

## **APPENDIX 13 - CORONAVIRUS-RELATED REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Where a member is unable to participate in the second day of a match due to a requirement to self-isolate or to illness as a result of coronavirus the following shall apply.

### **Replacement Player**

Subject to compliance with this policy including the required declaration as set out below, a Player affected by coronavirus may be replaced by a like-for-like Player (using best endeavours) notified to CV Management at the earliest opportunity. Consequent replacements in lower grades shall be allowed and notified at the same time.

If not known in advance of a day's play, notification of Replacement Players shall be made to the opposition captain and Umpires as soon as practicable and before the Replacement Player taking the field. Umpires will note all Replacement Players participating in the day's play on the match report and will notify CV Management as soon as possible.

The opposing team shall not be unfairly disadvantaged by a team's choice of Replacement Player. A team shall take reasonable steps to replace a COVID-impacted Player with a like-for-like player; however, the status of the Match may permit other types of replacements, for example –

- A batter may be replaced by a bowler provided that the team will no longer bowl in the Match.
- A batter may be replaced by a bowler subject to the captain's undertaking that the replacement will not bowl in the Match; A bowler may be replaced by a batter provided that the team will no longer bat in the Match, or the bowler has been dismissed.

### **No alteration allowed after notification**

In all circumstances once notification has been given, no further alteration shall be allowed.

### **Requirements of replacement player**

A replacing Player shall be subject to the provisions of the Rules of Premier Cricket and Laws of Cricket as would have applied to the player replaced if that player had continued playing in the match.

### **Substitute Fielder**

Where a Replacement Player has not been requested, a substitute fielder shall be allowed.

### **Notification of Substitute Fielder**

The captain of the opposing team and the Umpires shall be informed of the use of a Replacement Player or substitute fielder before the fielder takes part in the game.

### **Withdrawal of Player**

Where a member withdraws from a match because of coronavirus related requirements the following shall apply:

If a Player is a not out batter, shall be treated under Law 25.4.2 as retiring owing to unavoidable cause and recorded as "retired, not out".

If a Player retires under this clause and is a not out batter, shall be replaced at the crease by the nominated Player.

### **Declaration**

As part of the process for requesting a Replacement Player, Clubs must submit a declaration to CV Management on a form provided which will include the following items:

- Name of the Player
- Evidence of positive test (Club to cite category of evidence provided by the player on which the Club declaration is based, which may include a RAT test, PCR result, Department of Health reference number, medical certificate or verbal advice from player)

If it is found that a false declaration has been provided, CV Management may cause the matter to be investigated and subsequently dealt with under Rule 10 or lay a charge and refer the matter to the Tribunal to be dealt with under Rule 11. Any referral to the Tribunal following investigation under this clause shall be considered as within time.

**CONFIRMED CASE/S OF COVID-19**

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus prior to the match the player/staff/official are to be isolated as per the isolation rules in implementation from the Victorian State Government. That team shall continue with the match with the use of a Replacement Player (if a playing member/s are impacted).

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus during the match the player/staff/official are to be isolated as per the isolation rules in implementation from the Victorian State Government. The match shall continue with the use of a Replacement Player/s (if a playing member/s is impacted) UNLESS the club sees more than four Players ruled out of a team due to positive COVID tests or subsequent movement of Players to higher grades due to the impact of COVID, at which point the match will be abandoned, unless a first innings result has already been achieved prior to the abandonment of the match.

**DETERMINATION OF MATCH RESULT**

(a) CV Management has the discretion to allocate points to a team where they are satisfied there are exceptional circumstances justifying the discretion being exercised.

(b) For the purposes of (a) above, what constitutes "exceptional circumstances" is to be determined by CV Management on a case-by-case basis but would not ordinarily relate to weather events.

(c) Any discretionary points awarded pursuant to (a) above will be included in the calculation of club championship points as set out in Rule 6.