



DIVISION III – TOURNAMENT

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01 Preamble

- 1.1 All Rules and Regulations for this Tournament, the Conditions of Play and the Applicable Laws of the Game, have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and will apply for the **Division III Tournament.**
The standard rules and regulations including penalties mentioned in the main Rule book of SLC will be applicable to Div III tournament as well.
Sri Lanka Cricket rules will supersede any other rules district associations / provincial associations may put in force from time to time.
- 1.2 Deleted (not applicable)
- 1.3 The rules and regulations shall not be changed, after commencement of each year's Tournament.
- 1.4 The Tournament Rules and Regulations, the Playing Conditions and Applicable Laws of the Game and the SLC Code of Conduct that may come into effect for any reason, shall be applicable and receive the compliance of all the participating Provincial Cricket Associations, District Cricket Associations, Clubs, Individual Players, Club/Association Officials and Umpires.
- 1.5 Provincial Cricket Associations, District Cricket Associations, Clubs, Individual Players, Club/Association Officials and Umpires shall undertake to comply fully with (1.4) above, at the time of the acceptance of SLC's invitation to take part in this Tournament. Umpires are bound by the above when assignment received to officiate at this Tournament.
- 1.6 Where the tournament is conducted directly by SLC, the Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the sole power and authority to deal with and take appropriate decisions, with respect to any dispute(s) arising out of,
- (a) Tournament Rules and Conditions and/or Playing Condition and Laws applicable, in conducting this Tournament, and or
 - (b) Other rules, regulations and conditions that may come into effect and/or
 - (c) **Any matter or eventuality for which no specific rule has been laid down nor provided for in these Rules & Regulations**

In instances where the tournament is conducted by a District Cricket Associations (DCA), Or Provincial Cricket Associations (PCA), the respective District / Provincial Tournament Committees will have the sole power and authority to Deal with and take appropriate decisions in respect to any dispute(s) arising out of

1.6. (a), (b), &(c).

1.7 Where the tournament is conducted by the DCA / PCA,'s in the event of a violation of these rules during the preliminary / secondary Round, District Tournament Committees and Provincial tournament committees shall have the power to recommend a course of action(s) described below to the Executive Committees of the District Cricket Associations. Where the Preliminary Round and subsequent rounds are conducted by the SLC, the Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the power to recommend a course of action(s) described below to the Executive Committee of the SLC. However, the Executive Committee of SLC and the Executive Committees of the District / provincial Cricket Associations (where applicable) shall be the final authority on imposing of punishments. The Executive Committee of the SLC shall be the sole authority on the punishment to be imposed for the matches during the second or final round (as applicable) . The tournament committee of SLC will respect the impartial decisions taken by the DCA / PCA s.

(I) Fine of a minimum of Rs. 2,500/- to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/-

Non participation at the fixtures meeting, Non confirmation of venues, non completion of the tournament during stipulated time. Non submission and incomplete Score Sheets will be fined at the above rate.

(II) Deduction of a minimum of 1 point obtained by the club. If the Club has not gained any points at the time, it shall be set off from points obtained during the tournament. (Applicable to late arrivals, delays in commencing of the game due to under prepared venue conditions by the host club, various other activities on the venue hindering the progress of the match etc)

(III) Suspension of a team shall be effected for the following offences,
Player impersonation, unregistered player/s participation, ineligible players as per rule (players who played in a higher division playing without permission), breach of conduct etc

(iv) Deleted

(v) Suspension of a team / players shall not exceed two seasons .

(vi) Any suspension/suspensions would have to be ratified by the relevant Executive/Interim Committees of SLC & DCA' / PCA s.

1.8 Any action thus arrived at under (1.7) shall be final and binding on all the participants & officials of Clubs participating in the Tournament.

1.9 In cases where points are deducted as per paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 the respective Tournament Committees will have the authority to impose relevant penalties as appropriate.

- 1.10 The term Tournament Committee applies for District Tournament Committee / Provincial tournament committee in respect of the preliminary round, except where if SLC conducting the preliminary round. In terms of final round, the PCA term "Tournament Committee" shall apply to the Tournament Committee of PCA/SLC (unless otherwise specified by SLC)
- 1.11 Wherever, the term "Executive Committee of SLC" has been used it shall apply to the Executive Committee /Interim Committee of SLC or to a Special Committee appointed by the Minister of Sports to administer SLC in place of the Executive Committee of the SLC.

Please note, all correspondence with SLC to be on letterheads of the respective DCA/ PCA and clubs with DCA/PCA and club seal. No document will be accepted without proper authentication.

Where DCA s has been mentioned, term PCA or SLC as necessary will be adopted according to the stage of the tournament.

02 Tournament Format - From 2012 onwards

- 1) Districts to conduct the preliminary stage of the tournament district wise through district associations and the second round will be conducted provincial wise through provincial associations, after obtaining the number of teams from districts (as per the ratio indicated under 2.7.1) who qualifies for the second round.

