



BARBADOS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

BCA LEAGUE COMPETITION PLAYING CONDITIONS

Matches in all competitions shall be played under:

- The Laws of Cricket **2017 CODE (3rd edition - 2022)**, subject to such variations as the Board may from time to time direct and notify in writing to clubs.
- **The Umpires shall be SOLE JUDGES of the fitness of the pitch and physical conditions for play**
- BCA Code of Conduct for Players and Players Support Personnel
- The Rules of the Barbados Cricket Association
- *In the event of a conflict between the BCA Code of Conduct for Players and Players Support Personnel and the BCA Special Conditions and Regulations of Play, the latter shall prevail.*
- **All clubs by virtue of their participation in this competition are deemed to be bound by ALL the terms and conditions stipulated in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS OF PLAY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BARBADOS CRICKET ASSOCIATION (BCA) (June 2023), and to have expressly waived their rights under paragraph 19 and 20 of the BCA Rules.**

All references to *Board*, shall mean *The Board of Directors of the Barbados Cricket Association*, and to *Secretariat* shall mean *The Secretariat of the Barbados Cricket Association*

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Introduction

I. BCA Competitions

The League competitions are divided into the following divisions: -

- a) **Elite Division**
- b) **First Division**
- c) **Intermediate Division**
- d) **Second Division**
- e) **Schools Division**

II. Names of the Competition

The names of the Competitions shall respectively be: -

- ELITE DIVISION COMPETITION**
- FIRST DIVISION COMPETITION**
- INTERMEDIATE DIVISION COMPETITION**
- SECOND DIVISION COMPETITION**
- SCHOOLS COMPETITION**

III. Intro

- a) This competition shall be organised by the Barbados Cricket Association.
- b) The Competition shall be held among the clubs of the **Elite, First, Intermediate, Second, and Schools Division.**
- c) All clubs by virtue of their participation in this competition are deemed to be bound by ALL the terms and conditions stipulated in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS OF PLAY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BARBADOS CRICKET ASSOCIATION (BCA), and to have expressly waived ALL their rights under paragraph 19 and 20 of the BCA Rules.
- d) The winning team will be presented with the **BCA Cup, BCA Shield, and the BCA Plate, for Elite & First Division, Intermediate Division, Second Division, and School teams respectively,** which shall be held for one (1) year.

IV. Apparel

- a) All players must wear the appropriate StoneHill white clothing provided by the BCA throughout the competitions, except in exceptional circumstances. Clubs are required to print a number (10 to 12 inches in height) on the back of each playing shirt for the purpose of easily identifying the players from the furthest boundary. The names of players on the back of the shirt is optional.
- b) White batting and wicket-keeping pads must be worn by all players in each Competition.
- c) Footwear - At least 50% of the upper, tongue and laces, shall be white. However, the footwear of the primary colour of the playing uniform will be allowed for all of the Competitions.

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V. General

- a) All clubs shall only be permitted to enter one team in each Division of the Competition.
- b) A player shall not be declared to represent more than one (1) team in the Competition. A player declared to play in one (1) Competition or team shall be deemed ineligible to play or substitute in another Competition for his club on the same day or series. Exception to this shall be the players of the Barbados Youth and Ladies (IWP) players under the strict provisions of clause 8 of the BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.
- c) A player who has been declared to play or substitute for his team in any of the five (5) Competitions can only play or substitute for that team on that day or series. In the event that a player breaches this stipulation, the second team for which he plays or acts as a substitute shall forfeit the match and any points already earned in the match, and the opposing team shall be awarded full match points. Exception to this shall be the players of the Barbados Youth and Ladies (IWP) players under the strict provisions of clause 8 of the BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.
- d) A club competing in the Elite Division shall register and maintain a minimum of seven (7) seeded players.
- e) Players who have played Test or First Class or List A or CPL or IPL cricket and the likes in the last 3 years are automatically seeded to the highest or higher division that their club plays.
- f) A Club competing in both the First Division and Intermediate Divisions shall register and maintain a minimum of five (5) seeded players in the higher of the two competitions in which it participates and any player so registered may compete in the First Division but not in the Intermediate or Second Division. Clause V (f) above also applies to the First Division and Intermediate Divisions.
- g) In order to play in the play-off phase of the Intermediate or Second Division, or Schools Division, a Player must have played in four (4) or more of the preliminary round matches in the said Division, for that same team, or has not played in a higher Division during the season.
- h) Where a player has not played in any matches of the Elite, First, Intermediate or Second, or Schools Division prior to the Play-Off phase, that player will be eligible to play in the Play-offs phase for his registered team, in any division. However, if he falls under clause (e) above, that player can only play in the highest division for his registered club.
- i) Registration of players for any competition is closed after the Preliminary series of any competition.
- j) Should a player breach this regulation, the team for which the player played or substitutes will lose the match, and their opponents shall advance to the next round/series.
- k) All matches shall be played in the format as specified by the BCA with the champion team being determined at the conclusion of the Finals. (see the **BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document - Appendix C for the League Competitions.**)
- l) All clubs in any division that fail to nominate and present to the Match Referee or Umpires as applicable, at least seven (7) of the nominated players at start of the game will forfeit their match. The start time for each game is

Division	At Start of Season	from September 16 th , 2023
i) Elite Division	12:30PM	12:00 PM
ii) First Division	12:30PM	12:00 PM
iii) Intermediate Division	1:30 PM	1:00 PM
iv) Second Division	1:00 PM	12:30 PM
v) Schools Division	1:00 PM	12:30 PM
vi) Schools Final match day	12:30 PM	12:00 PM

All as shown in the Appendix C of the Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document. See also clause 12.7 - Hours of Play of these Playing Conditions.

