they feel batters are trying to take advantage of the fielding team's time allocation. Umpires may penalise batters or add time onto the 42 minutes if they consider batters have deliberately slowed down the play [refer Rule 19F(ix)].

If deemed applicable by the umpire [as deliberate time wasting under Rule 19F(ix)], fielding teams receiving Time Penalties may have the runs deducted against the team captain as this will be considered as a team penalty and as such, does not count as an individual penalty against the captain. Batters receiving Time Penalties will have runs deducted at the time of the penalty. This is a team penalty and does not count as an individual penalty against the batters.

## 15. SUSPECT BOWLING ACTIONS

Players considered to have suspect bowling actions will be in the vast minority. This policy is not intended for Major League umpires, of varying experience and bowling action understanding, to proactively look for suspect bowling actions. Rather, the policy is intended to provide a procedure to identify and rectify obvious suspect deliveries. Refer to the Suspect Bowling Action Procedure in Appendix 4 at the back of this document for more information.

## 16. LIST OF TEAMS

- a. Team lists on a master sheet including all players names in their grades must be submitted to the host centre no later than 9:00am on game day (template has been provided to all Centres). Changes must be submitted no later than 30 min prior to the fixture (late changes due to injury etc. should be notified ASAP).
- b. All Players to be entered into Spawtz as per the Procedure communicated to all Centres in previous years
- c. At the completion of the night, both Centres must sign the Master Team Sheets including any adjustments.
- d. The host centre must send the signed Master Team Sheets to ICFQ at [stats@icfq.com.au](mailto:stats@icfq.com.au) by COB Wednesday following the fixture.
- e. Should any Centre require a copy of relevant template(s) and/or documentation, Centres can contact ICFQ directly ([stats@icfq.com.au](mailto:stats@icfq.com.au)) and a copy will be provided upon request.

## 17. FAILURE TO FIELD TEAMS

- a. All forfeits will be declared by the Venue Manager as per the Official Rules of Indoor Cricket.
- b. Should any team forfeit a game; the following penalty shall apply:
  - i. The offending centre will be fined the full game fees of both teams - \$320. This fine will be invoiced by and payable to ICFQ.
  - ii. In the case of an AWAY team forfeiting ICFQ will reimburse the home centre \$280 - the equivalent of the fine (\$320) less umpires cost (\$40). In the case of the HOME team forfeiting - no reimbursement is applicable.
  - iii. The players in the offending team will not be credited with a game being played.
  - iv. The non-offending team will be credited 7 points & a win (with a scoreline of 75-0) and their players will be credited with a game being played.
  - v. In the case of a forfeit teams must be filled from the top down where applicable.  
*i.e. If A, B or C grade is being forfeited, A grade must field a side before B grade can play, B grade before C grade, C grade before D grade. A centre may not forfeit A grade yet participate in B, C & D grades.*
  - vi. Further, in Masters grades, Masters 1 must field a team before Masters 2, Masters 2 before Masters 3. This does not apply to 50's or 55's.

## 18. PLAYER'S UNIFORMS

- a. No player shall be allowed to play in any match unless they appear in proper cricketing attire, which shall consist of the following:
  - i. Teams may combine shirt styles (short / long sleeve) but colours and logos must still be matching. All Centres participating in Major League must bear the QC logo or the new ICFQ logo. Where uniforms (i.e. shirts AND bottoms) bear a sponsor's logo they must match in all respects within the team.
  - ii. Players must wear shorts / pants that must match in colour, however can bear a logo of the Centre from any era that the player is representing. No ZONE pants are to be worn in any Major League Fixture. If a player is found to be wearing ZONE pants, a uniform penalty will be applied by the umpire. "Matching colour" is at the discretion of the Umpire.
  - iii. Centres that have any problems regarding uniforms across a large scale must submit a written application to ICFQ for review and consideration by the ICFQC.
- b. Penalties for all uniform infractions will be as per the Official Rules of Indoor Cricket. Each item of clothing / uniform that is not correct, will be penalized 5 runs to a maximum of 10 runs per team.
- c. Permitted Logos on Major League Playing Uniform:
  - i. Centre Logo
  - ii. Manufacturer Logo
  - iii. Commercial Logos

- iv. Competition Body Logo (QC Indoor or ICFQ)
  - v. Centre Sponsor Logo
- d. The permitted size and location of these logos on playing apparel is as follows.
- i. Shirts –
    - 1) Centre Logo: Max of 64cm<sup>2</sup> on left chest.
    - 2) Competition Logo: Max of 64cm<sup>2</sup> on right chest.
    - 3) Manufacturers Logo: Max of 40cm<sup>2</sup> on any part of shirt.
    - 4) Centre Sponsor Logo: Max of 30cm (wide) x 20cm (high) on front of shirt, Max of 64cm<sup>2</sup> on either or both sleeves.

ii. Shorts/Pants –

- 1) Centre Logo: Max of 64cm<sup>2</sup> on either leg
- 2) Competition Logo: Max of 64cm<sup>2</sup> on either leg

## 19. APPROVED BALLS

- a. The preferred brand of ball is the Burley, PSC or Rocket however the one brand of ball must be the same across a host per round.
- b. All Grades in 2026 will use 2 new balls per game - 1 Per innings
- c. It is the responsibility of the host Centre to provide the ball/s for each fixture played. Contact to be made with ICFQ President for supply of Major League playing balls.
- d. Should a Centre be unable to supply the approved balls as described above, the following needs to occur:
  - i. Contact opposition Centre early enough to arrange to purchase the balls from their stock, or contact ICFQ for availability of stock;
  - ii. Both Centres may agree to use an alternate ball if no approved balls are available, however the ICFQC must be notified of this change by COB Wednesday preceding the fixture.

