



**QUEENSLAND
PREMIER CRICKET**

ONE DAY PLAYING CONDITIONS

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1. Played Under Management of QC

- (a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of Cricket, including Experimental Laws as recognised for the time being by Cricket Australia, as amended by the Board of Queensland Cricket on advice of the Premier Cricket Committee as set out in these regulations and playing conditions.
- (b) These Playing Conditions apply for all One Day matches. Where competitions are individually identified, such playing conditions are to apply to that competition only.

2. LAW 1 THE PLAYERS

Law 1 shall apply with the following amendments:

2.1 Boys Under 17 Competition

- (a) A team shall consist of 12 players.
- (b) Only 11 fielders shall be on the field at any one time.
- (c) One player in each side shall not be permitted to bat. Unlimited interchange of fielders without restrictions from the players nominated to take part in the match shall be allowed. Should a player be injured and not be able to take their place in the field, the replacement fielder must in the first instance be one of the nominated players.

2.2 Girls Under 16 Competition

- (a) A team shall consist of 10 players.
- (b) Only nine fielders shall be on the field at any one time.
- (c) A Club shall not commence a match unless it has a minimum of seven players in attendance at the time set down for commencement of play. Once play has commenced, a Club can continue the match with any number of players not exceeding 10.
- (d) One player in each side shall not be permitted to bat. Unlimited interchange of fielders without restrictions from the players nominated to take part in the match shall be allowed. Should a player be injured and not be able to take their place in the field, the replacement fielder must in the first instance be one of the nominated players.

3. LAW 4 THE BALL

Law 4 shall apply with the following amendments:

3.1 New Ball

- (a) Applying for Scheduled Men's First Grade One Day matches only, each fielding team shall have two new balls, one to be used from each end for the duration of the innings. One type of ball from the approved list of balls in General Playing Condition 3 must be used from both ends.

4. LAW 6 THE PITCH

Law 6 shall apply with the following amendments:

- (a) Black sightscreens are required for all matches where a white ball is used.

For the purpose of clarity, in the 2024/25 season this is:

- (i) Scheduled Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade and Boys Under 17 One Day matches, and
- (ii) Womens First Grade matches.

5. LAW 11 INTERVALS

Law 11 shall apply with the following amendments:

5.1 Law 11.2 Duration of Intervals shall apply as modified:

- (a) The lunch or tea interval in a One Day match shall be of 30 minutes duration and taken at the conclusion of the innings of the team batting first.
- (b) Where play is delayed or interrupted the umpires will reduce the length of the interval to the following time:

Time Lost	Reduced Interval Time
Between 00 and 120 Minutes	20 Minutes
More than 120 Minutes	15 Minutes

- (c) Refer to One Day Playing Conditions 7.3 for application.

5.2 Law 11.4 Changing Agreed Times of Intervals shall apply as modified:

- (a) If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.
- (b) In circumstances where the side bowling first has not completed the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the first innings, the umpires shall reduce the length of the interval by the amount of time that the first innings overran. The minimum time for the interval will be 20 minutes.
- (c) On all occasions where play is delayed or interrupted, the umpires will reduce the length of the interval in accordance with One Day Playing Conditions 5.1(b).

5.3 Law 11.8 Intervals for Drinks shall apply as modified:

- (a) Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade and Boys Under 17 are permitted two Drinks Breaks per session, each 1 hour 10 minutes apart.

- (b) Mens Third Grade, Mens Fourth Grade, Mens Fifth Grade and Mens Sixth Grade are permitted one Drinks Break per session, after 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- (c) Womens First Grade are permitted two Drinks Breaks per session, each 1 hour 5 minutes apart.
- (d) Womens Second Grade and Girls Under 16 are permitted one Drinks Break in each innings of 40 overs, and shall normally be taken after 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- (e) The provisions of this playing condition shall be strictly observed except that under conditions of extreme heat the umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks. An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or at the fall of a wicket, on the field, provided that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken onto the field without the permission of the umpires.

Any player taking drinks onto the field shall be dressed in proper cricket attire.

6. LAW 12 START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY

Law 12 shall apply with the following amendments:

6.1 Duration of Matches

One Day matches shall consist of one innings per side and each innings will be limited to the number of six-ball overs specified below:

Competition	Number of Overs	Minimum Overs (to Constitute a Match)
Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Boys Under 17 Womens First Grade	50	15
Mens Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16	40	15

6.2 Hours of Play

- (a) Refer to the competition fixtures for start times. No alteration of fixture or ground shall be made except by the Premier Cricket Committee via the Premier Cricket & Umpire Coordinator.
- (b) Each innings shall be of the length specified in the table below, separated by an interval between innings.