SLC district coach s / provincial coach s / officials / DCA / PCA officials will monitor the conduct of the total event under supervision of the SLC tournament committee.

SLC will undertake to conduct the final stage from quarter finals onwards. (final 8 teams)

- 2) 2.1** The Tournament Committees of the District Cricket Associations will conduct the Preliminary Round of this tournament, and the Provincial Cricket Association Tournament Committees shall conduct the 2nd round. Final Round will be conducted by SLC. *All rounds of the tournament will be conducted according to the "PARABOLA" system due to restrictions in rural venues.*
- 2.2 The Tournament Committee of SLC or the District Cricket Associations shall decide the Groupings and the number of teams in a Group. Also SLC or the District Associations shall conduct a league tournament to select teams from a District to the Final Round of the district level. PCA will take over the 2nd round.
- 2.3 The District Cricket Associations are required to inform the Tournament Committee of the SLC, the results within 14 days of completion of the Preliminary Round.
- 2.4 The matches will be of one day's duration (50 overs per side). Minimum 20 overs to be played to arrive at a decision. (Not T/20 matches)
- 2.5 Number of teams eligible to take part from a District to play in the Final Round of this Tournament will be as per the schedule in Rule 2.7.1.

2.6 The Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA's are required to complete the Preliminary Round matches by 31st of July. Starting of the tournament will be 1st of May. SLC discussion to be held prior to starting of the tournament. 2nd round to be completed by the provincial associations by 15th of September. Final round by SLC to be completed by 31st September.

In 2015 season, the above will be postponed by 3 /4 weeks as the tournament commenced towards end May 2015.

NEW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS for 2015/16 Season

District – August 31
Provincial – 31 October
SLC – 3 Weeks

**It was suggested at the meeting – on 26/5/2015
Tournament Commencement dates from Next season – (2016/17) –**

**Start the district tournament in January, and districts to complete their round by 31st March
Provinces to finish their segment by – May 31st
SLC to complete the tournament by – latest last week of June.

EXCO / IC to approve the above prior to implementation.**

2.7 The format of the Final round will be as follows :
Final round to be completed by 30th September.

In 2015 season, the above will be postponed by 3 /4 weeks as the tournament commenced towards end May 2015. Final round to be completed by end October.

2.7.1 Team ratio

10:1

Example – 1 – 19 teams will be entitled to 1 team in the 2nd round

20 – 29 – will be entitled to 2 teams etc

Districts are as follows

| Districts | |
|--|-------------|
| Gampaha Colombo Kalutara Puttlam Ratnapura | 2 Provinces |
| Kandy Kegalle Nuwara Eliya | 1 Province |
| Galle Matara Hambanthota | 1 Province |
| Anuradapura Kurunegala Matale Polonnaruwa | 1 Province |
| Badulla Monaragala Ampara | 1 Province |
| Vauniya Jaffna Trincomalee Batticaloa | 2 Provinces |

2.7.2 Each District shall inform the Tournament Committee / PCA of SLC the name(s) of team(s) qualified for the Final round by 31st July. PCA will inform SLC of the final round teams by 15th September.

[In 2015 season, the above will be postponed by 3 /4 weeks as the tournament commenced towards end May 2015.](#)

2.7.3 The draw of the Final Round will be decided by the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket and will be conveyed to the qualified teams.

03 Eligibility of Clubs

The Tournament Committees of SLC , DCA's & PCA's

3.1 May invite a properly constituted club which is eligible to be a member of SLC and participating in it's Premier, Sara Trophy or Donavon Andree Tournaments.

3.2 May invite a properly constituted club, (duly registered in its respective DCA) which is eligible to be a member of SLC to participate in the Inter Club Tournament division III. The Tournament Committee of the SLC should approve the constitution of a new club.

Registration of such club will be considered only in the district the club is originated from.

3.3. May withdraw the invitation extended in (3.1,3.2) above, to those clubs who have not participated or withdrawn or suspended in the Division III Tournament of the previous year.

3.4. May re consider the rule above, if the club provides valid and acceptable reason(s) to justify their non-participation/withdrawal.

Please note, Teams from Defense services, State services, nationalized service, government departments and mercantile establishments will not be eligible for registrations from the season 2012/13 onwards as they do have their own tournaments and All Island Div III tournament is restricted to other Clubs which do not fall in to the above categories.

All teams should provide their constitutions, AGM meeting minutes, bank account details and other relevant details at the time of registration and possess copies of the same.

All DCA s will follow the above strictly.

04. Qualification/Eligibility of Players

- 4.1 A player to be eligible to represent a Club in the Tournament;
- (a) Must be registered with only one club of which he is a duly elected member, to represent only in that respect of this tournament in that particular year.
 - (b) Must sign personally, the registration form in duplicate, as per the tournament Regulation (5.6)(e), here below ;
 - (c) Shall ensure requirements as per (5.1), (5.3),(5.4)(5.6) & (5.7) all are fulfilled by his club with respect to his registration.
 - (d) Must possess the Player Identity card Issued by SLC to him through the D/C. (National ID / passport is a must in all cases)
- 4.2 Any player may be permitted to represent another club, in other Tournament(s)
- a. **Only on total completion of this tournament and**
 - b. On fulfilling all requirements as per Rule 6.2 below.