## 20. LENGTH OF OVERS

- a. Major League Competitions will play six (6) ball overs with minus five (5) runs per dismissal. All other scoring shall be as defined in the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF.

## 21. POINTS SYSTEM

- a. All Major League competitions will be played under the skins scoring system as per the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF.
- b. The ladder position will be determined as follows:
  - i. Highest Total Points (Wins & Skins)
  - ii. Highest number of Outright Wins (if equal on total points)
  - iii. Highest number of Skins (if equal on total points and outright wins)
  - iv. Highest Runs Percentage (if equal on all the above)

## 22. UMPIRE ALLOCATION

- a. All Centres will aim to have umpires that have completed the course and exam provided by the Umpires Sub Committee. From this, the Sub Committee will compile a consolidated list of 'ICFQ Accredited Umpires' which will be made available to all Centres. This is to be regularly updated when possible.
- b. It is preferable that if an umpire is not on the 'ICFQ Accredited Umpires' list (as provided to each centre), umpires should be utilised to umpire any Major League games only where necessary until the course and exam have been completed. Either centre is able to lodge a complaint to the ICFQC if they believe that the umpire needs additional training for further consideration (the report should be sent to both [secretary@icfq.com.au](mailto:secretary@icfq.com.au) & [stats@icfq.com.au](mailto:stats@icfq.com.au)).
- c. All Major League fixtures should be officiated by the very best quality Umpire available to each host centre on that given day/night.
- d. Umpires should not smoke or consume alcohol until they have finished all umpiring duties for the day.

- e. Umpires are to wear an appropriate Shirt, preferable a QC, ICFQ or CA/Nationals Umpires Shirt or Centre Umpires Shirt (where available) whilst officiating in any Major League Fixture. This shirt should be worn with suitable trousers/shorts and closed in shoes at all fixtures. Umpires are NOT to wear playing shirts when umpiring (where possible).
- f. Should a Centre's experience trouble appointing suitable umpires to a fixture, please contact the opposing Centre or for assistance before approaching other umpires. ICFQ Umpires Sub Committee ([stats@icfq.com.au](mailto:stats@icfq.com.au)) is to be notified prior to approaching any other umpires.
- g. Umpires are to be paid at a rate of \$40.00 per Major League fixture umpired.
- h. Umpires for all Major League Finals (Semi/Preliminary & Grand Finals) fixtures for all divisions will be appointed by the ICFQC through consultation with ICFQ Umpires Sub Committee.

### 23. HOURS OF PLAY

- a. The host Centre is to discuss the scheduling of fixtures with the opposition centre.
- b. If Centre's are not able to agree to suitable times the following will apply:

3 Court Centre			
4:00pm	Ladies A	Colts 19s	Over 55s
5.30pm	Men's B	Masters 3	Ladies B
7.00pm	Masters 1	Men's C	Over 50s
8.30pm	Men's A	Men's D	Masters 2

### 24. RESULTS

- a. All Centre's competing in the Major League Competition must place all fixtures and results into the spawtz.com League Management site.
- b. All results of fixtures must be completed by Wednesday following the fixtures being played.
- c. The entire scorecard for the games needs to be correctly and accurately transferred on to the site, including Full Players Names.
- d. Support for Spawtz can be contacted at [support@motio.com.au](mailto:support@motio.com.au) or for urgent enquiries 0427 755 268.

### 25. FINALS SERIES

- a. Major League Finals Venues will be allocated by ICFQC based on number of previous hosting of events and as per published details.

### 26. SCHEDULE OF SEQ FINALS SERIES

#### MAJOR LEAGUE GRADES

- Semi Finals: (Match A) 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and (Match B) 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Preliminary Finals: (Match C) Winner Match A vs LOSER Match B
- Grand Finals: (Match D) Winner B vs Winner C

### 27. LADIES COMPETITION

The 2026 Ladies A & Ladies B competition will be played under ICFQ Major League rules and regulations in conjunction with the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF (including the rule amendments listed under rule variations listed under rule 28).

### 28. RULE VARIATIONS

The following rule variations are to apply to the 2026 Major League competition. These rule variations apply in conjunction with these ICFQ regulations and the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF.

**(a) Rule Variation 1 — *Second Ball***

The Second Ball Rule variation will now replace the Third Ball Rule as defined within the *2018 Official Rules of Indoor Cricket* administered by the WICF.

Should the score remain unchanged after one delivery, the umpire will call and signal "Second Ball".

On next delivery, the score must change, or a dismissal will be recorded against the batter on strike (striker).

If the score is changed, the Second Ball count will restart from the commencement of the next delivery.

