

SCJCA 2026/27 Bylaws

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The South Australian Spirit of Cricket pledge

- We are committed to creating an enduring legacy for South Australian cricket, by ensuring it is played with honor, dignity and respect, and providing a fun and safe environment for all.
- Our Association's commitment to the Spirit of Cricket is fundamental when applying our competition bylaws and playing rules. We encourage all clubs, players and supporters to uphold this commitment to the Spirit of Cricket.

The Role of Parents, Caregivers, Coaches and Supporters

- Remember that kids play sport for their enjoyment. Abuse and argument has no place in that enjoyment.
- **Coaches should come together at the start of games to ensure there is a shared understanding of the game and rules. Don't expect the opposition to have the same understanding as you do. Often Parents and Caregivers also do not know the rules.**
- **Umpire decisions must be respected at all times and issues should be handed via the bylaw Incident process documented in these bylaws.**
- Abuse towards anyone will not be tolerated. Coaches and managers should direct anyone with an issue to the SCJCA website scjca.com.au where they can easily read what their role is and how the games are to be played.

Playing Rules

- Separate Rules sheets provide the details of the equipment, ground setup and playing rules to follow for each competition grade.
- The MCC laws of cricket will apply to all games played in this competition unless specifically modified within these bylaws or the rules sheets.

[The Laws of Cricket | MCC \(lords.org\)](#)

Player Age Limits (suspensions may apply)

- A player's age is considered as at 1st September 2026
- 4, except girls may play 1 year older. **The association does not need to be notified of girls 1 year older.**
- Permits may be granted for overage players. Parents contact details are required for any such requests to ensure they are informed of the conditions.
- Conditions and monitoring of player's performance will form part of the permit, and player scores and balls faced must be entered into PlayHQ by Wednesday following each game.
- Permits may be revoked at any time.

Players & Teams Responsibilities

- Players must be registered online in PlayHQ before they can play.
- **Where a club has more than 1 U14 or U16 team in the same competition**
 - **There shall be no more than 5 players who play Premier cricket per SCJCA team.**
 - **Clubs should make all efforts to keep the teams separated for the season i.e. not select players each week into an A and B grade.**
- **Where a club has 1 team:**
 - Any number of players who play Premier cricket may play in the SCJCA team as long as those players have played for the same SCJCA club for the current season + 2 previous seasons.
 - **There shall be no more than 5 players who play Premier cricket per SCJCA team if the above criteria has not been met.**
- A player is a Premier cricket player if they have played 4 or more games for a Premier club in the current season.
- **If in any doubt please contact the Permit Manager.**
- **Players may only play 1 SCJCA game per day.**
- Players may only play in 2 SCJCA clubs per season. Clearances or Permits are required to transfer between clubs within SCJCA. Any Questions? Contact the Permit Manager.
- Dual registrations are permitted to other associations.
- Teams must be selected in PlayHQ by Friday.
- Home Teams are responsible for results entry by Wednesday after each game weekend. Where live scoring is used, home teams are responsible for checking PlayHQ results.
- Each Team is responsible for entering their own player's scores by Wednesday after each game weekend. This includes entering balls faced for the batting innings.

Coaches Responsibilities

- Current community cricket level 1 or above certificates are required to coach.
- A current DCSI Not-Prohibited/Cleared/Commenced 'Working With Children Check' is required to coach children as per SA Government regulations. Checks are free for volunteer applicants.
- Any Questions? Refer to your Junior Coordinator. Playing Rules or www.community.cricket.com.au/coach and screening.sa.gov.au

Sub Fielders in SCJCA

- The SCJCA has no maximum number of players that can be selected per match; therefore, **the use of your own sub-fielders should not be required**. There may be exceptional circumstances (ie a player is injured during a match or using a younger sibling to field in a team that doesn't have enough players). The use of a sub-fielder is not a right or entitlement. If you wish to use your own sub-fielder, you should seek approval from the opposition coach providing sufficient reasoning. If the requested sub-fielder is a registered player, they should be selected to play rather than being used as a sub-fielder only.
- The SCJCA strongly encourages the use of opposition players as sub-fielders where a team does not have enough players to field, especially in games which are not played for premiership points.
- Any approved sub-fielder needs to be of an appropriate age as per the grade of the age restricted game they are fielding in.