Competition	Overs	Innings Time	Interval
Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Boys Under 17	50	210 mins	30 mins
Womens First Grade	50	190 mins	30 mins

Mens Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16	40	150 mins	30 mins
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- (c) Queensland Cricket may also schedule matches to be played at night under lights, with a start time to be determined by Queensland Cricket.
- (d) The hours of play for Semi-Finals and Finals shall be determined by Queensland Cricket.

6.3 Over Rate Penalty

- (a) The fielding side shall be in position to bowl the first ball of the final over of the innings at least 1 minute prior to scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the innings (calculated in accordance with clause 6.2(b)).
- (b) Where this requirement is not met, clause 12.2 (c) shall be varied and from the start of the next over after the point in time at which the cessation time is reached (and for the remainder of the innings) the number of fielders permitted to be outside the fielding restriction area referred to in clause 12.2 (c) shall be reduced by 1.

7. LAW 13 THE INNINGS

Law 13 shall apply with the following amendments:

7.1 Extra Time

- (a) Provision has been made for extra official playing time in the competitions below – refer to Clause 7.2 below for application:

Competition	Extra Time
Mens First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades, Boys Under 17	30 minutes
Womens First Grade, Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16	60 minutes

7.2 Length of Innings – Uninterrupted Match [i.e. The Match is neither delayed nor interrupted]

- (a) Each team shall bat for the overs indicated in One Day Playing Condition 6.1 unless all out earlier or a result achieved. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.
- (b) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first session, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled. The interval shall not be extended and the second session shall commence at the scheduled time, unless there is fewer than 15 minutes available for the minimum interval.
- (c) If the team batting first is dismissed in less than the overs indicated in One Day Playing Condition 6.1, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for the full amount of overs unless a result is achieved.

- (d) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the full amount of overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result achieved.
- (e) Penalties shall apply for not bowling the required overs (0.5 points per over) (refer also to General Playing Condition 7.4(g) relating to circumstances of an extenuating nature). These penalties shall apply to One Day Competitions (or Two Day competitions for unscheduled One Day matches) and consequently Overall Competitions.

7.3 Length of Innings – Delayed or Interrupted Matches

General

- (a) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs.
 - (i) A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.
 - (ii) A minimum number of overs specified in One Day Playing Conditions Clause 6.1 have to be bowled to the side batting second to constitute a match.
 - (iii) The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average rate in the total time available for play, as indicated below:

Competition	Overs per Hour
Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Boys Under 17	14.28
Mens Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16	16
Womens First Grade	15.78

If a reduction of the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the original cessation time. This time may be extended to allow for one extra over for both teams to be added if required.

- (b) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
- (c) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- (d) Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs.
- (e) Penalties shall apply for not bowling the required overs (0.5 points per over) (refer also to General Playing Condition 7.4(g) relating to circumstances of an extenuating nature). These penalties shall apply to One Day Competitions (or Two Day competitions for unscheduled One Day matches) and consequently Overall Competitions.

Delay or Interruptions to the Innings of the Team Batting First

- (f) If the number of overs of the team batting first is reduced, a fixed time will be specified for the completion of the first session, as calculated by applying the provisions of One Day Playing Condition 7.1, One Day Playing Condition 5.1(b) and One Day Playing Condition 7.3.
- (g) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first session, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled.

Delay or Interruptions to the Innings of the Team Batting Second

- (h) If there is a suspension in play during the second innings, the overs shall be reduced at a rate for time lost (One Day Playing Condition 7.1, One Day Playing Condition 5.1(b) and One Day Playing Condition 7.3 above apply), except that, when the innings of the team batting first has been completed prior to the scheduled or rescheduled time for the interval between innings, the reduction of overs will not commence until an amount of time equivalent to that by which the second innings started early has elapsed.

7.4 For any match interrupted after the start of play, see the provisions of One Day Playing Condition 8.2 – Calculation of Target Score.

7.5 Number of Overs Per Bowler

- (a) No bowler shall bowl more than the following number of overs in an innings.

Competitions	Overs
Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Boys Under 17 Womens First Grade	10
Mens Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16	8

- (b) In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.
- (c) When an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, the bowler will be allowed to finish the incomplete over.
- (d) In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, another bowler will bowl the remaining deliveries. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

8. LAW 16 THE RESULT

Law 16 shall apply subject to the following amendments:

8.1 Overs

- (a) A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 15 overs, subject to the provisions of One Day Playing Conditions Clause 7.3, unless:
 - (i) one team has been all out in less than 15 overs; or
 - (ii) the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 15 overs.
- (b) All matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 15 overs, shall be declared No Result.

8.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches – Calculation of the Target Score

All Competitions

- (a) If, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than originally allotted (minimum 15 overs), then a revised target score (to win) should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing. The target score shall be calculated by two club officials or scorers (or player scorers as the case may be). The target score shall be confirmed by the umpires and communicated and agreed to by both captains prior to the recommencement of the match. This revised target is to be calculated using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern Method.