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m) All COVID-19 protocols & directives have ceased

VI. Format

- a) The teams shall be divided in zones as determined by the BCA to accommodate the number of teams participating.
- b) The tournament will then conclude with Semi-Final and Final matches where there is more than 1 zone, as per the Match Schedule Document - Appendix C of the Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.
- c) In the Zonal Competition the Points shall be allocated as per the Match Schedule Document - Appendix C of the Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.
- d) The following shall be declared winner in each division: -
 - i) Elite division - the winning team shall be the team with the most points.
 - ii) First division - the winning team shall be the team with the most points.
 - iii) Intermediate Division – winner of the final
 - iv) Second Division – winner of the final
 - v) Schools Division - the winning team shall be the team with the most points.

VII. Play-Offs

- a) The top teams from each Zone shall advance to the Semi-Finals as per the Match Schedule Document - Appendix C of the Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document, and Leader Board determined by the points system set out in VI. c) and VI. d) above.
- b) The teams shall be placed in the knock-out chart as per the Match Schedule Document - Appendix C of the Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.
- c) The Semi-Finals and Finals will be played at venues to be determined by the Organising Committee.
- d) Match expenses incurred shall be the responsibility of the home team which shall be entitled to all gate receipts. The BCA shall be responsible for the payment of all Umpires' fees. Clubs will be responsible for the provision of all replacement balls during matches.
- e) The Semi-Finals and Final rounds shall be played at venues to be decided by the Organising Committee unless otherwise determined by the BCA and all expenses shall be the responsibility of the BCA which shall be entitled to all gate receipts.
- f) Clubs may be seeded.
- g) Winning Clubs shall receive prizes as determined by the BCA in association with the Sponsor at the start of the Competition.
- h) No individual team member shall benefit financially from the above-mentioned awards and all funds received shall be spent for the benefit of the Club.

VIII. Protests, Complaints, and Appeals

- a) Clubs and Umpires are advised that protests and complaints affecting the outcome of matches must reach the Secretariat of the Barbados Cricket Association not later than 4:00 p.m. on the first working day after the incident in question.
- b) "Working day" means any day from Monday to Friday excluding a public holiday
- c) Other complaints, other than those captured at Clause VIII. a) above, must be submitted within five (5) working days, and will be dealt with by the Secretariat of the BCA.
- d) All protests or complaints must be submitted in written form and be accompanied by a hearing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). [As per BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document].
- e) All such matters except a matter arising at Clause VIII. c) will be dealt with as prescribed in the

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**SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND MATCH SCHEDULE DOCUMENT APPROVED
BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BARBADOS CRICKET
ASSOCIATION (BCA), and in particular its Dispute Resolution Provision at Clause 16.**

All communications to the Board shall be addressed to the Secretary and all communications by Clubs to the Board and by the Board to Clubs shall be made through the Secretaries of such Clubs, and all Clubs must notify the Secretary of the names and addresses of the Secretaries of such Clubs from time to time.

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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 (which are incorporated within these Playing Conditions), 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 together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

LAWS OF CRICKET

LAW 1 - THE PLAYERS

Law 1 shall apply, in addition:

1.1.1 Exchange of Teams and the Toss

- a) There shall be an exchange of teams between Captains of the teams before the toss, which shall take place no earlier than thirty (30) minutes not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled or re-scheduled start of play. Complete names of players should be presented in triplicate for Elite, First, Super Cup and T20 Divisions and in duplicate for all other Divisions on a suitable sheet. Scraps of paper etc. are inappropriate and shall not be accepted by Match Officials.
- b) One copy of the teams consisting of eleven named players shall also be handed to the Umpires/Match Referee before the toss is made.
- c) Either the Match Referee or one of the Umpires must witness the toss and the Captain winning the toss must notify the other Captain and accompanying Official of his decision to bat or bowl straight away. The Captain cannot leave the field to consult with his team, nor can he change his mind, having indicated his decision. If the Captain winning the toss does not indicate whether his team will bat or bowl it will automatically be understood that his team will bat first; there is no right of appeal on this matter.

1.1.2 Commencing Play with Depleted Teams

- a) Matches in all Divisions, except the Second Division, shall be of three (3) days' duration. Matches in the Second Division shall be of two (2) days' duration.
- b) On the scheduled or re-scheduled start of play on the first day of each match, each Captain shall confirm to the Umpires and the opposing Captain that he has, present at the ground, seven (7) players nominated for the match.

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- c) The Umpires shall submit the sheet with the names of all nominated players (or an electronic image of the sheet) to the Barbados Cricket Umpires Association (BCUA) on or attached to the forms supplied by the BCUA.

1.1.3 Elite and First Divisions

First Day

- a) If either team has fewer than seven (7) players, **at the Start of the Match**, that team forfeits the match and the opposing team is awarded full points; except where circumstances arise where Clause 8.4 e) and 8.4 f) are under consideration for reasons wholly acceptable and stated.
- b) If neither team has a minimum number of players the match is abandoned and neither team receives any points.

