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1 DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined in these By-Laws terms used in the By-Laws shall be defined and interpreted in accordance with the Constitution.

2 CLUB AFFILIATION

2.1 Affiliated Clubs

(a) The Clubs eligible to participate in the senior grade premiership competitions shall be those granted affiliated in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

(b) For the purposes of affiliation, Clubs will be categorised as follows:

(i) Large Club – a Club which has multiple teams including a team in the Association's First Grade competition or the Bathurst and Orange Inter-District Cricket (BOIDC) First Grade competition.

(ii) Small Club – any other Club which in not affiliated as a Large Club.

A Club's affiliation category will be determined by that Club's teams from the preceding season, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

(c) Non-affiliated clubs may be invited to participate in specific competitions at the discretion of the Association.

2.2 Clubs to re-affiliate each year

(a) A Club shall re-affiliate with the Association by submitting a fully completed Club Affiliation form to the Secretary prior to the Association's annual general meeting each year.

(b) A club which has not re-affiliated in the manner required by these By-Laws will not be permitted to participate in or vote at General Meetings of the Association until they have re-affiliated with the Association.

(c) Each affiliated Club shall pay the annual affiliation fee as determined by the Association from year to year.

3 FEES AND LEVIES

3.1 Schedule of Fees

The schedule of fees shall be prepared and approved by the Committee of Management each season.

3.2 Team Registration Fee

(a) The levy imposed on Clubs to cover the estimated overheads of the Association shall be determined each season by the Committee and shall be incurred by each Club team.

(b) Team Registration Fees will be due and payable by 31 December each year.

(c) Any Club that has not fully paid their Team Registration Fees by the due date in (b) above or who does not have a payment arrangement approved by the Committee, will not receive points for any competition matches played after that date until the Team Registration Fees have been paid.

(d) A Club may, at the discretion of the Committee, be required to make full or partial upfront payment of team registration fees prior to acceptance into the Association's competitions.

(e) If a Club withdraws a team, or teams, after the commencement of a competition, the full amount of team registration fees invoiced shall remain payable by that Club, unless the Association in General Meeting resolves otherwise.

3.3 Ground rebates

(a) Where a Club provides a turf ground and that ground is required for regular use by the Association, that Club shall be entitled a rebate in accordance with the approved Schedule of Fees.

(b) A rebate may also be applicable for a synthetic pitch at the discretion of the Committee.

(c) Such grounds must be available for use every week otherwise the rebate may, at the discretion of the Committee, be reduced. A ground which does not provide for the unrestricted use by the Association may not meet the warrant for a rebate.

3.4 Umpire fees

(a) Appointed umpires will be paid for their services at a rate to be determined by agreement with the umpires' association from time to time.

(b) The Association will be responsible for the payment of such umpire fees to the umpires' association, at intervals determined by the Committee.

(c) The Clubs will reimburse the Association for umpire fees paid by the Association, where required by the Association.

3.5 Invoices

(a) All invoices will be due 30 days from the date of invoice unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.

3.6 Un-financial Clubs

(a) A Club will be deemed un-financial if an invoice remains unpaid at its due date, and a payment arrangement hasn't been approved by the Committee for the payment of that invoice.

(b) Any Club that is un-financial (so has any invoice/s overdue) as at the close of business on the Monday prior to the last competition round before the finals will be excluded from playing in the finals of the Association's competitions. For clarity, where grades commence finals on different dates, the earliest starting finals will be the date that finals commence for the purpose of this part.

(c) The Committee reserves the right to apply a points penalty to any or all of that club's teams should that Club have any other invoice/s more than 1 month overdue. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Committee and consideration will be given to a club's payment history before such a penalty is applied. This part is not intended to limit the application of clauses (a), 3.2(c) or (b) above.

3.7 Defunct Clubs

(a) Any affiliated or formerly affiliated Club which is un-financial and no longer has any teams playing in the Association's competition/s may, at the discretion of the Committee, be deemed defunct.

(b) The registered players of a defunct Club will be liable for a pro-rata portion of any amount owing to the Association by that defunct Club, unless:

(i) they demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Committee, that they were fully financial with that Club, or

(ii) the Association in General Meeting resolves otherwise.

Note: A clearance for any such player can ONLY be given by the Committee.