8.3 Points

- (a) Preliminary Matches
 - (i) Refer to Regulation 15 for Competition Points.

8.4 Net Run Rate

- (a) A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.
- (b) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.
- (c) Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculations. Where a match is abandoned, but a result is achieved under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method, for net run rate purposes Team 1 will be accredited with Team 2's Par Score on abandonment off the same number of overs faced by Team 2. Where a match is concluded but with the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method having been applied at an earlier point in the match, Team 1 will be accredited with 1 run less than the final Target Score for Team 2 off the total number of overs allocated to Team 2 to reach the target.

- (d) In matches where play is delayed or interrupted, and the match becomes less than the original number of scheduled overs, the Team Run Rate for the team batting second will be the rate achieved in its innings, with such rate being based on the number of overs as set in One Day Playing Conditions Clause 8.1 and the target score as set in One Day Playing Conditions Clause 8.2.

8.5 All Other Matches – A Tie or a Draw

- (a) In matches in which both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the agreed number of overs, subject to the provisions of One Day Playing Conditions Clause 8.2 the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be a Tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets that have fallen.

9. LAW 17 THE OVER

Law 17 shall apply, with the following amendments:

9.1 Womens Second Grade & Girls Under 16 Competitions only

- (a) Six balls shall be bowled in the over. Overs are to be a maximum of eight balls, including No Balls, Free Hits and Wides. These balls will be signalled and scored as per normal scoring procedure.
- (b) The final over of an innings shall be six valid deliveries.

10. LAW 21 NO BALL

Law 21 shall apply, with the following amendments:

10.1 Ball bouncing over head height of striker

Law 21.10 shall be replaced by the following provisions.

- (a) A bowler shall be allowed to bowl two fast short pitched deliveries per over.
- (b) A fast short-pitched ball is defined as a ball, which after pitching, passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batter standing upright in their normal guard position.
- (c) The umpire at the bowlers end shall advise the bowler and the batter on strike when each fast short pitched delivery has been bowled.
- (d) In addition, a ball that passes clearly above head height of the batter, other than a fast short pitched ball, that prevents the batter from being able to hit it with their bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a Wide and will also count as an allowable ball above shoulder height for that over (subject to (e), (f) and (g) below).

- (e) In the event of a bowler bowling more than two fast short pitched deliveries in an over, the umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal No Ball on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify a No Ball for a fast short pitched delivery. The umpire shall call and signal No Ball and then tap the head with the other hand. In addition when the ball is dead, the umpire shall caution the bowler, inform the captain of the fielding side, the batter at the wicket and the other umpire of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.
- (f) If there is a second instance of the bowler being No Balled for bowling more than two fast short pitched deliveries in an over, the umpire shall repeat the procedure above and advise the bowler that this is their final warning for the innings.
- (g) Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No Ball and when the ball is dead, direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall not have bowled the previous over or part thereof nor be allowed to bowl the next over/part thereof.
- (h) The umpire will report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batter at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.
- (i) The umpires will then report the matter to Queensland Cricket which shall take whatever action is considered appropriate against the captain and bowler concerned.
- (j) This Playing Condition is not a substitute for the Law relating to Dangerous and Unfair Bowling that umpires may apply at any time.

10.2 Free Hit after a No Ball

- (a) The delivery following a No Ball called shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No Ball or Wide), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.
- (b) In the Womens Second Grade and Girls Under 16 Competitions, the Free Hit does not carry over to the next over if the final delivery is a No Ball (One Day Playing Condition 9.1a - eight ball limit).
- (c) For any free hit, the striker can only be dismissed under the circumstances that apply for a No Ball even if the delivery for the free hit is called a Wide.
- (d) Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless:
 - (i) There is a change of striker (the provisions of clause 12 shall apply), or
 - (ii) The No ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach, in which case the field may be changed only to the extent of correcting the breach.
 - (iii) The umpires believe a fielder is placed in a dangerous position for the free hit. In this instance, the umpires will allow the fielder/s that are in a dangerous fielding position for the free hit to move back in a straight line from their original position to (approximately) 15m from the batter. In the

case of a wicket-keeper, a movement will only be allowed if there is a change of bowler, where they will be allowed to move to the position they would normally stand for that bowler.