Second and/or Third Day

- c) At the commencement of play on succeeding days, the fielding team must have a minimum of seven (7) of the nominated players and the batting team a minimum of two (2) players present and eligible to bat in order to commence play.
- d) Any team not having the required number of players shall forfeit the match, and the opposing team shall be awarded full points.
- e) If neither team has the required number of players to start the day's play, the match shall be abandoned and neither team is awarded any points.
- f) Any points gained prior to the abandonment of the game shall be forfeited.

1.1.4 All Other Divisions

First Day

- a) If either team has fewer than seven (7) players, **at the Start of the Match**, the match cannot begin, however, if after and within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled or re-scheduled start of play the offending team(s) attain(s) a complement of seven (7) or more players the match shall begin.
- b) The offending team(s) shall however, attract a penalty of twenty-five (25) runs i.e. twenty-five (25) runs are deducted from whatever total the team makes or from the total which their opponents are required to achieve.
- c) If the offending team attains its complement of players after fifteen (15) minutes but before half an hour has elapsed the team is subject to a further penalty of twenty-five (25) runs.
- d) If after thirty (30) minutes either team still does not have a minimum number of players then the offending team forfeits the match and its opponents are awarded match points.
- e) If neither team has a minimum number of players the match is abandoned and neither team receives any points.

Second and/or Third Day

- f) At the commencement of play on succeeding days, the fielding team must have a minimum of seven (7) of the nominated players and the batting team a minimum of two (2) players present and eligible to bat in order to commence play.
- g) If either team does not have the minimum required number of players the same stipulation as for the first day of the match applies.
- h) Any team not having the required number of players shall forfeit the match, and the opposing team shall be awarded match points.

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- i) If neither team has the required number of players to start the day's play, the match shall be abandoned and neither team is awarded any points.
- j) There shall be no grace period.
- k) However, the Umpires through the Barbados Cricket Umpires Association (BCUA), and the Clubs participating in the match shall make a report to the Secretary of the BCA not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the completion of the match.

1.2 Nomination and replacement of players

- a) Each captain shall nominate 11 players plus a maximum of 4 substitute fielders in writing to the BCA Match Referee or Umpires (if no Match Referee appointed) before the toss. Other than set out in clause 1.2.7, no player (member of the playing eleven) may be changed after the nomination without the consent of the opposing captain.
- b) All those nominated including those nominated as substitute fielders, as well as any COVID-19 Replacements, must be eligible to play for that particular team and by such nomination the nominees shall warrant that they are so eligible.
- c) In addition, by their nomination, the nominees shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by all the applicable BCA Regulations pertaining to local cricket and in particular, the Clothing and Equipment Regulations, the Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel (hereafter referred to as the ICC Code of Conduct), the Anti-Discrimination Code for Players and Player Support Personnel, the Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Corruption Code.
- d) A player or player support personnel who has been suspended from participating in a match shall not, from the toss of the coin and for the remainder of the match thereafter:
- e) Be nominated as, or carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of a substitute fielder, or
- f) Enter any part of the playing area (which shall include the field of play and the area between the boundary and the perimeter boards) at any time, including any scheduled or unscheduled breaks in play.
- g) A player who has been suspended from participating in a match shall be permitted from the toss of the coin and for the remainder of the match thereafter be permitted to enter the players' dressing room provided that the players' dressing room (or any part thereof) for the match is not within the playing area described in clause 1.2.5.2 above (for example, the player is not permitted to enter the on-field 'dug-out').

1.3 COVID-19 Replacement

All COVID-19 protocols & directives have ceased.

LAW 2 - THE UMPIRES

Law 2 shall apply, in addition:

2.1 General

- a) Umpires shall be appointed by the BCUA
- b) The Umpires shall submit a document with the names of all nominated players to the BCUA attached to their appointment forms, or submit an electronic image of the nomination sheet via email.
- c) In the event that there is only one (1) or no Umpire(s) present who have been appointed by the BCUA the Captains of the two (2) teams shall appoint an Umpire(s) who shall officiate until the arrival of the duly appointed Umpire.

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- d) If the two (2) Captains fail to agree on the appointment of the substitute Umpire(s) the Captain of the Home team shall make the appointment.
- e) Both of the Clubs engaged in the match (and the Umpire if present) MUST make a report to the Secretary of the BCA on any Clubs which refuse to play in the absence of Umpires from the BCUA.

2.2 Payment

- a) Payment of the Umpires shall be the responsibility of the BCA. However, in the event that one of the Umpires appointed to officiate in the match is absent the Home team shall pay the substitute Umpire and reclaim the amount from the BCUA through the BCA on the form provided
- b) If both Umpires are absent the visiting team shall also pay one of the substitute Umpires and reclaim the same as above
- c) The Substitute Umpires MUST be paid at the end of each day's play. The BCUA will only make refunds to Clubs, not individuals. Claims must be submitted within one (1) week of the end of the match in question. Any claims submitted outside of this period will not be paid.
- d) Claims must be submitted on the form provided to the BCA but payment will be made by the BCUA.

