



**WA
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**Metropolitan Junior Community Cricket
Competition Details
Summer 2024-25**

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Administrative Details

Registrations

Due to the MJCC and six associations still formalizing their amalgamation, this season has been set up on PlayHQ so that clubs are linked to the current CJCC association, which will then be renamed to MJCC once the process is finalised.

The Competition Admin fee has been raised to \$15 per player this season, inclusive of GST, charged at point of registration on PlayHQ.

Team Nominations

In previous seasons we have tried to keep team nominations open as late as possible to allow clubs as much time to accurately finalise their team numbers. Typically, this is two or three weeks before the competition starts. However, we have received clear feedback from clubs and parents wanting to know their fixtures earlier, so this date has been pushed forward to Friday 20th September (3 weeks before competition start).

Dispensations

Dispensation requests have been opened on the MJCC website.

Dispensation requests for a player to play 1 Year Up will be managed by Clubs.

Dispensation requests for a player to play 1 Year Down (for Community-only cricketers), or 2 Years Up, will be managed by Competition Admin.

Dispensation requests for a player to play 1 Year Down (for Premier cricketers), 2+ Years Down, or 3+ Years Up, managed by the MJCC Competitions Subcommittee.

One new Dispensation Criteria has been added to allow a player to play in the grade that aligns with their School Year Level, if they are in a different School Year Level from what would be typical for their age.

Coach and Manager Nights

Centralized "Season Launch" nights will be held during the last week before competition starts. Content of the nights will be similar to previous Coach and Manager nights.

Awards

Awards Nights will be held centrally at the WACA Ground for all competitive grades, in late March, shortly after the Grand Finals.

Player Awards will be presented at the Awards Night for each competitive grade, for total runs, total wickets, batting average (minimum 100 runs, and minimum 5 matches), bowling average (minimum 5 wickets, and minimum 5 matches), and Champion Player.

Finals Presentations will contain a Pennant for the winning team, a Pennant for the runner-up team, as well as medallions for each player in the winning team.

Venues

Clubs to place season bookings for grounds (Exception for City of Mandurah and City of Rockingham). Clubs may need to pay ground booking fees for instances where they need to borrow a ground that has been booked by another club, when their club does not have enough grounds available that day. Clubs are to cover the cost of venue hire for matches.

Coach Registration

Clubs are responsible to ensure all Coaches (including assistant coaches) for any training or matches authorised by or related to Metropolitan Junior Community Cricket competitions are:

- (a) registered in PlayHQ as a Coach
- (b) allocated to the team(s) they are coaching
- (c) aware of and understand the relevant policies/codes/guidelines that apply.



Umpiring Details

Umpire Recruitment

The Custom Question used by most associations in their registrations is included in the MJCC custom questions on PlayHQ, so that all registering participants are asked about their interest in umpiring.

MJCC/WA Cricket to create and distribute umpiring recruitment flyers to send to clubs.

Umpire Mentoring/Training

3 umpire mentors have been appointed, one in each of the Metro North, Metro South, and Central/East regions.

Paul Henwood (2023-24 SEMJCC Umpire Coordinator) already develops a Weekly Umpiring Newsletter that was distributed to SEMJCC umpires. This will be distributed across all MJCC umpires, and Paul could add input from the other umpire mentors.

Ideally 3 seasonal meetings will be held between mentors and their umpiring cohort, for development.

Umpire Appointments

OfficialsHQ 2.0 will be used for umpire appointments across all competitions. Competition Admin will manage umpire appointments and attendance.

Umpire Payment

MJCC will make umpire payments, with cost to be invoiced to clubs.

Umpire payments will be made fortnightly. Pay rate will be \$70 for first-year umpires and \$80 for experienced umpires.

Clubs will be invoiced up to four times over the season to recover the cost for MJCC to supply umpires, with one invoice coming before the start of the season, to ensure MJCC has enough of a bank balance to cover the initial week's costs. The first invoices will contain estimated costs to clubs (based on last season's data), with the final invoice covering the exact balance remaining, calculated based on the number of umpires provided to that club this season.

Umpire Training/Finals Cost

MJCC to cover cost for two rounds of training for umpires, where each new umpire is paired up with an experienced umpire for their first two rounds. WA Cricket to cover cost for umpires for finals, although still paid upfront by MJCC in the usual umpire payment method.