3.8 Bonnor Cup competition

(a) A team entry fee shall be levied on each team entering the Bonnor Cup competition. This fee will cover the estimated costs of running this competition, including:

(i) the use of the Wade Park lights,

(ii) umpire's fees, and

(iii) supply of match balls.

(b) The Committee reserves the right to exclude any team from the finals series of the Bonnor Cup competition should they have outstanding amounts relating to the Bonnor Cup competition.

(c) Where a preliminary round match is either abandoned before play has commenced or washed out after play has commenced, each team may, at the discretion of the Committee of Management be entitled to reimbursement of any unused portion of ball and/or umpires fees for that match.

4 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

4.1 Selection Panel

(a) The Committee of Management will appoint:

(i) a Selection Panel, for the purpose or selecting teams to represent the Association as required from time to time, and

(ii) a chairman of the Panel.

(b) The Selection Panel:

(i) shall consist of such numbers as may be determined each season, and

(ii) may consist of the same or different members for the selection of Opens and Colts teams.

4.2 Coaches and Managers

(a) The Committee will be responsible for appointing a Coach and/or Manager/s for each representative team of the Association.

(b) Expressions of interest will be called for all such positions.

4.3 Representative Coordinator

(a) The Committee may appoint a Representative Coordinator each season to oversee representative cricket for the Association.

(b) The duties of this position would include:

(i) Coordinating the Selection process, including arranging Selection Meetings to ensure timely selection of teams.

(ii) Keeping a register of players' availability, to assist Selectors.

(iii) Notifying players of their selection.

(iv) Liaising with Association Executive on ground/venue bookings for team training.

(v) Coordinate the distribution of player uniforms and be responsible for monitoring and tracking stock levels.

(vi) Ensuring everything is organised for match day including lunches, bus (if required), ground access etc.

4.4 Player availability

(a) All players from affiliated Clubs participating in competitions organised by the Association will be deemed to be available for selection in the Association's representative teams unless the player has advised otherwise.

(b) Any selected player who subsequently withdraws will not be eligible to play for their club during the scheduled period of the representative match concerned, unless otherwise approved by the Association. Any infringement of this part will result in the player's Club team being deemed to have forfeited the match in which the infringing player takes part.

(c) Any selected player who hasn't advised the Representative Coordinator of their unavailability by 6:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the match and who does not present for the match, shall be automatically suspended for one playing day.

(d) The Representative Coordinator shall immediately advise the Secretary of any player in breach of (c) above. The Committee reserves the right to impose further sanctions on said player which may include suspension for a maximum of a further two club matches.

4.5 Notification of team selections

Selected players will be personally notified, with as much notice as is practicable.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 Persons who must comply with the Code of Conduct

The following persons must comply with the Code of Conduct:

(a) players (including those who act as substitute fielders) who participate in matches organised by the Association;

(b) umpires who participate in matches organised by the Association;

(c) persons who are in attendance at matches organised by the Association and who are members of bodies which elect or are represented by Delegate Members of the Association;

(d) persons who are in attendance at matches organised by the Association and who are members of any of the Affiliates;

(e) persons who are in attendance at matches organised by the Association and who are office-bearers of bodies which elect or are represented by Delegate Members of the Association;

(f) persons who are in attendance at matches organised by the Association and who are office-bearers of any of the Affiliates;

(g) players (including those who act as substitute fielders) who play in teams representing the Association or are selected by the Selection Panel of the Association;

(h) persons who are in attendance at matches involving teams representing the Association or selected by the Selection Panel of the Association and who are members of bodies which elect or are represented by Delegate Members of the Association; and

(i) persons who are in attendance at matches involving teams representing the Association or selected by the Selection Panel of the Association and who are Committee Members of the Association.

5.2 Code of Conduct

(a) No person bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

(b) A person who engages in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct.

(c) Disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

(i) assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator;

(ii) disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire;

(iii) using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures;

(iv) engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour (including posting comments or other material on social media) detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute; or

(v) refusing to supply that person's name and that person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report.

(d) The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including a person acting as substitute fielder) comply with the Code of Conduct.

(e) The captain of a team breaches the Code of Conduct if a player in that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

(f) The code of conduct also extends to the official cricket functions organised by the Association or any Affiliate.