Weather - Rain, Heat, Ground Condition or Unforeseen Weather-related Issues

- Refer to the SACA Community Competition Adverse Weather policy for detailed bylaws related to weather see www.sacajuniorcompetitions.com.au/resources. It covers temperature, wet weather and lightning,
- **The Competition Manager reserves the right to cancel play if there has been an extended heat wave within the Adelaide metropolitan area.**
- For safety, if the pitch or oval is unplayable due to rain, common sense must prevail at all times. Unplayable mean there is a Slip risk on pitch or Water over the pitch, surrounding pitch or present on the oval.
- When an official SCJCA Umpire is present, he or she will control the game without interference or question.

Re-scheduling Cancelled matches

- U10 and U12 Games can be rescheduled by mutual agreement of opposing teams. Please contact the Competition Manager.

Weather - Lightning

- Play must cease immediately in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later. Play must not resume until 30 minutes after the last such lightning flash. Coaches may choose by agreement to abandon the match at the point play ceases, should there be limited prospect of play resuming.

Playing Times

- Games are generally scheduled on Sunday morning or Friday evening. Start times vary depending on the format and the competition. See the PlayHQ app or website for games fixtures and the "Rules" sheet for inning durations.
- U10 and U12 Games can be rescheduled by mutual agreement of opposing teams. Please contact the Competition Manager (see contacts Page1).
- The opposition team **must wait for at least 30 minutes** after the scheduled start time before claiming a forfeit. See Time Lost below.

Time Lost

- The game overs shall be reduced by 1 over for each side for each 7 minutes lost.
- In an interrupted game, each team must receive equal numbers of overs otherwise the game is drawn. e.g., if a game is started and the team batting first receives 17 overs before the interruption, the team batting second must receive 17 overs (or be bowled out).
- In a 2 day game, 1st day overs are added to 2nd day overs and divided in half.
- In a 2 day game where the 1st day is a total loss the game reverts to a 1 day game under 1 day rules.
- U14 and U16 games require a minimum of 16 overs by each side, unless bowled out, to constitute a game. The game is a draw if this cannot be achieved.
- Every effort should be made for a game to be played.

Umpires Responsibilities

- When appointed, official SCJCA umpires are the sole persons in charge of any game. No coach, player or parent is to approach such umpires and try to influence them in any matter to do with the game of cricket or weather.
- Unfair play (law 42 MCC rule): only Official SCJCA appointed umpires are allowed to award 5 penalty runs or send off a player under this law.

Incidents and Issues

- Incidents and problems should be directed to your club Junior Coordinator who will contact the Competition Manager (see page 1 for contact names).
- The Association will acknowledge the incident within 2 working days and reply back within 7 days.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember that almost everyone is a volunteer giving their time and effort for free.

Tribunals

- Tribunals will be held at the discretion of the Board. If any person is unavailable on the first instance on the calling of a Tribunal, the Board will nominate another date that all people must attend.
- If on the second date a person is unable to attend, then the Tribunal will be held in their absence. They may have a nominated person appear on their behalf.
- The Association has the right to appoint a panel of Board or independent persons to any tribunal.
- All parties involved in the Tribunal have the opportunity to submit a written statement regarding the incident the Tribunal is hearing. At no time are the people involved in the Tribunal permitted to have legal representation.
- The Tribunal may suspend and / or fine any person found guilty of any cricket breach under the laws of cricket, Association bylaws and / or laws of any affiliate Association such as SACA or SAMCA.
- If the Association finds bylaws or game playing laws were broken, the Tribunal may remove points from that club's Premiership point's table. This will apply to all grades e.g. If an U10s break a playing law then their U16s team points may be altered.

- Any person or club found guilty at a Tribunal may within 14 days, along with a bond of \$100 per person or \$200 per club, appeal the tribunal findings. The bond will be lost if original findings are upheld.
- Suspensions translate to Premier Cricket and other associations' games.
- Parents & Caregivers found guilty by tribunal of not adhering to our Association Parent & Caregivers Code of Conduct may have their suspension transferred to a child of theirs.

www.playbytherules.net.au/conduct-and-behaviour

Fines may be applied for

- \$20 for non-attendance at a delegate meeting or AGM. Apology is still a fine.
 - \$20 for game or player scores or balls faced for u10/u12s not entered in PlayHQ by Wednesday after game completion.
 - \$10 for teams not selected in PlayHQ by Friday. Live scoring requires team lists.
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Dress Code

