

# FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET

## Fixture Guidelines

Version 3 (August, 2020)

Following each Premier Cricket season, feedback is sought from Premier Clubs, WACA HP staff and Competition staff on the competition structure. At the end of this process, the guidelines are presented to the Premier Cricket Delegates Committee (PCDC) for consideration for the upcoming Premier Cricket season.

For the 2020-21 Premier Cricket Season, these guidelines have been altered to represent the constantly changing environment as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Where required, appropriate guidelines will be adhered to as distributed by Cricket Australia/WACA, especially whereby the pandemic presents no option but to follow these.

The following guidelines are currently used for developing the competition fixtures each season.

### 1. PLAY AS MUCH CRICKET AS POSSIBLE

This is consistent with feedback from all stakeholders and previous guidelines.

### 2. CONSISTENT START AND END DATES

Season to start where possible on the first weekend in October, have an appropriate break over the Christmas/New Year Period, before finishing prior to the end of March. For the 2020-21 Season, Grades may have a staggered start to the season depending on the availability of venues and players due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### 3. PLAY ON LONG WEEKENDS

In alignment with other guidelines, matches will be fixtured on an Australia Day Long Weekend (should the calendar year have one) and the Labour Day March Long Weekend. The only time matches will not be fixtured on these long weekends shall be if the fixture set allows for the opportunity for the long weekend to be free of fixtures without compromising the entire fixture set.

### 4. FIXTURING DURING REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET BLOCKS

When a Cricket Australia Domestic Format or Cricket Australia National Underage Carnival is fixtured, the Cricket Operations Unit will make every endeavour to fixture Premier Cricket matches to ensure minimal disruption to Premier Clubs with limited playing stock.

### 5. START TIMES TO REMAIN FIXED

Except in exceptional circumstances and approved by the WACA Cricket Operations Unit.

### 6. ALIGN PREMIER FORMATS WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE FORMATS

The formats played in Premier Cricket Competitions will, where possible, align with the formats being played at a Cricket Australia Competition Domestic Level. A key reason for this is the opportunity for High Performance players to be released to play as much as Premier Cricket as possible and to press for selection in the current High Performance format.

### 7. PLAY DURING HIGH PERFORMANCE GAMES IN PERTH

Short formats to be played during High Performance home games to assist clubs in sourcing "fill-in" players if necessary.

### 8. ALIGN PREMIER CRICKET A GRADE RULES WITH WNCL/ WBBL RULES

Of focus is the powerplay rules, including fielding restrictions.  
B Grade rules to remain as they are, retaining a participation focus.



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## Final Venue Guidelines

### ONE DAY FINALS (50/40 Overs)

- A Grade and B Grade to be played at the same venue with two grounds available.
- Finals to be held at the A Grade Minor Premiers grounds, where two fields are available (A and B Grade)
- If the Minor Premiers ground is not available, it will revert to the 2nd Minor Premier in A Grade's grounds.
- If neither A Grade Finalists Clubs have two fields available an alternative host ground with two fields available will be sort by the WACA. The preference is to hold the final at a club which has a Women's Premier Team.

### T20 FINALS

- A Grade and B Grade to be played at the same venue with the priority being the WACA
- Finals to be held at the A Grade Minor Premiers grounds, where the games can be played back to back. Starting with B Grade and concluding with A Grade.
- If the Minor Premiers ground is not available, it will revert to the 2nd Minor Premier in A Grade's grounds.
- If neither Clubs have grounds available, the B Grade Grand Finalists grounds will be considered in the same order (Minor Premier then 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor premiers).

