



From	WPCA Cricket Committee
To	Affiliated Cricket Clubs
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Date	10 September
Issue	Club Cricket Format Proposals

Purpose

The primary purpose is to inform all stakeholders with regards to the intended return to play options based on the email sent to all clubs on the 26th August 2020 under the subject heading 'Club Cricket Discussions'.

Objective

For Affiliated Clubs to note and consider the information and provide further feedback by latest C.O.B Wednesday 16th September 2020

Proposals Received

WPCA would like to thank the 15 clubs for their proposals and suggestions with regards to the 'return to play' preferences. We would like to encourage those clubs who have not sent in proposals to do so by the date mentioned above. The cricket committee has traversed all proposals and has carefully developed a format proposal for the 2020/2021 Season which will be further discussed and confirmed at the next cricket committee meeting on the 16th September 2020 based on further feedback from clubs.

Recommendations

After careful consideration, the committee has preferred a combination of option 2 and 3 with regards to the 'return to play' options. The detail is as follows.

- The season will commence with a first round AMA 20 (PL-FDD) competition in December 2020 which is subject to the alert lockdown levels, approval by the sports ministry and all necessary covid 19 protocols in place. The AMA 20 competition will be the same format as previously played.
- The regular 1-Day league season will commence on the 16th January 2021 with a single round league fixtures in all leagues culminating on the 22nd March 2021.
- The second round AMA 20 (PL-FDD) competition will commence in March 2021 (Sundays) and culminate with the finals in April 2021.
- All leagues will commence on the 16th January 2021, where slight modifications to the 3rd Division will be required for this season only to accommodate sufficient number of games for 3rd Division teams.
- Promotion and relegation possibilities will be considered at the next cricket committee meeting.



- The Women's committee will meet on the 14th September to discuss the formats for the new season.

Considerations

The committee discussed all the proposals and traversed all options and alternatives and the recommendations were based on the following considerations.

- We are currently still on alert lockdown level 2 and only allowed to train with a maximum of 5 persons.
- Timelines cancel-the proposed status quo option 1, which by implication meant cricket having to start in 3 weeks.
- Tertiary institutions have limited access to facilities and might only return in the new year.
- Restrictions on use of some facilities, with the CoCT not opening all facilities at this point.
- Injury concerns in terms of rushing to start the season.
- Administration compliance which is needed to start the season such AGM's, club meetings, team and ground entry forms and office bearers.
- Semi-professional cricket can only commence in January 2021.
- No amateur cricket matches are allowed at this point.

Action

We have urged clubs to consider the recommendation and to provide feedback by indicating 'YES' or 'NO' to the proposal made by the cricket committee. We have encouraged all clubs to send feedback by Wednesday 16th September 2020.

Keep Safe and Regards
WPCA Cricket Committee