Players are permitted to migrate / shift to another club in the same season, if requested, ONLY TO UNDER 23 TOURNAMENT, if their current club does not have an Under 23 team. This is permitted only to Under 23 tournament as under 23 tournament is a stand alone Tournament. If his current Div III club has an Under 23 team, he will not be permitted to change clubs.

Please note, It is imperative to obtain permission from SLC / tournament committee on the above, before registering new players to avoid conflicts. No new players can be registered for the final round.

05. Registration of Players

- 5.1 All clubs that are eligible under Clause(3.1,3.2,3.3) above shall be permitted to register, players who are eligible as per Clause(4.1) above
- 5.2 Number of players that could be registered by a Club is unlimited.
- 5.3 The Registration of Players, shall be completed with the Tournament Committees of DCA's / PCA s / SLC as per(5.7) and (5.8) here below and receive their acceptance not later than 07 days before the scheduled start of the Tournament or 7 days before the match.
- 5.4 Registration of any qualified player(s) after the stipulated time period in (5.3) termed as "Late Registrations" and shall be permitted, only in the case of either.
 - (a) The member concerned has been overseas, at the time of registration
 - (b) Or due to a valid reason, acceptable to the Tournament Committee.
- 5.5 Later Registrations shall be valid only if ;
 - (a) Supporting documentary evidence of (5.4) above, and made available along with the relevant registration documents, and
 - (b) Registration of the Player concerned, is completed with the Tournament Committee as per (5.7) & (5.8) here below and
 - (c) Receive the acceptance of this late registration by the Tournament Committee, not later than five (05) days before the scheduled start of match in which the player is expected to play.
- 5.6 For a registration to be valid, it is mandatory that the Club provides all following details in full, with respect to each player to be registered.
 - a. Full name(First name and Surname are essential)
 - b. Date of Birth
 - c. Place of Birth
 - d. NIC/Passport No. if not available only then, the Postal ID No.
 - e. Personal signature by the individual player himself
 - f. SLC ID card number where applicable
- 5.7 The registration form and preparation of SLC Player Identity card for all their players for this Tournament shall be made by the respective Clubs, in duplicate on registration forms and Identity card provided by SLC/DCA's. The forms must,
 - a. provide all details specified in (5.6) above for registration form & for the Identity card.
 - b. be certified by the Captain of the team for this Tournament(name & signature) or the Cricket Secretary of the Club(name & signature) and club seal
- 5.8 Registrations duly completed as per (5.7) above, should then either be,
 - a. Handed over to the Secretaries of SLC/DCA's, PCA Tournament Committees or the person designated for the purpose. Clubs should keep copies of all registrations with them.
 - b. Or, forwarded by registered post, to the Secretaries of SLC/DCA's, PCA ensuring to meet Rule 5.3 above. Clubs should keep copies of all registrations with them.
- 5.9 Deleted

- 5.10 a. A club should be in possession of the copy accepted and returned by the SLC Tournament Committee / DCA - Provincial secretary as a proof of registration of players.
- b. The player should be in possession of the SLC Player Identity card (where applicable) during a match.
- 5.11 Failure to show proof at an inquiry may result in the club being penalized for violating tournament rule/s on registration. Failure to obtain proper approval for registration of player/s by a club prior to commencement of a match will be subjected to an inquiry. Based on its outcome the Tournament Committee will recommend to the Executive Committee forfeiture of up to 01 point per match and immediate suspension of player/s for a period of one match up to one season.
- 5.12 The Tournament Committees of SLC/DC's, PCA shall have the authority to;
 - a. to refuse or reject any registrations forwarded for valid reason(s)
 - or
 - b. to take appropriate action, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the SLC on either situation above

6. **Transfer of Club/Players**

- 6.1 No player shall play for more than one club, in this tournament
- 6.2 However, as per (4.2) above, a player if he wishes to, may be permitted to get Transferred to represent a New Club, in any other tournament, only on **total completion of this tournament**, provided that his current club does not have a higher Division team participating in the other tournaments conducted by the SLC or as per rules specified in the respective tournament.
(SLC permission to be obtained for the above)
- 6.3 A player must receive fresh registration for his new club, not later than 7 days before the scheduled commencement of the other tournament/match he is to play.
- 6.4 The new club, requesting such fresh registration, shall ensure
 - (a) Regulations(5.1),(5.7),(5.8) and (6.3) all are fulfilled in forwarding the application
 - (d) Should be sent along with a release letter from the club where the player concerned represented during the season and an acceptance letter from the new club

7. Relegation of Players

DCA/PCA do not have the authority to relegate players without consulting the SLC tournament committee.

However, in the event of a relegation, the following rule will apply for relegation of players from a higher Division to Division III.

