

CCC 2026/27

Summary of changes from last season:

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Topic	New regulation and club/team responsibility	Regulation reference
Mandatory metal-spiked shoes	Full metal-spiked cricket shoes, with spikes no longer than 9 mm, are now required while batting as well as bowling . Previously, the requirement applied only while bowling. Clubs should ensure players have compliant footwear. A non-compliant bowler cannot bowl, while other clothing breaches may be referred to the Management Committee.	Regs 8.1.5–8.1.6 and 8.5
Pitch-covering responsibilities	The home club is now expressly responsible for covering the pitch. It must be covered on the evening before play and, where necessary, before play on day one. For finals, it must also be covered two evenings before play. During a match, the pitch is to be covered during inclement weather and overnight where play continues the following day, unless the captains agree otherwise. Covers must be removed promptly when conditions allow. Failure to cover the pitch adequately may result in a penalty.	Regs 10.1–10.4 and 10.13–10.14
Standard 12.00 pm start time	The mid-season change to 12.30 pm starts has been removed. Regular-season two-day and one-day matches will start at 12.00 pm and finish at 5.40 pm throughout the season . Clubs should roster grounds, players, scorers and match officials on this basis. The standard tea time for two-day matches remains 2.40 pm.	Two-Day Regs 15.1 and 17.1; One-Day Regs 15.1 and 18.1
End of play after a late wicket	On day one of a two-day match, if a wicket falls within three minutes of the scheduled finish, or during the final minimum over when play has gone beyond the scheduled finish, the over must now be completed . Last season, play ended when the wicket fell. Captains, umpires and scorers should not call stumps immediately following such a wicket.	Two-Day Regs 16.14–16.15
Partially played first day may be reset	Previously, conversion to a one-day match applied only where day one was abandoned without any play. The Steering Committee may now also declare a one-day match for day two where play commenced but no more than eight overs were bowled on day one. The original toss is abandoned, but the team lists submitted	Two-Day Regs 16.23–16.26

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	on day one remain unchanged. Clubs therefore cannot use the reset to change their selected players.	
Two-day replacement-player eligibility	A scheduled day-two replacement must now come from the same grade or a lower-grade team. A player from a higher-grade team can be used only with written approval from the Management Committee. Clubs need to check a proposed replacement's grade before including them on the team list.	Two-Day Regs 18.1.10–18.1.11
Earlier deadline for unexpected replacements	Written requests for an unexpected replacement on day two must now be submitted by the Club Secretary or deputy by 4.00 pm Friday , rather than 6.00 pm. A replacement cannot proceed until written approval is received.	Two-Day Regs 18.2.11–18.2.19 and 18.2.33–18.2.34
One-day wide-ball interpretation	The one-day wide provisions have been substantially expanded. Off-side deliveries outside the marked wide line will generally be wides unless the striker has moved to bring the ball within reach. A delivery outside the return crease is a wide regardless of reach. Leg-side deliveries passing outside the striker without contact will generally be wides, subject to stated exceptions for movement, balls passing between batter and stumps, and reverse sweeps or switch hits. Grounds must have the prescribed wide markings, and captains/player-umpires should be briefed on the new interpretation.	One-Day Regs 21.1–21.9.4
Lightning suspension threshold	The former 30/30 rule has become a 40/30 rule . Play must cease if thunder follows lightning within 40 seconds. Players and umpires must immediately seek shelter indoors or in a vehicle. Play cannot resume until 30 minutes after the most recent qualifying lightning flash; the 30-minute period restarts following each further occurrence.	Regs 10.15 and 29.4; Appendix G, items 1–3
Behaviour reporting and penalty offers	Appendix A now provides a single umpire-reporting process, with reports submitted within 72 hours of the match, rather than the former separate Level 1 caution process and Monday deadline. A Conducts Commissioner may issue a penalty offer for a Level 1 or Level 2 offence instead of holding a hearing. The reported person must accept or decline it by 5.00 pm	Reg 30.1; Appendix A, sections 2–4

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	on the next business day; declining may lead to a Conducts Committee hearing. Support persons are now expressly permitted.	
Racial or religious vilification complaints	Complaints are now lodged directly with the QC Integrity Manager , using the QC Integrity email or "Report Something", within 72 hours of the incident. This replaces lodging with the Grade Secretary by 5.00 pm on the next business day. The new process provides for a written response, conciliation, support persons, mandatory parent/guardian attendance for an under-18 participant, and possible referral for investigation and determination. Clubs should promptly direct affected participants or umpires to the QC Integrity process rather than attempting to administer the complaint internally.	Appendix C, clauses 2.2–2.4, 3.1–3.7, 4.1–4.4 and 5–6
Safeguarding and Blue Cards	CCC now directly adopts Australian Cricket's safeguarding policy and code of behaviour, together with Queensland's Child Safe Standards and Universal Principle. Clubs should follow the specified child-safety response, complaint-handling and training processes. The existing Blue Card requirement remains, while CCC has added a "no card, no start" rule for people working for the association, including umpires, committee members and office bearers.	Appendix J, clauses J1–J6