5.3 Effect of penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct

(a) No replacement player or substitute is allowed for any player who is suspended or disqualified under the Code of Conduct of the Association during the course of a match.

(b) Any person who has been suspended or fined or otherwise dealt with by the Judiciary Committee may, at the discretion of the Judiciary Committee:

(i) be prohibited from acting in any administrative position or as an office-bearer of the person's club or as captain of any team taking part in any match conducted by the Association; and

(ii) not be eligible to act as a Delegate Member or an office-bearer of the Association, until the annual general meeting of the Association held after the expiration of such suspension or disqualification or held after the day on which such fine is paid to the Association.

5.4 Suspended players

(a) Any player who has been suspended under the Association's Code of Conduct or by any other properly constituted cricket disciplinary authority at club, association, council, zone or NSW Country level will be ineligible for selection during the period of the suspension in any team in a competition conducted by the Association or in any team selected by or representing the Association or in any team at any other level of cricket (i.e. club, association, council, zone, NSW Country etc).

(b) For the purpose of (a) above, the period of suspension shall be:

(i) the period from the first date until the last date, both dates inclusive, where a time period suspension is imposed; and

(ii) each day of play of a match where a match based suspension is imposed. Where a match is not played due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the original scheduled days of play shall constitute the period of suspension.

(c) Any player who has been suspended under the Association's Code of Conduct or by any other properly constituted cricket disciplinary authority at club, association, council, zone or NSW Country level will be ineligible to be appointed or to act as captain of any team representing the Association until the commencement of the annual general meeting of the Association held after the expiration of the suspension.

(d) A player who lodges an appeal against a suspension imposed under the Association's Code of Conduct or by any other properly constituted cricket disciplinary authority at club, association, council, zone or NSW Country level will be ineligible for selection in any team in a competition conducted by the Association or in any team selected by or representing the Association or in any team at any other level of cricket (i.e. council, zone, NSW Country etc) until the decision to suspend the player has been overturned or amended by the appellate body or the period of the suspension has expired.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMMISSIONER

6.1 Jurisdiction of Commissioner

(a) There shall be a Code of Conduct Commissioner who will be responsible for dealing with reported breaches of the Code of Conduct in competitions administered by the ODCA.

6.2 Appointment of Commissioner

(a) The Committee of Management shall appoint a Code of Conduct Commissioner who shall have the powers set out in these By-Laws.

(b) The Committee of Management may appoint an Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioner to assist the Commissioner in the discharge of their powers and duties and to act as the Commissioner if they are unavailable.

(c) An Assistant Commissioner appointed pursuant to subclause (b), has the powers, duties and functions of the Commissioner.

(d) The term of appointment of the Commissioner and any Assistant Commissioner shall be as determined by the Committee of Management.

(e) A reference in these Rules to Commissioner, includes where appropriate, a reference to Assistant Commissioner.

(f) In the event that a Commissioner cannot be appointed, the Secretary shall have the powers, duties and functions of the Commissioner until such a time as the position is filled.

6.3 Qualifications for appointment as Commissioner

The qualifications for appointment to the positions of Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner shall be as determined by the Committee of Management.

6.4 Powers

The Commissioner has power to:

(a) receive, investigate, examine and consider reports alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct;

(b) determine whether:

(i) no action is to be taken against the Person Reported; or

(ii) the Person Reported is to be issued a Notice of Charge in accordance with the Code of Conduct Procedures; or

(iii) to refer a matter to the Judiciary Committee;

(c) present the case against the Person Reported in any hearing before the Judiciary Committee;

(d) appeal to the Committee of Management against a decision of the Judiciary Committee; and

(e) appear at the hearing of any appeal against a decision of the Judiciary Committee to present evidence as required.

6.5 ODCA Code of Conduct Procedures

(a) The Commissioner shall exercise its powers in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct Procedures.

(b) Any determination made under clause 6.4(b)(ii) against the Person Reported may be taken into account by a Judiciary Committee should the Person Reported be found guilty of another breach of the Code of Conduct within 3 years of the date of the issue of the determination.

6.6 Right of Appeal

(a) There shall be no right of appeal against the determination of the Commissioner pursuant to:

(i) clause 6.4(b)(i) or (iii); or

(ii) acceptance by a Reported Person of a Notice of Charge.