After a second ball call:

- On a Second Ball call, unless a wide, legside or no ball is called by the umpire, the striker will be regarded as being out of their crease once the ball is delivered by the bowler. This only applies to dismissals for runouts and stumpings.
- If a wicket occurs, the striker will face the next delivery unless the batters have crossed prior to the dismissal and the wicket didn't fall on the last ball of the over.
- A striker who is stumped will face the next delivery, except when the wicket falls on the last ball of the over.
- The striker is entitled to the call of No Ball (height) provided they have part of their back foot behind the batting crease when the ball passes or would have passed the crease. The back foot need not necessarily be grounded behind the batting crease.
- There are no longer any conditions placed on non-striker, such as stopping or returning to their crease, other than successfully crossing to the striker's crease when making a physical run.
- The other conditions in the Third Ball Rule (17 H ii & iii) still apply. These include the umpire failing to call Second Ball & Second Ball not carrying over from one batting partnership to next.

**(b) Rule Variation 2 — *Tied Grand Finals***

**All Grand Finals:**

- If any Grand Final is tied at the completion of 16 overs for each side, a Super Over will be played.
- If the scores are still tied at the completion of the Super Over, a second Super Over will be played.
- If the scores are still tied at the completion of the 2nd Super Over, the match will be awarded to the team who finished higher on the ladder at the completion of the regular home & away season.

**Super Over:**

- When a Super Over is to be played, the team captains will toss a coin to determine the batting/fielding order in the Super Over.
- Teams will select their own batters and bowler for each respective Super Over.
- Before each Super Over starts, the batting team will inform the umpire who is batting, and the bowling team will inform the umpire who is bowling.
- Teams will be unable to change their selections once the umpire has been informed.
- Teams do not need to inform their opponents of their selections.
- Teams must use the same players who played in the match unless a player/s was substituted (per substitute rule).
- Any substitute/s used in the match will take part in the Super Over but will only be allowed to field. Teams will bowl with the same ball they bowled with in the match.
- All Wides, Legsides, and No Balls bowled in a Super Over will be re-bowled at the batter's discretion. This is irrespective of whether runs are scored from the delivery, or a dismissal occurs.

## **SECTION 3 - POLICY OF JUDICIAL MATTERS AND BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **APPENDIX 1: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Note: This policy applies to all competitions. As we (ICFQ) maintain a support relationship with Queensland Cricket (QC), any reference to QC should be read to include ICFQ and any reference to ICFQ should be read to include QC.

Traditionally, Cricket has been the one sport to maintain and promote the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. While always a competitive sport, its continued strength and its image relies on the acceptance of the umpire's decision and a preparedness to play within the "spirit of the game".

#### **ALL PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF THE STANDARDS EXPECTED AND CONSEQUENTLY ANY PLAYER OR OFFICIAL WHO BREACHES THIS CODE CAN EXPECT LITTLE SYMPATHY IF FOUND GUILTY.**

It is the responsibility of everyone associated with ICFQ/QC, Centre Officials, Team Captains and especially the Players to ensure the level of conduct and sportsmanship traditionally inherent in the Game is observed.

This Code applies to any player or official representing ICFQ/QC (or in a ICFQ/QC sanctioned event), including participating in any competition, tour or training camp, from the time of departure from the player's or official's usual private residence prior to the tour or camp until return to that residence after the tour or camp.

"Official" means the manager or a member of the coaching, medical or fitness staff of a team; the selectors of a team; any other person acting in an official capacity for ICFQ/QC or a Centre in relation to a team; or an umpire of a match.

#### **1. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- [a] The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.
- [b] This Code applies to all registered players and officials. Sections 1[b] (v), 1[b] (vii), 1[b] (viii) of this Code apply at any time. Sections 1[b](i), 1[b](ii), 1[b](iii), 1[b](iv), 1[b](vi) apply whether participating or spectating at any match or event under the auspices of Cricket Australia, ICFQ or QC, including matches sanctioned by ICFQ/QC Affiliates. This Code applies in addition to and not in substitution for the ICC Code of Conduct and the Cricket Australia Code of Behaviour, Racial and Religious Vilification Code and the Anti-Harassment Policy, [the Codes]. Specifically:
  - (i) Players and officials must not abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
  - (ii) Players and officials must not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, a player, an official or spectator.
  - (iii) Players and officials must not react with unnecessary obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally, following an umpiring decision.
  - (iv) Players and officials must not use crude or abusive language, or otherwise engage in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game. An umpire would be expected to caution the player and advise the captain of his concern before reporting any player for this type of behaviour.
  - (v) Players and officials must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game.
  - (vi) Players and officials must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.
  - (vii) Players and officials must not engage in any form of racial or religious abuse or harassment as defined in the QC Racial and Religious Vilification Code, the Cricket Australia Racial and Religious Vilification Code or Anti-Harassment Policy.
  - (viii) Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not make public or media comment which is detrimental to the interests of the game.