2.3 Abandoning Play

- a) Umpires shall not abandon play on any day before the Tea Interval, except with the consent of both Captains or as noted in Regulation 1.1.3; Regulation 1.1.4; Regulation 9.1. b), Regulation 12.2.5. m) and **LAW 16.5.1**

LAW 3 - THE SCORERS

Law 3 shall apply;

In addition, scorers should familiarize themselves with the new signals as they relate to runs scored off a no ball when the ball is not struck by the bat or glove.

LAW 4 - THE BALL

- a) Law 4.1 shall be replaced by - All matches in the league competitions must be played with 5 ½ oz four-piece Grade "A" red balls.
- b) Law 4.3 shall be replaced by - A new ball shall be used at the start of each innings.
- c) Law 4.4 shall be replaced by - In all Divisions, the captain of the fielding side may demand a new ball when the number of overs, excluding any part overs, bowled with the old one is equal to or greater than sixty (60) overs. The umpire shall inform the other umpire and indicate to the batsmen and the scorers whenever a new ball is taken into play.
- d) Used Balls - Before the start of play, teams should present the Umpires with a minimum of three (3) used balls to be used as replacements for balls which are lost or become changed during the day's play. In the Elite and First Divisions, a replacement NEW ball should also be presented to the Umpires.

LAW 5 - THE BAT

Law 5 shall apply, except that Law 5.7.2 (depth, edge), and Law 5.8 shall not be applied.

LAW 6 - THE PITCH

Law 6 shall apply, in addition.

Each Club must have a minimum of two (2) pitches which can be used for match play on the playing area.

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6.1 Elite and First Divisions

- a) Preparation of the pitch shall be continued by the Groundsman up to a time not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled time for the start of play on the first day as well as before the scheduled continuation of the match on the second or third day according to the format under which the match is played.
- b) The pitch shall not be rolled during the match except as permitted in 6.1 a) above, or as provided in 6.1 c) below.
- c) During the match the pitch may be rolled at the request of the Captain of the batting team, for a period of not more than seven (7) minutes, before the start of each innings, other than the first innings of the match, and before the start of each subsequent day's play.
- d) In addition to the rolling permitted in 6.1 c) above, if, after the toss, and before the first innings of the match, the start is delayed, the Captain of the batting team may request to have the pitch rolled for not more than seven (7) minutes. However, if the Umpires together agree that the delay has had no significant effect on the state of the pitch, they shall refuse the request for the rolling of the pitch.

6.2 Intermediate, Second and Schools' Divisions

- a) Preparation of the pitch shall be continued by the Groundsman up to a time not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled time for the start of play on each day, or not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the time agreed upon for play to commence.
- b) The period of seven (7) minutes rolling as referred to in Regulation 6.1 d) shall not be allowed at the start of ANY DAY'S PLAY or where the start has been delayed even if the toss has been made.
- c) Pitches and outfield should be properly prepared and maintained on a daily basis.
- d) The pitch must be prepared on each day of a match, including semi-finals and finals.

6.3 All Divisions

- a) Where pitches are covered the umpires shall be empowered to have the pitch dried without reference to the Captains at any time they are of the opinion that it is unfit for play, and may instruct the ground staff to use any available equipment, including a roller, for the purpose of drying the pitch and making it fit for play.
- b) **Law 6.5 to be omitted.**

LAW 7 - THE CREASES

Shall apply entirely except Law 7.3 shall apply except that the reference to a "minimum of 6 ft. shall be replaced with "a minimum of 12 ft.

7.1 Marking the Crease

Creases are to be remarked at drinks breaks, lunch break and between innings.

Additionally, the Umpires may request that the creases be re-marked at any time during the match.

LAW 8 - THE WICKETS

Law 8 shall apply.

LAW 9 - PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA

Law 9 shall apply and in addition:

9.1 Outfield and Boundaries

- a) Home teams are responsible for the preparation of the pitch and outfield and should not do, or cause to be done, anything which would render them unsuitable for play.

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- b) **The Umpires shall inform the two Captains accordingly.**
- c) Umpires are asked to make careful notes of such occurrences and to report them to the Secretary of the BCA through the BCUA.
- d) Outfields should be properly maintained and mowed on a regular basis or cut to maintain proper surface which should be free of tall and/or overgrown grass.
- e) Fields should be clear of all debris including animal dung, rubbish, stones, rocks or garbage.
- f) The boundaries of all grounds shall be fixed at the commencement of each season and shall not be changed during any such season, and must be clearly marked and indicated during all matches.
- g) Any team or Club which neglects to ensure that the facilities are ready for play at the appointed time on any day, barring acts of God or exceptional circumstances, shall forfeit the match in question.

9.2 Pavilions, Dressing Room, Toilets

- a) Dressing rooms and toilets and Club's pavilions in general should be clean and tidy at all times.
- b) Clubs failing to adhere to the above may be removed from the BCA Competitions.

LAW 10 - COVERING THE PITCH

Shall apply in its entirety in addition to the below

10.1 Elite and First Divisions

- a) The match pitch must be covered at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled start of the first day's play as well as at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled continuation of the match.
- b) The Home Team shall be responsible for ensuring that the covers are properly applied and removed.
- c) Clubs must ensure their readiness for play and do nothing, directly or indirectly, to make their facilities unsuitable for play. If the Club wilfully neglects to have the facilities in a state of readiness for play, they will incur any penalty which the Board may impose up to and including forfeiture of the match in question, with match points being awarded to the opposing team.