- (iv) For clarity, the bowler can change their mode of delivery for the free hit delivery. In such circumstances Law 21.1 shall apply.
- (e) The bowler's end umpire will indicate the free hit delivery by (after the No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

11. LAW 22 WIDE BALL

Law 22 shall apply with the following amendments to all competitions:

- (a) Umpires are instructed to apply a strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.
- (b) If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide if, according to the definition in clause (c) below:
 - (i) the ball passes wide of where the striker is standing or has stood at any point after the ball came into play for that delivery, and which also would have passed wide of the striker standing in a normal batting position, or
 - (ii) the ball passes above the head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.
- (c) The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within reach for them to be able to hit it with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.
- (d) As a guideline to the umpires for the calling of wides, the crease markings detailed in the Wide Marking Appendix (Annexure O) shall be marked in white at each end of the pitch.
- (e) A delivery passing the striker on the off side outside the Off Side Wide Line shall be a Wide provided they maintain a normal batting position and have not brought the ball within reach. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the striker has brought the ball within reach, the Off Side Wide Line shall be disregarded and the umpire shall apply a general interpretation consistent with the normal operation of Law 22.
- (f) Any delivery that passes the striker outside the return crease shall be a Wide regardless of whether he has brought the ball within reach.
- (g) A delivery passing the striker's stumps on the leg side without any contact with the striker's bat or person shall be a Wide unless;
 - (i) the ball passes between the striker and the stumps.
 - (ii) the striker moves toward the off side and, in the umpires opinion, the ball would have made contact with the striker in a normal batting position.

- (iii) the striker is attempting to play, or has aborted an attempt to play, a reverse sweep or switch hit. In this scenario only a delivery passing the striker outside the Off Side Wide Line on the leg side shall be a Wide.

12. LAW 28 THE FIELDER

Law 28 shall apply with the following amendments:

12.1 Fielding Restriction Circle (FRC)

- (a) Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play with a radius (as per Table A) from the middle stump at either end of the pitch (see Annexure N – Field Marking Appendix). The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch.

12.2 Restrictions on the Placement of Fielders

- (a) At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than the number of fielders on the leg side, as per Table A below.

TABLE A: Fielding Restrictions in Uninterrupted Matches	All Male competitions	Womens First Grade	Womens Second Grade	Girls Under U16
Size of FRC (measured from middle stump)	30 yards	23 metres	23 metres	23 metres
Number of fielders on leg side	5	5	5	4

- (b) In addition to the restriction contained in (a) above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply (hereinafter referred to as the Fielding Restriction Overs (FROs)) are set out in the following paragraphs.
- (c) The following fielding restrictions shall apply, at the instant of delivery:
- (i) FRO 1 - no more than two (2) fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 or 50 overs, these are overs 1 to 10 inclusive.
- (ii) FRO 2 - no more than four (4) fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 or 50 overs, these are overs 11 to 40 inclusive (overs 11 to 50 inclusive for Womens First Grade)
- (iii) FRO 3 - no more than five (5) fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 41 to 50 inclusive (Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade and Boys Under 17)
- (d) In the event of an infringement of any of the fielding restrictions in this playing condition, either umpire shall call and signal No Ball.

- (e) At the commencement of the second and third Fielding Restriction Overs of an innings, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating an arm in a large circle.
- (f) In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Fielding Restriction Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.
- (g) Where, in an interrupted innings, on resumption the recalculated number of Fielding Restriction Overs (as set out above) is no longer achievable, the actual number of Fielding Restriction Overs for that innings will be the closest achievable whole number.

Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade and Boys Under 17

Innings Duration	FRO 1 2 fielders outside circle	FRO 2 4 fielders outside circle	FRO 3 5 fielders outside circle	Innings Duration	FRO 1 2 fielders outside circle	FRO 2 4 fielders outside circle	FRO 3 5 fielders outside circle
15	3	9	3	33	7	20	6
16	3	10	3	34	7	20	7
17	4	10	3	35	7	21	7
18	4	11	3	36	7	22	7
19	4	11	4	37	8	22	7
20	4	12	4	38	8	23	7
21	4	13	4	39	8	23	8
22	5	13	4	40	8	24	8
23	5	14	4	41	8	25	8
24	5	14	5	42	9	25	8
25	5	15	5	43	9	26	8
26	5	16	5	44	9	26	9
27	6	16	5	45	9	27	9
28	6	17	5	46	9	28	9
29	6	17	6	47	10	28	9
30	6	18	6	48	10	29	9
31	6	19	6	49	10	29	10
32	7	19	6	50	10	30	10

Mens Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades, Womens Second Grade, Girls Under 16

Innings Duration	FRO 1 (2 fielders outside circle)	FRO 2 (4 fielders outside circle)
15 – 17	6	Remaining overs (innings duration less FRO 1)
18 – 19	7	
20 – 21	8	
22 – 23	9	
24 – 40	10	

Womens First Grade

Innings Duration	FRO 1 (2 fielders outside circle)	FRO 2 (4 fielders outside circle)
15 – 16	3	Remaining overs (innings duration less FRO 1)
17 – 21	4	
22 – 26	5	
27 – 31	6	
32 – 36	7	
37 – 41	8	
42 – 46	9	

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