*Note: Public comment includes comment on Centre websites and other electronic media.*

## 2. METHOD OF HANDLING BREACHES OF THE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

### [a] Complaint

- (i) A complaint outlining an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour may be submitted by;
  - The officiating umpire;
  - An Official of the Centres participating in the match in which the alleged breach occurred;
  - A player participating in the particular match in which an alleged breach occurs; or
  - Any committee member of the Indoor Cricket Federation of Queensland (ICFQC).
- (ii) Any complaint is to be completed on the official document found in the ICFQ Handbook, with all supporting documents to be provided.
- (iii) This complaint can be lodged either via email or in person to the ICFQ Secretary, an ICFQ committee member, tournament director &/or tour director.
- (iv) Where an umpire is considering or wishes to report an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour, the umpire[s] must inform captains of the lodgment or pending lodgment of a report of his/her player as soon as practical following the end of the game. The umpire[s] must complete the prescribed Report Form and forward a copy of the Report, together with any further written submission in the first instance to [secretary@icfq.com.au](mailto:secretary@icfq.com.au) by 4.30 pm Monday after the completion of the match.  
*NOTE: Umpire[s] must nominate the grade of offence on the report.*
- (v) The ICFQC may lodge a report or instigate an investigation within 48 hours of becoming aware of any facts, which are capable of substantiating a breach under this Code.
- (vi) Where a player or official as outlined above wishes to report an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour, a written submission shall be forwarded to the ICFQC by 4.30 pm Monday after the completion of the match. The ICFQC shall determine further actions which may include forwarding the matter to a QC Conducts Commissioner[s] for further investigation and determination.

### [b] ICFQ Process

- (i) The complaint to be reviewed by the ICFQ Management Committee (ICFQMC)
- (ii) ICFQMC to discuss and decide if the matter is suitable for further review by an ICFQ Judicial Committee (JC) or will seek assistance from an external source such as QC, CA or a Conducts Commissioner of QC.
- (iii) If to be dealt with, Secretary to lay charges and determine a grading for the charges (in accordance with the relevant Grading of Offences as outlined herewith) being laid in consultation with the MC.
- (iv) Once defined, these charges to be emailed to the accused person and related centre.
- (v) This email to contain the following information –
  - Statement outlining the charge(s), what section(s) of the code of conduct that the charge(s) breach(es) and a copy of the complaint(s).
  - Provide the charged person with a copy of this policy
  - Seek a plea of Guilty or not Guilty for the charge(s) laid
- (vi) ICFQMC to establish a Judicial Committee (JC) using somewhat independent people (total of 3). In doing so, this preferably to include a centre owner and an experienced umpire (minimum 10 years of experience along with umpiring experience of at least Open Nationals level).

### [c] ICFQ Judicial process

- (i) The chair of the JC to be appointed as directed by the ICFQMC
- (ii) JC to review charge(s) + Code of Conduct
- (iii) JC to consider the level of the charge(s) as laid by the Secretary
- (iv) JC to consider the plea of the charged person(s), if a guilty plea is submitted, this is to be considered favourably during sentencing
- (i) If a Not Guilty plea is submitted, then the JC to ask for a detailed response in writing as to why there is a plea of not guilty being entered and arrange a hearing to be undertaken. This hearing to either be in person or via digital platform and to be recorded for further and future review and/or reference.

- (ii) The JC to separately and independently interview the complainant(s) and the person(s) whom the charge(s) made against.
- (iii) All person(s) being interviewed are welcome to have someone present (in support) on their behalf, however this person is not to be a solicitor or anyone with a legal background.
- (iv) The JC to gather any additional information that it sees fit including interviewing any witnesses and/or seeking advice from relevant people (as applicable).
- (v) JC to determine whether the accused is guilty of not guilty of these charges.
- (vi) If found not guilty, the JC will advise the Secretary, who in turn will advise both the Accused and Complainant respectively.
- (vii) If Guilty, the JC to advise the Secretary, who will subsequently advise both the Accused and the Complainant respectively. In doing so, JC may at its discretion, deem necessary to either increase or decrease the level of the charge(s) imposed.
- (viii) The JC will then deliberate and hand down an appropriate penalty for the charge(s) laid. In the course of this deliberation, additional advice may be sought from any suitable person deemed necessary, prior to any penalty being handed down.
- (ix) Penalty to be detailed in writing and the Accused, along with their applicable Centre to be advised of the penalty.
- (x) Secretary to provide this information and to include the details to ICFQMC.
- (xi) A register of the penalty to be entered by the Secretary.

#### **[d] Appeals Process**

- (i) Once found guilty and the penalty provided, the Accused may, within 10 business days, appeal this decision directly with the ICFQMC.
- (ii) Any such appeal is to be lodged directly via the Secretary and is to include a detailed response as to the case for an appeal.
- (iii) This appeal may be either based on the finding of guilt &/or the penalty imposed.
- (iv) In considering any appeal, ICFQMC will consider all information, including (but not necessarily limited to) seeking further interviews with the Complainant, the Accused &/or members of the JC as it deems appropriate.
- (v) Once an appeal decision has been determined, this decision will be considered 'final' and the matter will be recorded accordingly by the Secretary