6.7 Commissioner role before Judiciary Committee

(a) Where a matter proceeds to a hearing before the Judiciary Committee, the Commissioner may:

(i) appear at that hearing;

(ii) present evidence to support the allegation;

(iii) as required by the Judiciary Committee, test any defence, address the Committee and make submissions in respect of those matters.

7 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

7.1 Jurisdiction

(a) The Judiciary Committee shall have the same jurisdiction as the Commissioner set out in clause 6.1 of these By-laws.

(b) All matters referred to a Judiciary Committee shall be managed in accordance with the Code of Conduct Procedures.

7.2 Establishment of the Judiciary Committee

(a) There shall be a Judiciary Committee which shall be called the Orange District Cricket Association Judiciary Committee.

(b) Each year, at the Annual General Meeting, the Members shall:

(i) Elect 5 Judiciary Committee members for the coming year; and

(ii) Elect from among those Judiciary Committee members the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee for the coming year.

(c) Candidates for election at the Annual General Meeting as Judiciary Committee members shall be orally nominated during the course of that meeting by those Members present. It shall not be necessary to list the names of candidates seeking election as Judiciary Committee members in any notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

(d) The election of Judiciary Committee members shall be conducted in such usual and proper manner as the chairperson of that meeting may direct.

(e) Candidates for election as Judiciary Committee members may be but need not be members of the Association. Retiring Judiciary Committee members may be candidates for re-election.

(f) If all positions on the Judiciary Committee are not filled at the Annual General Meeting, the Committee of Management may appoint person/s to fill any vacancy/s.

7.3 Attendance at hearings

(a) Only 3 Judiciary Committee Members are required for a hearing.

(b) The Committee of Management may appoint a person or persons to the Judiciary Committee to fill any vacancy or vacancies should a member of members of the Judiciary Committee:

(i) have a potential conflict of interest with regard to matters before the Judiciary Committee.

(ii) be unavailable to attend a hearing.

8 COMPETITIONS

8.1 Premiership competitions

(a) Premiership competitions shall be conducted in four grades (First, Second, Third and Fourth) where team numbers permit. Additional grades may be added as required.

The First Grade competition may be a BOIDC competition.

(b) A Club may only enter one team in each of the First and Second Grade Premiership Competitions, unless otherwise approved by the Committee.

(c) The lowest grade will be known as Centenary Cup. The primary focus of this grade is to aid in the development of junior players by providing a suitable transition into senior cricket. Clubs are expected to respect this and play within the spirit of this grade by selecting teams accordingly. As such there are restrictions on older players and guidelines and/or requirements included in the respective Playing Conditions.

(d) Premiership matches will normally only be played on Saturdays. Matches may be scheduled for Sundays occasionally where the need arises.

8.2 Formats

(a) The Second Grade Premiership Competition will consist of one-day matches and may also include two-day matches and/or Twenty20 matches.

(b) The Third Grade Premiership Competition will consist of one-day matches and may also include Twenty20 matches.

(c) The Centenary Cup Premiership Competition will consist of one-day matches and may also include Twenty20 matches.

8.3 Other competitions

(a) The Bonnor Cup competition will be played as a separate T20 competition, with matches scheduled under lights at Wade Park wherever possible.

(b) Separate Twenty20 competitions may also be held in other grades, where determined by the ODCA.

8.4 Nomination of teams

Team nominations for all competitions must be submitted on or before the closing date for Team Nominations, in the manner prescribed by the Committee. The ODCA reserves the right to decline any late nomination.

8.5 Withdrawal of teams

(a) Should a team withdraw after the commencement of the competition, but before half of the preliminary rounds have been played, all results against the withdrawn team shall be voided and bye points allocated to the teams which played the withdrawn team.

(b) Should a team withdraw after half of the preliminary rounds have been played, the team drawn to play the withdrawn team for the remaining rounds shall receive Forfeit Win points. All prior results against the withdrawn team shall stand.

(c) For any round/s where the withdrawn team has forfeited the match/es immediately prior to their withdrawal, those round/s will not count as preliminary rounds completed prior to their withdrawal for the purposes of this Rule.

