



Nelson Cricket Association  
General Playing Conditions  
2019/20

ALL GRADES

Cancellations will be broadcast over Radio Nelson and more fm, usually starting from the 7am news bulletins and continuing regularly afterwards. Information will also be posted at [nelsoncricket.org.nz](http://nelsoncricket.org.nz) and/or the Nelson Cricket Facebook page as soon as it comes to hand.

**GENERAL PLAYING CONDITIONS**

All matches are conducted under the jurisdiction of the Nelson Cricket Association ('NCA')

All club cricket in Nelson shall be played in accordance with:

- a) The New Zealand Cricket Playing Conditions
- b) The conditions specified in The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2019) of the Marylebone Cricket Club
- c) Nelson Cricket Association by-laws

And to the extent, that there is a conflict between these conditions, the conditions shall be applied in the order of priority as set out above to the intent that the playing conditions in sub-paragraph (a) will be the highest priority and the Laws of Cricket in sub-paragraph (c) be the least priority.

In addition, all players, clubs and umpires shall comply with the by-laws of the NCA in force from time to time.

**ALCOHOL**

No alcohol shall be permitted on Local Authority (NCC & TDC) grounds as per their respective by-laws.

No alcohol is to be consumed during the hours of play by cricket teams in any grade of NCA competitions.

**NZC HELMET AND CONCUSSION POLICIES:** This applies to **ALL GRADES.**

- Batsmen must wear helmets at all times.
- Wicketkeepers to wear a helmet within 5m of the stumps.
- Close-in fielders (except slip/gully fielders) within 7m of the stumps
- Replacement players are allowed to take full part of the match (including wicketkeeping) if a concussion substitute is permitted

**RUNNERS:** As Per NZC first class playing conditions - not permitted

**NZC BOWLING LOADS:**

As Per NZC First Class Playing Conditions - Applies to **ALL GRADES** for bowlers to U19 Level  
U19 Level - no more than 8 overs/spell  
Secondary to U17 Level - no more than 6 overs/spell

**GROUND REQUIREMENTS**

Where the NCA contracted ground-staff is not directly involved, the club on whose ground the match is to be played shall be responsible for:

- a) The proper markings of the ground and pitch, including boundary markings/flags
- b) Ensuring the ground is in good order and fit for play. Covers are compulsory for Premier Grade Competitions and must be used on Friday evenings and removed (weather permitting) by 8.30am Saturday mornings. NCA may request covers be used from Thursday evenings should weather conditions require such covering.
- c) Availability of serviceable amenities.
- d) Clubs to ensure contractors have marked the 27.5 metre (30 yards) circle for all 50 over and T20 matches.

**COVERING THE PITCH**

- a.1 Covers should be used for all matches in the Senior grade.
- a.2 On the evening prior to the commencement of play the pitch shall be covered no later than 8:00pm to provide the necessary protection from the weather. Every reasonable endeavour should also be made to protect the pitch against adverse weather conditions in the days prior to the commencement of the match.
- a.3 Covers shall be removed on the morning of the match no earlier than 5:00am or no later than 8:30 am, unless it is raining, or rain is threatening.
- a.4 During the match, covers shall be used at the discretion of the umpires (or where there are no official umpires, the captains) to protect the pitch from rain.
- a.5 The owners of the covers (the "host" club) are responsible for complying with Playing Conditions 8.1 to 8.4 above inclusive.
- a.6 The covers may be left off the pitch on the night prior to the commencement of play on any day to assist with the drying of the pitch. Both captains must agree to this taking place.
- a.7 There are no current restrictions to size of covers, however, we ask that clubs are building towards having 5m wide covers including storage for them. We strongly recommend clubs use Hessian and sufficient pegs/sandbags.
- a.8 Boundary flags, cones or rope are to be used to identify the boundary for Premier Grounds.
- a.9 Monetary Fine:  
The payment of any fine incurred must be lodged with Nelson Cricket within 72 hours of the decision being handed out. Non-payment within the required time frame may result in points being deducted from the infringing club. Nelson Cricket may determine the final outcome of any reported infringement at its discretion. In any deliberations surrounding a reported infringement the onus will be on the host club to show that no breach has occurred.

- a.10 Reporting infringements is the responsibility of the umpires and/or the visiting captain
- a.11 The infringements must be reported within 48 hours of the end of each days play to Nelson Cricket.
- a.12 Timing of Decisions: Decisions on any infringement will be made after the match has been completed.

### **ALLOCATION OF PITCHES FOR MATCHES**

**Allocation:** The Allocation of pitches and grounds shall be determined, from time to time, by the NCA or its authorised official.

**Pitch:** A match shall be played on a pitch allocated in the NCA draw.

NCA reserves the right to transfer any match from its allocated pitch at any time prior to the day of the match, if upon inspection, that pitch is deemed unsuitable for play having regard to the level of the grade scheduled for that pitch. NCA may disregard 'home' advantage when reallocating the match to a suitable pitch.