10.2 Intermediate, Second and Schools' Divisions

- a) Any Club, in these divisions, which seeks permission to use covers during the season must make such a request of the BCA, prior to the start of the season and indicate in which Divisions it intends to use them.
- b) If approval is granted, covers must be used in all matches played by the Club in the Divisions for which approval is granted.
- c) Permission for the use of covers will NOT be granted after the season has started.
- d) Any team which has been granted permission to use covers must use them in all matches for which the request has been granted by the BCA. The pitch shall be covered as in 10.1 above and must be covered for the duration of the match.
- e) Clubs must ensure their readiness for play and do nothing, directly or indirectly, to make their facilities unsuitable for play. If the Club wilfully neglects to have the facilities in a state of readiness for play, they will incur any penalty which the Board may impose up to and including forfeiture of the match in question, with match points being awarded to the opposing team.
- f) Pitches for the semi-finals and finals of Intermediate, Second and Schools' Divisions shall be covered in accordance with Regulation 10.1.
- g) Covers must be applied in accordance with Regulation 10.1.

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LAW 11 – INTERVALS

11.1 Tea Interval

Law 11.2 shall apply except the tea interval shall be as per the table in Appendix C attached

11.1.1 Semi-Finals and Finals

- a) In semi-finals and finals, the Tea Interval shall be increased by ten (10) minutes, and stumps shall therefore be drawn ten (10) minutes later than the originally scheduled close of play.

11.1.2 Interval for Drinks on the Field

Law 11.8 shall remain and in addition:

Clubs are to ensure that the utensils which are used for the drinks breaks are in a clean and sanitary condition. Disposable plastic cups are preferred.

11.1.2.1 Elite and First Divisions

- a) There shall be one drinks break per session on the field that shall be served after a period of not less than seventy (70) minutes of continuous play and not less than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled interval or close of play.
- b) In the event that five (5) or more overs have been brought forward from the previous day's play an additional drinks-break shall be allowed prior to the tea interval.
- c) However, drinks shall not be served during the last hour of the match.

11.1.2.2 All Other Divisions

- a) There shall be one drinks break per session on the field that shall be served after a period of not less than sixty (60) minutes of continuous play and not less than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled interval or close of play.
- b) However, drinks shall not be served during the last hour of the match.

Law 11.6 shall apply for all divisions except SECOND DIVISION (*see Regulation 12.2.3*)

LAW 12 - START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY

12.1 Hours of Play

The hours of play, for each division, shall be as per the table in Appendix C of the Match Schedule Document.

12.2 Minimum Overs Requirement in the Day's Play

12.2.1 Elite and First Divisions

- a) On days other than the last day, play shall continue on each day until the completion of a minimum target of 75 overs (or a minimum of 15 overs per hour) or the completion of the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time, whichever is the later.
- b) On any day's play, except the last day, when the scheduled hours of play have been completed, but the required number of overs has not been bowled and weather, bad light or any reason other than normal intervals causes play for the day to be delayed, interrupted or abandoned, the remaining overs on that day shall be made up on the next or subsequent days to a maximum of seven (7) overs or half-hour per day.
- c) The Playing Control Team (PCT) shall, however, make a determination on the reason for the non-completion of the required number of overs.
- d) If, after taking into account factors over which neither team had any control, in their opinion the fault lies with either team a penalty of four (4) runs per over shall be attached to the offending team(s).

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- e) The Umpires must inform the Captains at each interval of the number of overs bowled as well as the over rate.
- f) The overs which are brought forward from the previous day's play shall be added prior to the beginning of the scheduled start of the next day's play.
- g) The interval shall not be adjusted.
- h) When an innings ends a minimum number of overs shall be bowled from the start of the new innings.
- i) Whenever necessary, overs shall be calculated at the rate of four (4) minutes for one (1) over. Where play is delayed or interrupted by rain or for any other reason the number of overs to be bowled shall be calculated by deducting one (1) over for every four (4) complete minutes of play lost.
- j) When the innings ends after the last hour has started, calculations shall be made as set out under Regulation 12.3(b).

12.2.2 Intermediate and Schools Divisions

- a) On days other than the last day, play shall continue on each day until the completion of a minimum target of sixty (60) overs or the completion of the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time, whichever is the later.
- b) With regards to teams failing to bowl the required number of overs during a day's play, the Umpires shall continue to monitor the situation.
- c) However, the Umpires should make a report to the Secretary of the BCUA of any team or teams in breach of the regulation. The Secretary of the BCUA should then make a report to the Secretary of the BCA.
- d) Whenever necessary, overs shall be calculated at the rate of four (4) minutes for one (1) over. Where play is delayed or interrupted by rain or for any other reason the number of overs to be bowled shall be calculated by deducting one (1) over for every four (4) complete minutes of play lost.

12.2.3 Second Division

Matches in this Division shall be of two (2) days duration and shall commence and stumps shall be drawn at such times as shall be determined by the Board.