(d) If the withdrawal creates a second bye, the draw shall be revised where possible to eliminate the double bye for the remainder of the preliminary rounds.

9 AWARDS

9.1 Players from un-financial clubs

A player from a club which is un-financial at the completion of the preliminary rounds may be deemed ineligible for any individual award.

9.2 Batting and bowling awards

(a) The Association shall award batting and bowling aggregate and average trophies to the best performers in regular season matches in each grade of the grade competitions.

(b) The qualifying criteria for batting and bowling shall be:

(i) Batting – to have batted in a minimum of 5 innings and scored a minimum of 200 runs in that grade.

(ii) Bowling – to have bowled a minimum of 50 overs and taken a minimum of 15 wickets in that grade.

9.3 Orange Cricketer of the Year

(a) The Orange Cricketer of the Year award is determined using player performances in:

(i) matches played in the preliminary rounds of the First Grade premiership competition, and

(ii) teams representing the Association (first X1), and

(iii) higher representative cricket at Opens level including Central West, Western Zone and NSW Country.

(b) Points will be determined in accordance with the following:

	Multiplied by
Runs scored	1
50's scored	10
100's scored	20
Wickets taken	20
5 wickets in an innings	20
Catches taken	10
Stumpings made	15
Best & Fairest points awarded	15

(c) For each representative level, a player's points will have the following loading applied:

(i) 25% for Orange, and

(ii) 50% for Central West, and

(iii) 75% for Western Zone, and

(iv) 100% for NSW Country.

9.4 Representative cricket awards

A representative cricket award will be determined for each representative team fielded by the Association. The winner of each award will be determined by the Committee.

9.5 Player of the year award

(a) The Second Grade player of the Year is determined by a 3-2-1 voting system. The appointed umpire/s allocate 3 points to the player they believe is best on field. Two votes are then allocated to the player they believe was second best and 1 vote to the player they believe was third best. Where a match does not have any appointed umpires, the two team captains shall jointly allocate the 3-2-1 votes.

(b) Votes will be awarded in all regular season matches where:

(i) a first innings result has been achieved or at least half of the minimum overs have commenced in a two day match, or

(ii) a win or tie result has been achieved in a one day or Twenty20 match.

(c) The player who polls the most points shall be awarded the Player of the Year. If players are equal on points, the winner will be determined by:

(i) the greatest number of 3 votes received, or if equal,

(ii) by the greatest number of 2 votes received.

Otherwise joint winners will be declared.

9.6 Champion player awards

(a) A Champion Player shall be awarded for Third Grade and Fourth Grade, to the individual who accrued the most champion player points in regular season matches for each grade.

(b) Only players under the age of 19 will be eligible for the 4th Grade award.

(c) Champion player points shall be determined from the PlayHQ system.

9.7 Player of the Final Medals

The Association will present a Player of the Final medal to the outstanding player on the field in each Final of each grade competition.

The appointed umpire/s of each final are jointly responsible for choosing the winner of each medal.

9.8 Bonnor Cup awards

In the Bonnor Cup competition, the following awards will be presented:

- the Carl Sharpe Medal for the player of the competition.
- Player of the Final Medal.

Further information on Bonnor Cup awards is included in the Bonnor Cup playing conditions.

10 HONORARIUM

(a) Honorarium shall be available to:

(i) the office-bearer positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer,

(ii) the appointed positions of Representative Coordinator, Competitions Manager and Code of Conduct Commissioner, and

(iii) the Riawena caretaker.

(b) The Association in General Meeting shall approve the honorarium for the forthcoming season.

(c) Honorarium shall not be paid in advance and the Committee must be satisfied with the duties carried out prior to honorarium being paid.

11 RIAWENA CARETAKER

The Committee may appoint a club, a person or persons to the role of Riawena caretaker. The term of appointment shall be as determined by the Committee.

The duties of the Riawena caretaker will be to clean the W H G Trimmer Pavilion during the season as required by the Committee. Cleaning duties shall be performed after each day's play, or as otherwise directed by the Committee.

12 PATRONS AND VICE PATRONS

The Association at its Annual General Meeting may appoint on the recommendation of the Committee a patron or patrons as it considers necessary, subject to approval of that person or persons.

13 MATTERS NOT COVERED

Matters not provided for herein shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.