

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

Hawke Cup Challenge Matches

Except as modified hereunder the First Class Playing Conditions for cricket in New Zealand shall apply in all matches.

1. DURATION

Hawke Cup Challenge matches shall be of three (3) days duration, with the team winning either on the first innings, or outright, being declared the holder of the Hawke Cup. Bonus points do not apply.

2. UMPIRES

The Umpires shall be appointed by NZC from the National Umpires panel. In the event of the Hawke Cup changing hands, NZC reserves the right to make new appointments for subsequent Challenge matches.

3. ELIGIBILITY

See Eligibility Regulations.

4. BALLS

Red Kookaburra Regulation 156gm balls must be used.

5. REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

(This Rule also applies to Elimination matches).

5.1 Where, after the players in a match have been nominated, any player is selected by the Major Association (in which his team's association is situated) to play in a four day or a one day match or is selected in any other match which in the 'player priorities for selection' hereof has a higher priority than Series matches and in order to participate in such or other match he is required to absent himself from the Challenge or elimination match before it is completed, that player's team shall be entitled to substitute another player for the rest of such match and such replacement player shall be entitled to fully participate in that match, provided :

- (a) As soon as practicable after a player's selection for a four day or one-day match or other match with a higher priority as aforesaid is known, his Captain must advise the opposing Captain and the Umpires of the name of such player and of his replacement.
- (b) A replacement player shall not be entitled to bat in any innings in which the player he is replacing has already batted and any player replaced under the provisions of this rule shall be regarded as having been

retired 'not out' if he should be batting at the time when he is required to leave the match and his replacement shall be entitled to continue such innings.

- (c) In the event of the replacement player(s) being unable to immediately continue the innings the provisions of Law 25.4 will apply (unavoidable cause).
- (d) If a player being replaced has failed to complete an over in progress at the time when he is required to leave the match, another player in his team shall complete the over.
- (e) A player who is replaced and his replacement may not bowl two consecutive overs.

5.2 There is no limit on the number of players who may be replaced in a team during a match under the provisions of this Rule.

6. GRASS PITCH

Hawke Cup challenge matches shall be played on a grass pitch. However, if the holder of the Hawke Cup plays their Zone elimination series home games on an artificial pitch then NZC in its sole discretion can approve a challenge game to be played on an artificial pitch at a venue of the holders.

7. PLAYER CONDUCT

All players shall be bound by NZC's Code of Conduct.

8. PLAYING CONDITIONS FOR ELIMINATION MATCHES

Playing conditions for all elimination matches are to be fixed by mutual agreement of the participants in each zone.

9. REPORTS FOR CHALLENGE MATCHES

Captain's Reports on Umpires and the Match Manager's Pitch/Ground Reports form are to be sent, within 24 hours of the completion of the match to NZC.

The electronic address to be used is: <http://reporting.blackcaps.co.nz> using the username and password supplied by NZC to each Captain and each Association.

10. DATES

2017/18 Hawke Cup Challenge Zones:

Zone 1 Challenge (ND)	27/28/29 January
Zone 2 Challenge (CD)	9/10/11 February
Zone 3 Challenge (Cant)	23/24/25 February
Zone 4 Challenge (Otago)	9/10/11 March