#### **[e] Offences**

- (i) As outlined in the supporting Guideline, there are three [3] levels of Grading of Offences to apply:
  - (1) Level 1: ICFQMC may invoke any of the following options:
    - (i) Official reprimand
    - (ii) A suspended sentence
    - (iii) A one [1] match suspension or,
    - (iv) Refer the report to the Conducts Committee.
  - (2) Level 2: ICFQMC may invoke any of the following options:
    - (i) Official reprimand
    - (ii) A suspended sentence
    - (iii) May impose up to a two [2] match suspension or,
    - (iv) Refer the report to the Conducts Committee.
  - (3) Level 3: ICFQMC may impose any penalty as it sees fit.
- (ii) If found guilty of a Level 1 offence, a player would ordinarily expect to receive a minimum one [1] multi-day match suspension [or equivalent].
- (iii) If found guilty of a Level 2 offence, a player would ordinarily expect to receive a minimum two [2] multi-day match suspension [or equivalent].
- (iv) ICFQMC may vary the level of offence [higher or lower] as recommended by the JC

- (v) A breach of the Code of Behaviour will be graded, and the penalty determined within the three [3] levels as outlined.
- (vi) For level 2 or level 3 offences, the Conducts Committee has discretion to determine whether a suspension applies for representative matches.
- (vii) The findings of the Conducts Committee should clearly define the time frame of the suspension.
- (viii) Each of the rules for behaviour has a guideline. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Rule, the provisions of the Rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

### **3. PENALTY TO PLAYERS/OFFICIALS/CENTRES**

- (i) Should any player, official or Centre commit any breach of the following Regulations, including;
  - o Code of Behaviour,
  - o Intoxicated Player Policy or the
  - o Racial and Religious Vilification Code,

the ICFQMC &/or JC may fine the offender, suspend them from further play, or otherwise deal with them at its discretion.

- (ii) This may include suspended sentences which are subject to conditions imposed at the time of sentence.

- (iii) Should any player, official or Centre commit any breach of these Regulations, the ICFQMC may fine &/or suspend the offending player, official or Centre (or its offending team) from further play, or otherwise deal with the offending party at its discretion.

#### **4. GUIDELINE FOR OFFENCES –**

##### **Level 1 Offences**

The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.6 below are Level 1 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

- 1.1 Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings  
Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.
- 1.2 Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse  
Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.  
This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a Team official from making a formal complaint.
- 1.3 Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture  
This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.  
This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
- 1.4 Engage in excessive appealing  
Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this Rule.
- 1.5 Point or gesture in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman
- 1.6 Breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment  
This includes regulations regarding bat logos and regulations regarding other logos or advertising which may be worn or displayed.

##### **Level 2 Offences**

The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.9 below are Level 2 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

- 2.1 Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.  
Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.  
This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a Team official from making a formal complaint.
- 2.2 Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play.  
Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.
- 2.3 Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2.4 Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.  
Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.
- 2.5 Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.  
This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
- 2.6 Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.  
This refers to language or gestures which are directed at another person.  
See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.
- 2.7 Change the condition of the ball in breach of Rule 19F.  
Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball, save for perspiration and saliva.

2.8 Attempt to manipulate a Match relating to the result or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

Prohibited conduct under this rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's, bonus points, net run rate or quotient.

2.9 Seriously breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment.

See guideline for Rule 1.6 above. Without limitation, a breach will be considered serious if it is done in bad faith or where it has serious commercial consequences (e.g. display of logo of competing State sponsor)

### **Level 3 Offences**

The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.4 below are Level 3 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

3.1 Intimidate an umpire or referee whether by language or conduct.

Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.

3.2 Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator Self-explanatory.

3.3 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

3.4 Make public or media comment detrimental to the interests of the game

Prohibited conduct under this rule includes:

Denigrating or criticising any player, official, team, Cricket Australia, QC or any Commercial Partner of Cricket Australia, QC or the respective Grade or Indoor Cricket Centres.

Denigrating or criticising any player, umpire or official by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of his or her performance, abilities or characteristics.

Commenting on the likely outcome of or criticising the outcome of a hearing, report or any appeal; or

Criticising any evidence, submission, or comment made by any person at the hearing of a report or any appeal.

*Note: 3.4 includes comment on Centre websites and other electronic media. Each Centre shall be responsible for advising ICFQ/QC of the Centre Official that is responsible for monitoring their website.*

Note: This policy applies to all competitions. As we (ICFQ) maintain a support relationship with Queensland Cricket (QC), any reference to QC should be read to include ICFQ and any reference to ICFQ should be read to include QC.

A player under the influence of alcohol or a drug (including some prescription and over the counter medications) poses a potential risk to themselves and to other players, spectators and officials. Any player showing symptoms of being alcohol or drug affected is not permitted to participate in a ICFQ sanctioned match. Umpires have the authority to exclude the participation of these players from a match and will exercise that authority where appropriate to facilitate the continued safe conduct of matches.

**Position Statement**

The players of a match of cricket have an obligation to be in a condition suitable for effective and safe play. ICFQ wants to promote sobriety in the game and all players, and their Centres are to support this policy.

**Scope**

All participants (players and umpires) in matches under the management of ICFQ.

**Aims**

- (1) Improve player safety and sobriety.
- (2) Reduce the risk of injury to players, officials and spectators.
- (3) Assist umpires to determine the standard required of players.