7.1 Relegation of any player who has played up to three (3) matches up to that date in the higher Division Tournaments in the previous / current season, is permitted to play in any match(es) of the division III Tournament of that season (for the same club or any club if the previous season) based strictly on the following criteria of his performances in the higher Division

Tournaments of that particular season / previous season, up to the time of the particular match concerned in which he is expected to play. Further, if the player has qualified for the above,

The players who wishes to be relegated should not have the following criteria of statistics to be considered for relegation

1. Scored more than 150 runs with an average above 25 runs per innings or
- 1 A). Taken more than 10 wickets with an average less than 25 runs per wicket or
- 1 B). Scored more than 125 runs at an Average above 20 runs per innings and taken more Than 8 wickets in a higher Division Tournament of that season

7.2 Maximum of 4 players who have represented the higher division team of the current / previous tournament could participate in a particular match of the Division III Tournament in the same club.

7.3 Players who have represented higher Division tournament cannot be included in the final round of the division III tournament if they have not represented the club for at least two matches in the preliminary round of the Division III Tournament.

7.4 For the purpose of the interpretation of rules under 7 above, any player who has been declared in the actual playing eleven shall be considered as a player who has played in a match.

7.5 Players who have played four or more matches in a higher division, in the same season, will not be permitted to play in the Division III.

Addendum : However, players who has participated in a higher division in the IMMEDIATE PREVIOUS SEASON (as stated in clause 7,1) will not be permitted to play in the Division III tournament in the next immediate season.

It is mandatory to obtain SLC tournament committee approval before relegating a player.

If a relegated player wants to play in a higher division again he need to wait for 2 seasons in Div III.

He will not be allowed play in a higher division in the next immediate season.

Fixtures/Venues/Pitches/Ground Facilities

8.1 The Tournament Committee of SLC/DCA's PCA by registered post / e mail sends to all clubs eligible as per Rule 3 above, the date, time and venue of the fixtures meeting at least 10 days before the scheduled date.

Such letters shall be addressed to the Cricket Secretary of the respective club / DCA at the address given to the SLC/DCA, PCA before and shall be accepted as evidence of receipt.

8.2 It is mandatory that an official representative of each club / tournament secretary of the DCA invited to attend the fixtures meeting as dates venues, pitches with respect to all matches as well as many other matters/decisions regarding the tournament shall be finalized at the fixtures meeting.

The fixtures meetings for the 1st round and the 2nd round maybe held by DCA s / PCA s and the final round by SLC. In the event of fixtures meetings are held by DCA s / PCA s , the responsibilities of all below (up to 8.12) will be vested with the respective authority.

8.3 All matches shall be played, only on grounds arranged and/or recommended by the Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA's PCA.

8.4 (a) All participating teams shall strictly adhere to the program of matches/fixtures scheduled and finalized at the fixtures meeting.

(b) **No postponements/alterations shall be granted, except due to security reasons and/or national crisis / disaster.**

(c) However, the Tournament Committee, if necessary, may postpone, alter, re-schedule or cancel the Tournament/match(es) for acceptable reason(s) in the best interests of the game with the approval of the respective governing bodies.

8.5 (a) All teams shall finalize the venues and pitch for all their respective matches at the fixtures meeting.

(b) A pitch or venue confirmed for a match can only be changed on mutual agreement and after obtaining written consent from the respective Tournament Committee. Any such changes must be conveyed in writing(with the written consent of the opposing club) to the respective Tournament Committee two(02) days prior to the scheduled date of the match. In order to change a venue and/or pitch of a confirmed match, the following procedure shall be followed by the host Club,

Forward the request in writing with supporting evidence to substantiate the cause and their proposal to reach the respective Tournament Committee not later than two(02) days prior to the scheduled date of the match concerned.

Follow-up matters with the Tournament Committee and receive their approval not later than one(01) day before the scheduled start of that match.

Thereafter, contact the opponents immediately and ensure all details are informed to a responsible official of the club. (opponents acknowledgement required)

(c) The TC of SLC/DCA, PCA should within one week after the fixture meeting forward the fixture list with confirmed venues and the pitch to the participating clubs.

8.6 Failures to adhere strictly to Rule 8.5(a) & (b) shall result in the match being declared "Null and Void" and the immediate suspension of the offending Club.

8.7 In the event of any Host Club is unable to finalize and the confirm the venue and/or the Pitch for any match at the Fixtures meeting itself, as per (8.5)(a) above, the opponents shall be given the option of confirming a Venue/Pitch/Covers, for this match on the scheduled date itself as per Rule 8.8 below. However, if the opponent does not agree to host the match, it is the responsibility of the host club nominated by the Tournament Committee to confirm a venue as per Rule 8.8.(b),(c) & (d).

8.8 If the opponent agrees to host a match, as per Rule 8.7 above, it shall confirm the venue/pitch within seven days(07) from the date of the fixtures meeting, as follows:

All details either must be hand delivered, faxed or forwarded by registered post to reach the Secretary of the respective Tournament Committee ensuring the immediate receipt of acknowledgement of such.