First Day's Play

- a) A minimum of sixty (60) overs must be bowled on the first day with the first innings of each team being limited to thirty (30) overs.
- b) If the team batting first is bowled out in less than thirty (30) overs the innings of the team batting second shall commence and that team shall be entitled to bat for its full quota of thirty (30) overs.
- c) If the team bowling first has not completed its quota of thirty (30) overs by 3:15 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 1:00 pm, or 2:45 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:30 noon, the over in progress shall be completed and the innings of the team batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs.
- d) If, however, the team batting first is bowled out with thirty (30) minutes or less remaining until the tea interval, tea shall be taken at that time.
- e) If the team batting first is bowled out within two (2) minutes of the scheduled or rescheduled cut-off time, the innings of the team batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs which was bowled to the team batting first.
- f) At the conclusion of the innings of the team batting first, the first innings of the team batting second shall begin and be limited to the same number of overs to which the team batting first had been entitled.

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- g) If the innings of the team batting second ends with ten (10) minutes or less remaining to the scheduled close of play or after the scheduled close of play, the day's play shall be at an end.
- h) However, if the innings of the team batting second ends earlier, the second innings of the match shall begin and continue until the day's quota of overs is complete, provided that weather conditions permit.
- i) No bowler shall be allowed to bowl no more than one fifth (1/5) of the allotted quota of overs in the first innings of each side.
- j) The maximum limit of overs per bowler at the start of the match remains the same for both sides in their first innings regardless of the number of overs bowled by the team fielding first at the cut off time.
- k) In the event of the fielding team being unable to bowl the required number of overs in the first innings because of an inadequate number of players that team shall forfeit the match.
- l) If play is delayed at the start of the first day for any reason, the Umpires shall re-arrange the number of overs remaining in the day's play so that each team shall have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs.
- m) The Umpires shall calculate the number of overs to be bowled in the day, calculating one (1) over for each full four (4) minutes remaining. The Tea Interval shall be re-scheduled between the innings.
- n) If the time remaining after the delay is not sufficient to allow each team the opportunity to bat for a minimum of fifteen (15) overs, the Umpires shall **abandon play for the day**.
- o) If as a result of inclement weather or for any other reason after play has started and there is an interruption and the team batting first is unable to complete its allotted quota of overs on the first day, the innings shall continue on the second day until the quota has been exhausted or the team has been bowled out.
- p) If the innings of the team batting second is interrupted then the quota of overs to which that team is entitled shall be completed on the second day.
- q) The Umpires shall adjust the number of overs to be bowled on the second day and shall inform the Captains accordingly.
- r) The remainder of the second day's play shall be played according to Regulation 12.2.3(s) below.

Second Day's Play:-

- s) There shall be no limit to the second innings of the match except that a minimum of seventy (70) overs shall be bowled on the second day with a minimum of fifteen (15) overs being bowled in the last hour.

12.3 Last Hour of Match

In addition to **Law 12.9**, the following shall apply: -

- a) The Captains (the Batsmen at the wicket may deputise for their Captain) may agree to terminate play at the start of the final hour, if no result seems to be possible on the final day of a match.
- b) Law 12.6, 12.7, 12.8 shall apply except that a minimum of fifteen (15) overs shall be bowled in the last hour and all calculations with regard to suspension of play or the start of a new innings shall be based on one (1) over for each full four (4) minutes.

12.5.1 Elite and First Divisions

The final fifteen (15) overs shall start at the conclusion of the 60th over or at 5:00 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:30 pm, or 4:30 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:00 noon, whichever is the later.

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12.5.2 Intermediate Divisions

The final fifteen (15) overs shall start at the conclusion of the 45th over or at 4:30 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 1:00 pm, or 4:00 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:30 pm, whichever is the later.

12.5.3 Schools Divisions

The final fifteen (15) overs shall start at the conclusion of the 45th over or at 4:00 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:30 pm, or 3:30 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:00 pm, whichever is the later.

12.5.4 Second Division

The final fifteen (15) overs shall start at the conclusion of the 55th over or at 5:00 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 1:00 pm, or 4:30 pm when play is scheduled to commence at 12:30 noon, whichever is the later.

12.4 Matches Reduced to One Day

12.4.1 Elite and First Divisions

- a) Where the first two (2) days in a match scheduled for three (3) days have been completely lost due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason whatsoever, the two teams involved shall play a One Innings match of forty (40) overs each, provided that play is possible before the Tea interval on the final day.
- b) If no play is possible before the Tea interval on the final day, the match shall be abandoned as a No-decision by the Umpires and each team shall be awarded one (1) point.
- c) The Special Conditions and Regulation 12.3 governing the final fifteen (15) overs in the final sixty (60) minutes of a match shall **not** apply in a match which has been reduced to One Day.
- d) In all such matches which have been reduced to One Day, play shall commence half an hour earlier than the scheduled time, that is 12:00 noon for the early part of the season or at 11:30 am thereafter.
- e) In a match where the start of play is delayed the object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of one (1) over for every full four (4) minutes of time available for play until the scheduled cessation of play.
- f) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled Tea Interval the over in progress shall be completed and the innings of the team batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs.
- g) If the innings of the team batting first is interrupted for up to ten (10) minutes, the time lost shall be taken out of the Tea Interval. The Umpires may re-schedule the commencement of the second session.

12.4.2 All Other Divisions

- a) Where the first two (2) days in a match scheduled for three (3) days or the first day in a match scheduled for two (2) days have been completely lost due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason whatsoever, the two teams involved shall play a One Innings match of thirty-five (35) overs provided that play is possible before the Tea Interval on the final day.
- b) If no play is possible before the Tea Interval on the final day, the match shall be abandoned as a No-decision by the Umpires and each team shall be awarded one (1) point.
- c) The Special Conditions and Regulation governing the final fifteen (15) overs in the final sixty (60) minutes of a match shall **not** apply in a match which has been reduced to One Day.