- The Association recommends; long sleeve white or cream shirt with collar; white or cream long trousers; predominantly white shoes; strongly recommend broad brimmed hats. Hats and shirts may have club colors and logos or appropriately sized advertising from sponsors. Shirts should be tucked in and thigh pads inside trousers.
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Social Media Conduct

- If any player, coach, club or person posts an inappropriate remark or comment about another player, coach, club or association they may be summoned to a tribunal. See Tribunals above.
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Player Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules.
 - Never argue with an official. If you disagree, ask your Captain, Coach or Manager to approach the official during a break or refer to 'Incidents and Issues' above.
 - Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
 - Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
 - Be a good sport. Applaud good plays, be it your own team or the opposition.
 - Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
 - Co-operate with your Coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
 - View isolated incidents of unsporting behavior in their proper perspective. Do not make such incidents the 'highlight' of an event.
 - Act in the Spirit of Cricket on game day and make every effort to complete games.
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Coach Code of Conduct

- Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break.

- Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to commence training or competition.
- Make a personal commitment to keep informed of sound coaching principles.

Club Code of Conduct (Junior Coordinator)

- Ensure your club is affiliated with SACA. Seek guidance from the SCJCA SACA board member if you are unsure how to do this.
- Ensure all coaches have signed the Member Protection Policy and the coach's Code of Conduct. These are to be retained by the Club Coordinator and presented to the association or SACA upon request.
- Uphold the Association Constitution and bylaws as presented on our website and bylaw books issued each year. www.scjca.sa.cricket.com.au
- Uphold the MCC laws of cricket, the preamble and the Spirit of Cricket, along with the bylaws relating to SCJCA, SACA and Cricket Australia.
- Place responsible persons in charge of teams, i.e. coach, scorer, and umpire.
- Have all club volunteers respect every volunteer within the Association.
- Ensure all parents have signed the parent's Code of Conduct and a record is retained of signatures.
- Ensure all coaches have completed the level 1 training.
- Ensure all coaches and persons responsible for supervision of children at the Club have a valid DCSI or Working with Children Check, or have submitted a WWC.
- Be responsible for supporters, players, coaches and parents' behavior on and off the field and surrounding areas of the oval & clubhouse on which an Association programmed game is played.

Parent & Caregiver Code of Conduct

- Encourage but do not force children to participate.
- Focus upon efforts and performances rather than the overall outcome of an event. This assists young players in setting realistic goals related to their ability. Teach young players that honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage participation according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
- Young players participate in organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Young players learn best from example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember that almost everyone is a volunteer giving their time and effort for free.

U14 and U16 Sunday game ladder points

First innings win	6
First innings loss	0
Second innings win	3
Second inning loss	0
First & Second innings win	8
Tie/Draw/No Result	3
Bye	6
Forfeit	8

One Day Games

Win	6
Loss	0
Tie/Draw/No Result	3
Bye	6

Bonus Points

First Innings	0.015	Per run
	0.25	Per Wicket
Second Innings	0.01	Per run
	0.15	Per Wicket

U14 and U16 and T20 finals

- Balls for final matches will be provided by the association. The supplied ball must be used for the match. In the unlikely event the umpire needs to change the ball during a match then the ball to be used will be the sole decision of the umpires.
- Subject to availability official umpires will be provided for finals at the associations cost.
- If final matches are abandoned then the team finishing higher on the ladder shall be deemed the winner, except in the case of T20 grand finals where the association will attempt to re-schedule if possible.
- There are specific player eligibility rules for finals. See the bottom right of the appropriate rules sheet for the eligibility rules.

Refer to PlayHQ for fixture times and locations. These dates are a guide and subject to change

- Fixtures Released in PlayHQ at the Start of October.

Season Dates

- Season Commences Sunday October 11th
- Last games of 2026 – Sunday 13th December
- Competition re-Starts – Sunday January 15th
- No play on Australia Day weekend or Adelaide test match.
- Last Round of Season – Sunday Feb 28th
- Finals (U14/U16) – From Sunday 19th Feb – 14th March

SACA Representative Carnival Cricket Dates

- Rep Nominations for U12, U14, U16 Open October
- Rep Nominations Close – Early November
- Representative Trials and Games - week of 11th Jan (subject to change)

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