They must be forwarded as per Rule 8.8(a) above on an official letterhead of the Club and must be signed by the Cricket Secretary or Captain of the Team.

- (c) Forward immediately by registered post/fax, a copy of 8.8(a) to the Cricket Secretary of the other Club.

8.9 If no official represents a Club at the Fixtures meeting, the option to host their matches shall be given to the opponents as per Rule 8.7 and Rule 8.8 above.

8.10 Failure to adhere strictly to Rule 8.5(a) above by two or more Clubs in the same group, shall result in the option being given to the Club/Clubs that would.

- (a) Within two(02) days of the date of the fixtures meeting, make contact with the respective Tournament Committee and forward valid reasons for not being able to comply with Rule 8.5

- (b) First team(s) to meet the requirement of Rule 8.10(a) & (b) will be given the option as per Rule 8.8

8.11 (a) Any Club that does not follow Rule 8.10 above shall be considered to have “withdrawn from the Tournament by default” and the fixtures/matches shall be finalized accordingly three days after the date of the fixture meeting.

- (a) Above shall result in the respective Tournament Committee holding an immediate inquiry and based on its outcome, a period of suspension varying from a minimum of 01 season up to a maximum of 02 seasons, commencing from the next season, will be recommended to the respective Executive/Interim Committee.

8.12 Host, when nominated by the Tournament Committee or the opponent if and when accepted to host a match (as per above) fails to host a match as per scheduled fixture list, an immediate inquiry will be held. Based on its outcome, the result of the match shall be declared “Null and Void”. In addition, the Tournament Committee may also recommend to the respective Executive/interim Committee the suspension of the offending club for a period varying from one season to a maximum of 02 seasons(inclusive of the current season)

Addendum

In the event a match to be played on Astro turf, the same will be decided by the respective DCA .

9. Points system

9.1 Basis of awarding the points in this Tournament shall be as follows:

- (a) Win 04 points
- (b) Tie or No Result 02 Points
- (c) Loss 00 points

9.2 Penalty for Slow Over Rate

It is the responsibility of the Officiating Umpires to enforce penalty overs as per prevailing playing Conditions

8.3 Non Receipt of Score Sheets & Other Reports

Following penalties shall be imposed on any club that violates the Tournament Committee Conditions I2.5 and/or I2.6

| | |
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| Forwarding incomplete/inaccurate score sheets as per Rule I2.1 | 0.5 Points |
| Non-forwarding of either the score sheets or the captain's reports within 08 working days of completion of a match | 01 Point |

9.4 Players

- (a) (I) Law(I.1) & (I.2) shall be strictly observed. Both Captains shall declare their full team in Writing with ID numbers & exchange prior to the tossing. If the eligibility of any player is in doubt opposing Captain has the right to request to declare valid identity of such player(s).
- (II) The signature of one of the Umpires should be obtained prior to handing over of the team lists to the opposing Captain. The opposing captain should also ensure that an umpire has signed the team lists prior to the tossing.
- (b) In addition , the following shall also apply and will be **strictly** observed.
- (I) **The first name and the surname of all the 11 players nominated by the Captain to play, as per Law(I.2) shall be entered in the Score-Sheets and Score Books.**
- (II) All Teams participating shall have, if Batting or Fielding, at the start of the match & continuously thereafter, a **minimum of Nine(09) players ready to play** on each day of the match, certified by the Captains as per Rule 9.4.(b),(i). Failure to meet this requirement will be construed as a violation of Tournament Rules & Regulations.
- (III) (a) No match shall start/re-start, without meeting strictly the requirements in Rule 9.4(b).(II)
(b) Thereafter, Rule 9.4.(b)(III) above shall apply
- (iv) (a) The Captain of the opposing team and/or the umpires, shall report any violations of clause Rule 9.4
(b)(I), to the respective Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA/PCA in writing within two(02) working days after the conclusion of the match
(c) The respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation and action.
(d) Failure to comply strictly with Rule 9.4(b)(II) shall result in the deduction of 02 point per match from the team concerned.
(e) Even after 60 minutes of the starting time, if a team still fails to comply strictly with Rule

9.4(b)(II)Rule(9.4(b)(IV)(a) shall be followed.

- (1) The respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation and shall recommend to the respective Executive/Interim Committee immediate suspension of the Team from that particular tournament.
- (II) The Team shall also be liable for further disciplinary action as per the Tournament Rules.
- (f) Once a player is nominated to play in a Tournament match, he shall not be eligible to take part in any other cricket match or in any other sport or competitive recreational activity whilst the Tournament match is in progress/suspended.

9.5 **Penalty Points**

Penalty points shall be imposed by the respective Tournament Committee on a club on computation of the total Net Points obtained by the said club.

10. **Violation of Tournament Rules & Regulations**

A club and/or a player found guilty of violating following Tournament Rules shall have up to a maximum of 02 points deducted from the total Net Points gained in the tournament or penalties will be imposed as deemed fit by the tournament committee as per standard rules and main SLC rules.