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- d) In all such matches which have been reduced to One Day, play shall commence half an hour earlier than the scheduled time, that is 12:30 noon for the early part of the season or at 12:00 am thereafter. **However, in the Schools Division**, play shall commence 12:00 noon for the early part of the season or at 11:30 am thereafter.
- e) In the Second Division all times in relation to Tea Interval and close of play shall move forward by thirty (30) minutes.
- f) In a match where the start of play is delayed the object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of one (1) over for every full four (4) minutes of time available for play until the scheduled cessation of play.
- g) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled Tea Interval the over in progress shall be completed and the innings of the team batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs.
- h) If the innings of the team batting first is interrupted for up to ten (10) minutes, the time lost shall be taken out of the Tea Interval. The Umpires may re-schedule the commencement of the second session.

12.5.1 All Divisions

No bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed except that where the total number of overs is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the total.

LAW 13 - INNINGS

Law 13 shall apply. For Law 15.4 and Law 15.5 – refer to Regulation 1.1.1 c).

LAW 14 - THE FOLLOW-ON

Law 14 shall apply.

LAW 15 - DECLARATION AND FORFEITURE

Law 15 shall apply and in addition:

15.1 Law 15.1 Time of Declaration

- a) The option of declaration is for the Captain of the batting side only and the Law does not intend that any agreement should be reached by both Captains together or any member or members of the team acting on behalf of the Captain.
- b) It shall be considered a serious breach of the Special Conditions and Regulations of Play for any team engaged in these competitions before the start or during the progress of a match to enter into any conspiracy, mutual agreement, contract or other undertaking with one or more other team or teams regarding the closing of any innings by formal declaration or otherwise.
- c) Any team(s) found to be engaging in this practice shall forfeit any points gained in the match in question.

15.2 Law 15.2 Forfeiture of an Innings

- a) Any points gained in a game by a team which subsequently abandons the game shall be forfeited.
- b) A team which forfeits a match shall not receive any points, however, its opponents shall be awarded match points follows:
 - i. Elite and First Divisions – Twenty (20) match points
 - ii. All other Divisions – Eight (8) match points.

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LAW 16 - THE RESULT

Law 16 shall apply and in addition:

16.1 Law 16.3 Umpires Awarding a Match

- a) Should both batsmen at the wicket or the fielding team leave the field at any time without the agreement of the Umpires, this shall constitute a refusal to play.
- b) The Umpires must inform the teams of the decision and make a report to the Board, through the BCUA, of any team refusing to play or of any team conceding defeat.

16.2 Law 16.8 Correctness of Result

The Board reserves its right of final responsibility in determining the result of a match.

LAW 17 - THE OVER

Law 17 shall apply

LAW 18 - SCORING RUNS

Law 18 shall apply

LAW 19 - BOUNDARIES

Law 19 shall apply

See also Regulation 9.1(g).

LAW 20 - DEAD BALL

Law 20 shall apply

LAW 21 - NO BALL

21.1 Law 21 shall apply except Law 21.10

[Ball Bouncing Over Head Height of Striker] shall be deleted.

21.2 Elite, Intermediate and Schools Divisions

- a) A bowler shall be limited to three (3) short-pitched deliveries per over.
- b) A fast short-pitched delivery is defined as a ball, which passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.
- c) The Umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when each fast short-pitched delivery have been bowled.
- d) In addition, for the purpose of this regulation, a ball that passes above head height of the batsman that prevents him from being able to hit the ball with bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a wide.
- e) For the avoidance of any doubt any fast short-pitched delivery that is called a wide under this playing condition shall also count as one of the allowable short-pitched deliveries for that over.
- f) In the event that a bowler bowls more than three (3) fast short-pitched deliveries in an over as defined above the Umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal **No Ball** on each occasion.
- g) If a bowler delivers a fourth short-pitched ball in an over, after the call of No Ball and when the ball is dead shall caution the bowler, inform the other Umpire, the Captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.

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- h) If there is a second instance of a bowler being no balled in the innings for bowling more than three (3) short-pitched deliveries in an over, the Umpire shall advise the bowler that this is his final warning for the innings.
- i) 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. This over shall be completed by another bowler who shall neither have bowled the previous over or part thereof nor be allowed to bowl the next over or part thereof.
- j) The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

LAW 22 - WIDE BALL

Law 22 shall apply and in addition:

22.1 All Divisions

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket throughout the match.

LAW 23 - BYE AND LEG BYE

Law 23 shall apply.

LAW 24 - FIELDER'S ABSENCE; SUBSTITUTES

Law 24 shall apply and in addition:

24.1 Substitute fielders

- a) Not more than two (2) substitutes shall be allowed to any team except in cases of illness or accident, however, if during the course of a match, a player participating in that match has been selected to represent Barbados, the West Indies or for other national duty, the team for which he plays shall be allowed to replace him and that replacement player shall be entitled to participate fully in the remainder of the match.
- b) If the replacement player is already engaged in another match the team shall similarly be allowed to replace him.