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Grade Details

Season Dates

Round	Date
1	12-Oct
2	19-Oct
3	26-Oct
4	2-Nov
5	9-Nov
6	16-Nov
7	23-Nov
8	30-Nov
9	7-Dec
Break	
10	1-Feb
11	8-Feb
12	15-Feb
13	22-Feb
Long Weekend Bye	1-Mar
14	8-Mar
SF	15-Mar
GF	22-Mar

Season Deadlines	Date
Registrations Open	1-Jul
Build Grades on PlayHQ	1-Aug
Team Nominations Close	20-Sep
Fixtures Released	7-Oct
Player Awards Nights	Late March

All grades to start on the 11th - 13th of October during Round 1.

To fit 14 rounds into the season with the later start to Term 1 in 2025, there is one extra round on the 1st of February (the weekend before Term 1 starts).

All grades that do not have finals are to end on round 14.

Grades

This season, all grades have been set up the same as last season, except where two grades are combined, each grade has been created separately. The MJCC Competitions Sub-Committee will assess requests to play in specific grades, and to assess whether splitting or merging grades is necessary. In future seasons, look to maximize the number of competitive grades with exactly 8 teams in them by splitting larger grades before season starts, and increasing flexibility around old association boundaries. No new grades to be created this season (outside of splitting a very large grade in two).

Days/Times of Play

Days of play remain the same in each grade for the upcoming season, alternative days of play may be used when possible, to resolve fixturing issues. Similarly, match start times are to remain the same as last season.

Stage 3 Match Lengths

Each Stage 3 Boys grade will have the same match length (30, 35, or 40 Overs) for One-Day matches as it did in the 2023-24 Summer Season. All Stage 3 matches (Boys and Girls) are to be bowled from one end, with the batters swapping ends after each over. At each drinks break, the batters do not swap ends, as the fielding team will swap which end they are bowling from.



T20 Competitions

Rounds 6 through to 9 of the season will contain a Four-Week T20 Competition for all Boys Competitive Age Groups. There are no T20 Finals related to these four weeks. These four weeks of T20 matches count towards the end-of-season finals in March.

The MJCC are working through details of an opt-in T20 competition run in January, to expand upon the previous CJCC Budget Direct T20 Cup tournament normally held in January.

Finals

The season ends on Round 14 for teams in Competitive Grades that are not in Semi-Finals. These teams may opt in to play an extra match during the Semi-Final Round, which would be scheduled against the most similarly ranked team from their grade that also opts in.

Grand Finals in the Central, Peel and South-West Areas will be played at pre-determined venues as per previous seasons. Grand Finals in the Midland-Guildford, North-West and South-East Areas will be hosted by the club that finished in the higher ladder position as per previous seasons.

Rotation Checks

Rotation checks will be completed twice per season, once at the mid-season break, and once after the last round before semi-finals. Both the number of breaches in the team, and seriousness of the breaches will be considered by the MJCC Competitions Subcommittee when determining whether a team has major or minor issues.

Non-competitive teams with minor issues do not need to be notified and wouldn't be checked for rotations in the second half of the season unless new issues arise with this team.

Non-competitive teams with major issues do need to be notified and would be checked for rotations in the second half of the season.

Competitive teams with minor issues do need to be notified and would be checked for rotations in the second half of the season.

Competitive teams with major issues do need to be notified and would be checked for rotations in the second half of the season. These teams may potentially be deducted points if approved by the MJCC Competitions Subcommittee.

Rule Checks

Rule checks to be completed by Competition Admin, and emailed out to clubs every 2-3 weeks. MJCC Competitions Subcommittee to determine if points penalties are necessary for any teams in competitive grades that breach again, after receiving an information notice, and a first and final warning.

Heat Policy

"Areas" are defined in the MJCC General Rules and/or Policies as groups of clubs, and their grounds, that formed a previous association. The 38 Degree rule has been modified to say "if at least 3 of the 6 Areas are forecast to be over 38 degrees at 11am, all matches in all Areas become T20s".

Heat Stress Rating Index recommendations must be applied to each Area. Different Areas may have different recommendations. These could include extra drinks breaks, or in extreme forecasts, match cancellations.

MJCC's Heat Policy clarifies "The MJCC Competitions Subcommittee may implement any additional measures they see fit to prioritize player safety regarding heat concerns. This may include, but is not limited to, match cancellations, shortening match lengths, and mandating or recommending earlier start times."

No Go Zones

No Go Zones should be set up for all matches. These prevents spectators, officials, or anyone else (other than fielders) from standing behind the bowler during the match.

Themed Rounds

The below themed rounds will be included in the schedule.

- Pink Stumps Day
- Reconciliation Round
- Think Mental Health Round
- Women and Girls Week