### **ALTERNATIVE PITCHES**

**Unfit pitches:** If, for any reason, a ground official or ground authority deems a pitch to be unfit for play during a match, or that undue delay would occur as a result of the pitch's condition before the commencement of play, an alternative pitch may be used with the prior consent of the NCA or its authorised official. The alternative pitch may be at the same ground or any other ground under the control of the NCA. The suitability of the alternative pitch shall be determined by a majority decision of the ground official of the ground where the alternative pitch is situated, the captains of the teams to play on such alternative pitch and the official umpires, if any.

### **PRACTICE ON THE FIELD**

Law 17 will apply except the following wording shall be enforced in Para 1(a): Practice is not permitted on the Pitch or on any part of the two strips on either side of it. This will not apply to matches being played on an artificial pitch.

### **BOUNDARIES**

Umpires are reminded that they should meet both captains before the start of the match in order to reach agreement on such matters as boundaries and boundary allowances.

1. Unless arrangements to the contrary are made, a ball, which in the opinion of the umpire, would have reached or crossed the boundary but is intentionally stopped by a spectator, obstacle, or player from an adjacent game, shall be regarded as a boundary.
2. The action of a spectator or player from another game in picking up the ball after being accidentally struck shall be regarded as an intentional action.

### **HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

The home team shall ensure:

- Regulation stumps and bails are available and in good order
- Lunch/Afternoon tea is provided for **both teams and umpires (and scorers if present)**

- A scoreboard is provided

Where matches are played on neutral grounds, the team named first in the draw shall be considered the *host* team. The host team playing at this venue should take particular notice of the requirements surrounding scoreboards, boundary flags, pitch markings and refreshments.

In the event that *any NCA final* is to be played at a neutral venue then the team deemed to be top qualifier shall have first choice as to dressing rooms and other similar amenities.

The home team shall ensure drinks are available for players and umpires (and scorers if present).

### THE PREAMBLE - THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings people together from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Players should take special note of Law 42, which covers the behaviour that is deemed unsuitable in the game of Cricket, all players should have an understanding of this Law.

The players, umpires and scorers in a game of cricket may be of any gender, and the Laws apply equally. The use, throughout the text, of pronouns expressing a binary he/she is as inclusive as practicable, whilst retaining clarity. Except where specifically stated otherwise, every provision of the Laws is to be read as applying to all persons, regardless of gender.



The New Zealand Cricket Code of Conduct Rules 5.17 to 5.25 and 5.5 are set out in the NZC Playing Handbook 2019/20 shall apply to all grades of Nelson and Marlborough Cricket and Nelson and Marlborough representative matches with the following modifications.

1. Reference to the match or tournament manager officiating at the relevant match whenever that appears shall be reference to the General Managers of the Marlborough Cricket Association or the Nelson Cricket Association
2. A copy of the Code of Conduct Report shall not be sent to the NZC General Manager of Cricket Operations (or his/her nominee) and Rule 5.19 (c) shall be deleted
3. The time for provision of the Code of Conduct Report in clause 5.17 to the General Manager of the relevant Cricket Association or his/her nominee shall be extended to within 24 hours of the close of the days play
4. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the association commissioner and rule 6 is accordingly deleted.
5. If an umpire appointed by the Nelson or Marlborough Cricket Umpire and Scorers Association has determined that a written report in terms of rule 5.17 is justified in respect of a level 1 offence, then that umpire may relay that to the player involved who may:
  - a. (i) Admit the offence charged and agree to the sanction proposed by the umpire.  
(ii) Deny the offence in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with rules 5.17 – 5.25.
  - b. The umpires communication to the player shall be made within 1 hour of the close of the days play.
  - c. Where a level 1 offence is alleged to have been committed by a player; and
    - (i) He has had 2 or more code of conduct breaches with the previous 3 seasons and/or;
    - (ii) That player has 1 more code of conduct breaches within the current season the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with rules 5.17 – 5.25.

- d. The sanction referred to shall be 2 demerit points and if the player accumulates 5 demerit points then he shall be suspended from all cricket within a jurisdiction of the Nelson or Marlborough Cricket Associations for 2 playing days following the commission of the offence and if a player accumulates more than 6 demerit points then he shall be suspended for 3 playing days immediately following the commission of the last offence.
6. Clauses 4.1 (e) and (f) shall be amended so that in the second grade matches the captain of either team shall be substituted for the appointed match manager or any team official to the intent that only both umpires or the captains may report an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.
7. Where no umpires appointed by the Nelson Cricket Association or Marlborough Cricket Association Umpires and Scorers Association are standing in a match at the time of the alleged breach of rules (i.e. player umpires have reported the alleged breach) then:
  - a. The General Manager of the Nelson Cricket Association or the Marlborough Cricket Association or his /her nominee shall determine whether the alleged offense is a level 1 offense and the sanction shall be proposed by him in accordance with rule 5(a) instead of umpire
  - b. The provisions of the Rule 5 shall apply with the further amendment that the communication of the report to the player in accordance with clause 5 (b) shall be made within 48 hours of the close of play by the General Manager or his/her nominee; and
  - c. The alleged breach must be corroborated to a standard exceeding the balance of probabilities.