**Principles**

The following principles apply to the application of this policy:-

- (1) Umpires have a discretion to apply the policy;
- (2) The use of a direction is likely to be a rare event;
- (3) Incidents to which the policy will apply are likely to be obvious;
- (4) Mere intoxication is not considered to be an automatic breach of this policy or the Code of Behaviour.

**Definitions**

'Intoxicated' – visibly or demonstrably adversely affected by alcohol, drugs, or other agents, (whether prescribed or not) or any other condition, to a degree that would -

- (1) Apparently affect the overall ability to play and behave in a normally acceptable manner on the field of play; or
- (2) Endanger their own safety or others, or
- (3) Cause to bring the game into disrepute.

**APPLICATION General – Opinion, Explanation and Direction**

If an umpire forms the opinion that a player is intoxicated the umpire shall advise the player and the player's captain or Centre of that opinion and require the player, captain or the Centre to explain why the player should be allowed to participate in the game.

If an umpire is not satisfied with the explanation the umpire will maintain the opinion that the player is intoxicated and direct the player to be stood down from the match ["a direction"].

On receipt of a direction from an umpire, the captain or the Centre shall stand down the intoxicated player from the match for the duration of the game.

A failure to stand down the intoxicated player after a direction shall render both a player and a Centre liable to such sanctions as are stated in this policy and any other sanction as determined by the governing body responsible for the match.

**Umpire's Direction given prior to play**

Where a direction is given prior to the exchange of teams and the toss for choice of innings, the Centre so affected shall be entitled to nominate a replacement player with full playing rights for the game.

Until the nominated replacement arrives, a substitute player may field under the substitute player rule [Rule 8]

### **Umpire's Direction given after play commences**

Where a direction is given after the exchange of teams and toss for choice of innings, the intoxicated player shall not take the field, or shall leave the field immediately and a Centre representative shall be notified.

An intoxicated player not taking the field or leaving the field may not participate in the match. The Centre so affected shall not be entitled to a replacement player, although a substitute may field, if required, for the duration of the game. The substitute player rule will apply [Rule 8 Official Rules of indoor Cricket]

Any intoxicated player ruled unfit to continue shall not participate further in the game and the substitute player rule [Rule 8] shall apply.

### **SANCTIONS Player – Exclusion**

If the intoxicated player accepts the direction, then the only penalty is exclusion from the day's play.

If the intoxicated player refuses the direction and insists on playing, then that action is to be regarded as a breach of the Code of Behaviour and a report must be made by the umpire.

### **Centre and Team - Forfeit**

If the intoxicated player refuses to adhere to the direction, the player's Centre and team captain must show responsibility and follow the umpires' direction and exclude the player from the day's play.

If the intoxicated player's Centre and team captain do not support the direction, the umpire will enter a forfeit by the intoxicated player's team as the outcome of the match and a report will be made by the umpires on the Centre, captain and player.

### **APPEAL**

The intoxicated player, or Centre can appeal under the QC Appeals Tribunal procedures.

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**(1) Purpose of Code**

The purpose of this Code is to:

- (i) Recognise the commitment of the QC to the elimination of racial and religious vilification of player, umpire or official.
- (ii) Establish a framework for handling complaints made by players, umpires and officials who believe they have been subjected to racial or religious vilification by another player, umpire or official.

**(2) Conduct Covered by The Code**

A player, umpire or official under the jurisdiction or auspices of QC will not at any time engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other player, umpire or official in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other player, umpire or official on the basis of that player, umpire or official's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin ("the conduct").

**(3) The Interrelationship of This Code With Other Rules And Regulations Governing The Sport**

This Code does not restrict any other action which may be taken in relation to the conduct covered by this Code under the Australian Cricket Board and International Cricket Council ("ICC") Code of Conduct.

**(4) Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Legislation**

This Code does not restrict or prohibit any player from pursuing all other legal rights they may have in relation to racial and religious vilification.

**(5) Lodging a Complaint**

Where a player, umpire or official ("the Complainant") believes he/she has been subjected to vilification under this Code, or an officiating umpire in a match ["the umpire"] believes another player, umpire or official has breached the code, the complainant or umpire may lodge a complaint with the ICFQMC by 5pm on the first business day following the completion of the match in which the breach is alleged to have occurred.

**(6) What Must a Complaint Contain** a Complaint must:

- [a] Be in writing;
- [b] Outline the circumstances of the allegations made; and
- [c] If possible, be accompanied by any supporting documentation including witness statements or video evidence.

**(7) The Role of the ICFQ Secretary**

[a] The ICFQ Secretary shall upon receipt of a complaint:

- (1) Inform the person alleged to have contravened the Code ("the Respondent") of the complaint and provide that person with both a copy of the complaint and an opportunity to respond in writing;
- (2) Advise the ICFQMC, both team captains, the Secretary of the Centre and or Association as applicable and the Umpires Sub-Committee Chairperson of the complaint;
- (3) Conduct an investigation into the allegations made in the complaint as he/she deems fit, which may include, but is not limited to:
  - (i) Compiling a list of witnesses;
  - (ii) Obtaining a written statement from any available witness;
- (4) Obtaining a report from the Centre, Association and/or Umpires Sub-Committee official(s), if applicable
  - (i) Obtaining a report from the officiating umpire and/or match referee(s), if applicable; and
  - (ii) Obtaining video or other evidence (as applicable).