If either team cannot maintain a minimum of seven (7) nominated players on the field of play during their fielding innings, the offending team shall forfeit the match. In case of injury during the match, a team will be allowed substitutes for reasons wholly acceptable to the Umpires (in accordance with **Law 24** of the **Laws of Cricket**) and shall not forfeit the match.

24.2 Fielder Absent or Leaving the Field of Play

- a) Law 24.2 shall apply except that a player shall not incur any penalty time if he/she is absent from the field of play for a time equal to, or less than eight (8) minutes.
- b) If a player is off the field for longer than eight (8) minutes, the entire duration of his absence shall count towards their penance time. The maximum penance time shall be sixty (60) minutes.

LAW 25. - BATSMAN'S INNINGS

Law 25 shall apply. Except law 25.5

- 25.5 - Runners shall not be permitted in the BCA's Competitions.

LAW 26 - PRACTICE ON THE FIELD

Law 26 shall apply

LAW 27 - THE WICKET-KEEPER

Law 27 shall apply

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LAW 28 - THE FIELDER

Law 28 shall apply

LAW 29 - THE WICKET IS DOWN

Law 29 shall apply

LAW 30 - BATSMAN OUT OF HIS GROUND

Law 30 shall apply

LAW 31 - APPEALS

Law 31 shall apply

LAW 32 - BOWLED

Law 32 shall apply

LAW 33 - CAUGHT

Law 33 shall apply

LAW 34 - HIT THE BALL TWICE

Law 34 shall apply

LAW 35 - HIT WICKET

Law 35 shall apply

LAW 36 - LEG BEFORE WICKET

Law 36 shall apply

LAW 37 - OBSTRUCTING THE FIELD

Law 37 shall apply

LAW 38 - RUN OUT

Law 38 shall apply

LAW 39 - STUMPED

Law 39 shall apply

LAW 40 - TIMED OUT

Law 40 shall apply

LAW 41 - UNFAIR PLAY

Law 41 shall apply, in addition:

41.1 Fair and Unfair Play – Responsibility of Captains

- a) The Captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket, as well as within these Playing Conditions.
- b) The Captain of each team of each Club, taking part in the above-mentioned competitions, shall play all matches with the best players available for each team fielded by such Club in each series of the competitions in which such Club shall be taking part.

Provided however and it is hereby declared as follows:

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- c) No series of any competition shall be deemed to have been completed until the expiration of the time allotted for play on the last day of such series, as the same appears in the fixtures as originally prepared or as altered or amended by the Board.
- d) Any Club which has representative teams in more than one Division shall Register and maintain a minimum of five (5) players in each of the higher Divisions in which it participates and any player so registered may compete in a division higher, but not lower, than that in which he is registered.
- e) No player may take part in any match in any division if he is a declared member of a team selected to take part in a match in another division in a series which is not yet completed (see **41.1(c)** above). If, for example, a match is played [*Saturday, Saturday, Sunday*] or [*Saturday, Sunday, Saturday*], or [*Saturday, Sunday, Sunday*] or any combination of these, the series is not complete until the last date of the other matches scheduled in that series or the last day of the match in question, whichever is the later.
- f) A player shall not be declared to represent more than one (1) team in any Competition. A player declared to play in one (1) Competition shall not be declared to play in another Competition on the same day.
- g) If a player who has been declared to play in a Competition is declared to play in another Competition on the same day, the second team - the team that plays the match that starts at the later time, for which he plays shall forfeit the match and any points earned in the match, and the opposing team shall be awarded match points, except for the provisions of Clause 8.4 e) and 8.4 f) above.
- h) For the sake of clarity and the purposes of this Regulation, a player participating in a league match is still eligible to play in a limited overs match even though the league match has not been completed, provided that the two games are not scheduled to be played on the same day, in which case the player would be ineligible to play in the limited overs match.
- i) Notwithstanding the above, if a game has not started and the team has not been declared (even though the series has started) a player who participates in a limited overs match which coincides with the dates scheduled for a league match shall still be allowed to participate in the league match when it begins.
- j) A Club may request to have any of its players de-registered provided that such players have not played or been nominated for more than 50% of the matches which would have been completed at the time the request is received by the Board. Each request for de-registration must be accompanied by a fee of \$15.00
- k) No player shall be eligible to participate in the semi-finals or Final in the Intermediate or Second Division unless he has played in at least four (4) matches in that Division or has not played in a higher Division during the season.
- l) In the case of School Teams, matches played for the School's Intermediate team, the Barbados Youth or for another School shall qualify as matches for the individual School.
- m) No player shall be registered after the preliminary matches in the zonal competition have been completed.
- n) Any Club which breaches Regulation **41.1 d), 41.1 e), 41.1 f), 41.1 g), 41.1 h), 41.1 i), 41.1 j), 41.1 k), 41.1 l), 41.1 m)** shall forfeit the match as well as any points which had been earned in the match, and full points shall be awarded to the opposing team.

41.2 Towels for Drying of Balls

At least two (2) clean towels or wash cloths approved by the Umpires to be used for the drying and cleaning of balls shall be provided by the Home team.

LAW 42 - PLAYERS' CONDUCT

All incidences of misconduct by players shall be brought to the attention of the Match Referee (if appointed for the particular game). Whether or not there is a Match Referee present, the Umpires are required to submit a written report to the Secretary of the BCUA.