- (a) Eligibility/qualification of Players
- (b) Registration of players
- (c) Transfer of Clubs/Players
- (d) Relegation of Players
- (e) Fixtures/Venues/Pitches
- (f) Minimum number of Players at a match

If a club is suspended from the tournament and if the club has not completed their quota of matches in a particular round, then all the points scored against the club will be considered "Null and Void". This will not apply if the club has completed the matches of the particular round of the tournament at the time of the suspension. Further to the above, penalties stipulated in the main SLC rule book also can be applied as deemed fit. The tournament committee of SLC has the power to decide penalties stipulated in the book/s or otherwise, with the final ratification of the Interim Committee / executive committee. Please note, where a team/s being suspended during a match, the result of the match will automatically be nullified if not stated otherwise.

II. **Determination of Group Placing/Match Winners**

II.1 Preliminary Round

In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the NEXT Round will be decided by the most wins in the preliminary Round matches or

If the teams have equal wins and equal points,(If still equal) the team which was the winner of the Preliminary round match between them (head to head) will be placed in higher position, or

If still equal, the team with the higher net run rate in the Preliminary round will be placed in the higher position. In a match-declared “No result” the run rate will not be applicable.

The net run rate is calculated by deducting the average runs per over scored against the team from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition.

In the event of team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs it would have been entitled to.

Net Run Rate

A team net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition by the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the completion.

In the event of team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

II.2 Final Round/Pre Quarter Finals/Quarter Finals/Semi Finals

In the event of a no decision /tie a toss of a coin will decide the winner.
Both teams should remain in the premises until the toss is made.

II.3 Finals

If the Finals had been completely washed-out and/or abandoned, without a ball being bowled, then, the two participating teams, shall be declared Joint-Champions.

II.4 Promotions

II.4.1 The winner of the Division III tournament will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season and will automatically qualify to take part in under 23 Division III tournament (if available). If Division III has joint champions, both teams will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season. If the winner is not eligible* to be promoted then the Runner up will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season.

Addendum – April 2012

**Please note – In the event teams emerging as joint champions, the team to be promoted to the next level (where applicable) will be determined as follows,
Please note, ONLY ONE TEAM WILL BE PROMOTED (as applicable) when emerged as joint champions.**

Team to be promoted will be decided by the :

(a) Highest number of average points in the preliminary round (quarters / semi s will not be taken in to account).

(b) If still equals the team with highest number of outright wins.

(c) If still equals highest number of 1st innings wins.

(d) If still eqals toss of a coin.

II.4.2 *The division III teams of clubs participating in the current upper Division tournaments and any forces teams / mercantile teams / state or nationalized services teams are not eligible to be promoted.

II.4.3 Promotions will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee, based on the

Registrations of clubs to avoid duplication of teams in higher divisions. Membership status with SLC also will be taken in to account when making promotions, if applicable.

The selection criteria for promotions will be determined by the Tournament Committee / SLC management.

12. Score Sheets/Captain's Reports on Umpires

Clubs shall be responsible to ensure that all details mentioned below are entered accurately, clearly and completely on score sheets and score books :

- a. First name and Surname of all eleven(II) players of the team declared,
- b. Total number of overs bowled, in each innings.
- c. Time taken for completion of each innings (total playing time) and total time taken for interruptions that are acceptable and valid
- d. Total number of runs scored in each innings
- e. Total number of wickets lost in each innings

12.1. The respective score sheets and the score books must tally 100% with those of the opponents(see Law 4.1)

12.2 The score sheets are certified by the Captain of the team or Cricket Secretary of the Club for accuracy of all entries made

12.3 Both the officiating umpires shall sign all pages of both score books and score sheets which are the only valid and acceptable documentary evidence in the event of a complaint, protest or inquiry

12.4 Completed score sheets must be either hand delivered or mailed by registered post to the

Secretary of the respective Tournament Committees.

- 12.5 Completed report on the Umpires is also forwarded simultaneously in the same way as 12.5 above, but addressed to the Secretary of the SLC Umpires Committee.
- 12.6 Above details are vital & essential for the smooth conduct of the Tournament. Hence, must be forwarded within three(3) working days of completion of each match.

PLEASE NOTE, UMPIRES FOR ALL THE MATCHES TO BE SELECTED FROM SLC RECOGNIZED UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS. DISTRICT WISE UMPIRE LISTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO UMPIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

13. Protests

13.1 Should a Club and/or player wishes to lodge a protest on any matter pertaining to a match (such as differences of opinion between Captains and/or Umpires, with respect to interpretation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations. Playing Conditions & Applicable Laws of the game or events not mentioned here in etc.)

the protest must be lodged on a letter head.