[b] The investigation should be completed within 48 hours of receipt of the complaint, unless the ICFQ Secretary, at his/her discretion, extends the time for investigation in the interests of fairness to all parties.

- [c] When the investigation is completed, the ICFQ Secretary shall arrange for the complaint to be referred to conciliation; or
- [d] The ICFQMC may delegate to an officer, any of the ICFQ Secretary's powers or functions under this Code.

**(8) Conciliation Procedure**

[a] The Conciliator

Any conciliation referred to in clause 7[c] of this Code will be conducted by a nominee of the ICFQMC.

[b] The Conciliation

- (1) The Complainant and the Respondent should attend the conciliation. Both Team Captains, or Vice-Captain if either are a party to the complaint, and a member of the Complainant and Respondent's Executive Committee.
- (2) The Grade Secretary must lodge with the Conciliator prior to conciliation:
  - (i) A copy of the complaint;
  - (ii) The Respondents' response to the complaint; and
  - (iii) Any evidence relevant to the complaint obtained during the course of the investigation.
- (3) Both parties and all those attending the conciliation must participate in good faith.
- (4) The Conciliator must adhere to and ensure the conciliation is conducted with reference to the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.
- (5) Complainant is the person who determines the course of redress to be pursued at any conciliation.
- (6) Except as stated in clause 8[c](4), both parties to the complaint and any other person aware of the details or circumstances of the conciliation, including the ICFQ Secretary, Centre and Umpires Sub-Committee, Umpires and Players, must at all times keep the particulars of the complaint and the conciliation confidential.
- (7) Except as stated in clause 8[c](4), no person referred to in clause 8[b](6) shall publicly comment on or disseminate any personal information concerning the complaint at any time prior to, during or after the conciliation.
- (8) Should a player, umpire or official breach Clause 8[b](6), the Conducts Committee may fine the offender, suspend him/her or otherwise deal with him/her at its discretion.
- (9) Any other person in breach of clause 8[b](6) shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the QC Commissioner.

[c] Resolution of the Complaint

- (1) If the complaint is resolved at the conciliation, the complaint will be deemed withdrawn and the Complainant cannot take any further action in respect of the complaint under this code.
- (2) Resolution of the complaint may be formalised by way of a verbal agreement or a formal written agreement signed by the parties.
- (3) The Conciliator must inform the ICFQ Secretary the complaint has resolved.
- (4) Where a complaint is resolved, the parties may agree with the consent of the ICFQMC &/or CA/QC, to make a public statement concerning the resolution of the complaint.

[d] If Conciliation is Unsuccessful.

Where the complaint has not been resolved successfully by conciliation, or where the conciliator believes that the complaint is not capable of successful resolution:

- (1) The Complainant, after notifying the Conciliator, may withdraw the complaint in which case no further action will be taken; or
- (2) The Conciliator must inform the ICFQ Secretary that the conciliation has not been successful.

**(9) The Time Limit for Conciliation**

An attempt to conciliate a complaint must occur within 72 hours of the Conciliator receiving notification from the ICFQ Secretary of the complaint.

**(10) Referral to Conducts Committee**

Upon notification of the failure of conciliation under Clause 8[d](2) the ICFQ Secretary must refer the complaint to the Conducts Committee who will then hear the complaint in accordance with Clause 12.

**(11) Evidence of the Conciliation**

In the event that a complaint is not successfully resolved and is referred to the Conducts Committee, no evidence will be given to or be accepted by the Conducts Committee in relation to anything said or done in any conciliation carried out pursuant to Clause 8[b].

**(12) The Conducts Committee**

[a] The Conducts Committee will:

- (1) Receive all material arising from the investigation from the ICFQ Secretary upon referral of the complaint;
- (2) Hold a hearing after considering the availability of the persons affected;
- (3) Advise its decision to both parties on completion of the Hearing and to the other affected parties within 24 hours of the hearing.

[b] Hearings conducted by the Conducts Committee into complaints will not be open to members of the public.

[c] All persons required at the hearing shall attend punctually at the time and place designated.

[d] The Conducts Committee may hear and decide the complaint in a manner to be determined by it.

[e] After hearing the evidence, the Conducts Committee may

- (1) Find the complaint or any part of it not proven;
- (2) Find the complaint or any part of it proven and if so:
  - (i) Refer to the Association's code of conduct register to ascertain any previous breach by the player, umpire or official; and
  - (ii) Direct the Respondent to attend an education program at the Respondent's cost; and
  - (iii) Then determine a penalty which may include but which is not limited to:
    - A. The respondent to prepare a written apology;
    - B. A monetary fine; or
    - C. Suspension.

**(13) Representation**

Parties may only be represented by a member of its ICFQMC (or those under delegated authority), under this Code

**(14) Appeal**

Any player, umpire or official found to be in breach of the Code has the right of appeal against the decision of the Conducts Committee to an Appeals Committee, as appointed by the ICFQMC.