- (a) before the day's play commences and/or
- (b) When a day's play is in progress, and/or
- (c) immediately after the close of a day's play

In spite of any protest ;

13.2 The umpires must ensure that the match shall be started/restarted/continued. The Umpires must ensure the match is continued, even with any delay and shall explain the law on forfeiture to the captains(Law 21.3); if needed

13.3 Protests shall be made clearly, in TRIPLICATE on letterheads, not later than 20 minutes after the close of a day's

play and forwarded as below;

- 13.4 (a) one copy should hand over immediately to the Umpires
- (b) one copy should be handed over to the Captain of the opposite side or in his absence to the Vice Captain or the Cricket Secretary / manager, as soon as possible.
 - (c) the original shall be forwarded to the respective Secretary of the Tournament Committee, to reach him not later than two (02) working days after the conclusion of the match.
 - (d) **Addendum** - a fee of Rupees two thousand (Rs. 2,000 /-) + Vat shall be accompanied with each protest. (this will be refunded if the protest is upheld)
 - (e) no protest shall be entertained, unless accompanied by the fee specified in (d) above. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded to the club.

13.5 (a) The Umpires shall submit a joint report with a copy of the protest received to the Secretary of the SLC Umpires Committee within two(02) working days of completion of the match. The Secretary of SLC Umpires Committee shall forward a copy of the umpire's report to the Secretary of the respective Tournament Committee within two(02) working days of receiving the report from the umpires.

(b) In the event of a breach of any Rules & Regulations and/or Playing Condition by a Club and/or a player, the Umpires (even in the absence of a protest) shall follow the procedure detailed in Rule 13.5(a).

13.6 If a protest deals with a technical matter;

- (a) the respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation
- (b) then shall recommend the decision(s) taken to the respective interim/Executive Committee for ratification
- (c) all decision(s) ratified by the respective Interim/Executive Committee shall be final and binding.

13.7 If a protest deals with a disciplinary matter,

- (a) the respective Tournament Committee shall immediately forward all reports to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC through the HOCO/ Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC for appropriate action as per Rule(3) of the Constitution of SLC.
- (a) the respective Tournament Committee, may also forward their recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee of SLC through the Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC.
Addendum – If immediate action is required, the tournament committee may forward their recommendations to the Executive Committee / Interim committee for ratification prior to implementation.

14. Inquiries and Disciplinary Action

The Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the power to inquire in to any matter, arising in the course of conducting the Tournament, either on receipt of a written complaint or at their own discretion, and take necessary action to ensure the success of the Tournament within three(03) days of completion of a particular round of the tournament. The Tournament Committee does not have the authority to inquire into a matter three(03) days after the completion of a particular round of the tournament.

14.1 The Tournament Committee of SLC may forward any report(s) received or generated by them, to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC through the Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC for appropriate action as per Rule 30 (c),(d),(e) dc(f) of the Constitution of SLC.

Please see addendum above.

14.2 The Tournament Committee, if necessary, may also forward through the Hony. Secretary/Chief Executive their recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee, perhaps for further action.

14.3 The respective Tournament Committee may inquire into any matter(s) pertaining to below mentioned areas :

- (a) Eligibility of players
- (b) Registration of players
- (C) Transfer of players
- (d) Fixtures/Venues/Pitches
- (e) Minimum number of players
- (f) Preamble to SLC Division III Rules & Regulations

(g) Breaches of SLC Division III Rule & Regulations & SLC Constitution

15. Settlement of Disputes

15.1 Any disputes arising in connection with interpretation of rules and regulations or any decision taken by the Executive Committee of SLC shall be settled in mutual and amicable consultation between SLC and Club/Association.

15.2 If a mutually acceptable settlement cannot be reached with to a dispute(s) both parties shall arrange a discussion by their nominated representatives to settle same.

15.3 Should any dispute(s) fail to be resolved as mentioned above, it shall be submitted to an arbitrator agreed by both parties. The decision or the verdict of the mutually agreed arbitrator shall be final and conclusive.

15.4 If the teams cannot agree to an independent arbitrator, the Executive Committee of SLC shall appoint an arbitrator and the decision or verdict given by the arbitrator in consultation with the Chief Executive shall be final and conclusive. The cost of the arbitration will have to be borne by the party who is lodging the protest.

Please note, during a dispute, both teams should remain at the venue until the umpires decide on further course of action and conveys the same to teams/ officials.

- THE END -

Playing Conditions -

SLC DIVISION III CRICKET TOURNAMENT (LIMITED OVER)

HOURS OF PLAY

A. Duration of Matches

All matches shall be of 01(one) day duration

A. Hours of Play & Intervals

B. Start & Cessation Times:

There shall be 7 hours scheduled for play per day.

Hours of Play

9.45 am to 1.15 pm (1st Session)

1.15 pm to 2.00 pm (Lunch)

2.00 pm to 5.30 pm (2nd Session)

Extra Time

In a match where the start of play is delayed or play is suspended, the hours of play shall be extended by up to a maximum of 15 minutes in a day match.

1. Law 1. The Players

1.1 Law 1.1 - Number of Players

Law 1.1 shall be replaced by the following:

A match is played between two sides. Each side shall consist of 11 players, one of whom shall be captain.