Any appeal against the decision of the Conducts Committee must be lodged within 48 hours of the hearing with the ICFQMC. The player or umpire are not permitted to participate in any competition until the penalty has been met or an appeal against such finding and or severity of the sentence has been adjudged by the ICFQMC.

Players considered to have suspect bowling actions will be in the vast minority and each season there may be 1 or 2 occasions that may require some form of intervention.

Usually, these occasions relate to one delivery out of a bowler's (more extensive) repertoire and can be rectified with some good communication, cooperation and coaching.

This policy **IS NOT** intended for Major League umpires, of varying experience and bowling action understanding, to proactively look for suspect bowling actions. Rather, the policy is intended to provide a procedure to identify and rectify obvious suspect deliveries.

There are 2 levels of questionable bowling actions, and each level has a different approach in addressing it.

- (1) Where an umpire believes a delivery may be illegal and is deemed suspect.
- (2) Where an umpire believes a bowler has bowled a delivery that is blatantly thrown and therefore illegal.

### **(1) Suspect Bowling Actions**

- If an umpire believes a bowler has bowled one or more deliveries that may be considered suspect, the bowler is NOT to be called (for a No-Ball).
- At the end of game, the umpire will advise the bowler and their captain and/or coach that they believe the bowler has bowled one or more suspect deliveries and briefly detail what process will follow.
- As a professional courtesy, the umpire will also advise the opposition captain and/or coach after speaking with the offending team's bowler, captain and coach.
- The umpire will record the bowler's name and team on the Match Report and give the report to the hosting Centre Manager who will send a copy to the ICFQ Secretary by the Monday following the weekend round of games.
- Prior to the next round of Major League and as promptly as possible, the ICFQ Secretary will investigate the situation and present the findings to the ICFQC for a decision.
- Once the ICFQC have ruled on the matter, the ICFQ Secretary will convey that decision to all relevant parties.

### **(2) Illegal Bowling Action**

- If an umpire believes a bowler has bowled a delivery that is clearly illegal (such as blatantly thrown), the umpire shall call the delivery a "no-ball".
- At the end of the game, the umpire will advise the bowler and the bowler's captain and/or coach what process will happen next.
- The umpire will record the bowler's name and club on the Match Report and give the report to the hosting Centre Manager who will send a copy to the ICFQ Secretary by the Monday following the weekend round of games.
- Prior to the next round of Major League and as promptly as possible, the ICFQ Secretary will investigate the situation and present the findings to the ICFQC for a decision.
- Once the ICFQC have ruled on the matter, the ICFQ Secretary will convey that decision to all relevant parties.

An opposing captain, coach, or team manager can report a player who in their belief has a suspect action by raising the issue with the officiating umpire within 15 mins of the completion of the game.

The officiating umpire will report the player on his/her match report, adding their own comments on the reported player's action. The officiating umpire will notify the player in question and their Captain, Coach, or team manager. This information needs to include the name and details of the reporting party.

Throughout the process, umpires, teams and coaches are to act in the best interests of the player and cricket in general with the overall welfare of the player and the game being the prime considerations.

## **SECTION 4: FORMS**

- (1) Confidential Match Report**
- (2) Code of Behaviour Report Template**
- (3) Suspect Bowling Action Form**

# CONFIDENTIAL Match Report



**INDOOR CRICKET  
FEDERATION  
QUEENSLAND**

GAME: \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ROUND: \_\_\_\_\_ UMPIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

MISCONDUCT PENALTIES: LIST OFFENDING PLAYER(S) BELOW.  
ANY PLAYER PENALISED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS FOR  
MISCONDUCT MUST BE ORDERED OFF FOR THE REST OF THE MATCH.

Players Name & Shirt #	Centre	Penalty	Reason for Misconduct Penalty

**REPORT:** LIST OFFENDING PLAYER(S) BELOW.

ANY PLAYER REPORTED MUST BE LISTED WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.

Players Name & Shirt #	Centre	Summarise Reason for Report

OFFICIAL SIGNATURES: \_\_\_\_\_  
Umpire

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain / Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain / Official



# Suspect Bowling Action Report



**INDOOR CRICKET  
FEDERATION  
QUEENSLAND**

Game: \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Round: \_\_\_\_\_ Umpire/Official Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCONDUCT PENALTIES:** LIST OFFENDING PLAYER(S) BELOW. ANY PLAYER PENALISED TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS MUST BE ORDERED OFF FOR THE REST OF THE MATCH.

Player's Name & Shirt #	Team	Penalty	Reason for Misconduct Penalty

**CODE OF BEHAVIOUR REPORT:** ANY PLAYER REPORTED MUST BE LISTED WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.

Player's Name & Shirt #	Team	Summarise Reason for Report

**SUSPECT OR ILLEGAL BOWLING ACTION REPORT:**

Player's Name & Shirt #	Team	Reason for Suspect or Illegal Delivery

**SIGNATURES:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Umpire)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain or Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain or Coach

Please submit this form to the ICFQC via email ([secretary@icfq.com.au](mailto:secretary@icfq.com.au)) by no later than 5pm on the Monday following the fixture in question.

## SECTION 5:    AFFILIATED CENTRES



# INDOOR CRICKET FEDERATION QUEENSLAND

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## AFFILIATED CENTRES

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