1.2 Law 1.2 - Nomination of Players (15 Players)

Law 1.2 shall be replaced by the following:

Each captain shall provide a list of the names of the 11 players and 4 substitutes (Total 15 players) in writing to the Match Referee / Umpires before the toss. No players from the nominated 15 names may be changed after the toss without the consent of the opposing captain / match officials.

No player shall represent more than one Team in the same tournament.

Minimum number of 9 players to be available to start a match.

1.3 Law 1.3 - Captain

The following shall apply in addition to Law 1.3 (a):

The deputy must be one of the 11 nominated players.

2. Law 2 - Substitutes and Runners, Batsman or Fielder Leaving the Field, Batsman Retiring, Batsman Commencing Innings

Law 2 shall apply subject to the following:

2.1 Law 2.5 - Fielder absent or leaving the field

Law 2.5 shall be replaced by the following:

If a fielder fails to take the field with his side at the start of the match or at any later time, or leaves the field during a session of play, the umpire shall be informed of the reason for his absence, and he shall not thereafter come on to the field during a session of play without the consent of the umpire. (See Law 2.6 as modified). The umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable.

If the player is absent from the field for longer than 8 minutes:

2.1.1 the player shall not be permitted to bowl in that innings after his return until he has been on the field for at least that length of playing time for which he was absent.

2.1.2 the player shall not be permitted to bat unless or until, in the aggregate, he has returned to the field and/or his side's innings has been in progress for at least that length of playing time for which he has been absent or, if earlier, when his side has lost five wickets.

The restriction in Clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above shall not apply if the player has suffered an external blow (as opposed to an internal injury such as a pulled muscle) whilst participating earlier in the match and consequently been forced to leave the field. Nor shall it apply if the player has been absent for very exceptional and wholly acceptable reasons (other than injury or illness).

In the event of a fieldsman already being off the field at the commencement of an interruption in play through ground, weather or light conditions or for other exceptional circumstances, he shall be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided that he personally informs the umpires when he is fit enough to take the field had play been in progress.

2.1.3 Substitute fielders shall only be permitted in cases of injury, illness or other wholly acceptable reasons. 'Wholly acceptable reasons' should be limited to extreme circumstances and should not include what is commonly referred to as a 'comfort break'.

Law 4 - The Scorers

4.1 Law 4.2 - Correctness of scores

Law 5 - The Ball

5.1 Law 5.2 - Approval and control of balls

Law 5.2 shall be replaced by the following:

Red balls will be used for all matches.

Teams shall only use the balls supplied by SLC, if supplied.

Spare balls shall also be of the same brand.

Teams shall be responsible for carrying with them an adequate quantity of used balls.

The fielding captain or his nominee may select the ball with which he wishes to bowl.

The umpires shall retain possession of the match ball(s) throughout the duration of the match when play is not actually taking place. During play umpires shall periodically and irregularly inspect the condition of the ball and shall retain possession of it at the fall of a wicket, a drinks interval, or any other disruption in play. Each fielding team shall have one new ball for its innings.

5.2 Law 5.4 - New ball in match of more than one day's duration

Law 5.4 shall not apply.

5.3 Law 5.5 - Ball lost or becoming unfit for play

Law 5.5 shall be replaced by the following:

5.3.1 - In the event of a ball during play being lost or in the opinion of the umpires, being unfit for play through normal use, the umpires shall allow it to be replaced by one that in their opinion has had a similar amount of wear.

5.3.2 - In the event of the ball becoming wet and soggy as a result of play continuing in inclement weather or it being affected by dew, and in the opinion of the umpires being unfit for play, the ball may be replaced for a ball that has similar amount of wear, even though it has not gone out of shape. If the ball is to be replaced, the umpire shall inform the batsman. Either batsman or bowler may raise the matter with the umpires and the umpires' decision as to a replacement or otherwise will be final.

All teams are responsible to carry used balls of the similar brand in case of ball changes.

Note: If a ball of similar wear is not available, the umpires shall choose one of their choices. The teams shall not have the right to object to the choice of a replacement ball. Match SHALL NOT be stopped for the lack of a replacement ball of similar wear.

Lost balls or damaged balls will only be replaced upon submission of the relevant of the form duly perfected by certified by the match officials.

7 Law 7 - The Pitch (Turf or matting)

7.1 Law 7.3 - Selection and preparation

7.1.1 The ground staff shall ensure that during the period prior to the start of play and during intervals, the pitch area shall be roped off so as to prevent unauthorised access. (The pitch area shall include an area at least 2 metres beyond the rectangle made by the crease markings at both ends of the pitch).

7.1.2 Umpires shall ensure that, prior to the start of play and during any intervals, only authorised ground staff, match officials, players, team coaches and authorised television personnel shall be allowed access to the pitch area. Such access shall be subject to the following limitations:

a Only captains and team coaches may walk on the actual playing surface of the pitch area (outside of the crease markings).

b Access to the pitch area by television personnel shall be restricted to one camera crew (including one or two television commentators) of the official licensed television broadcaster(s) (but not news crews).

c No spiked footwear shall be permitted.

d No one shall be permitted to bounce a ball on the pitch, strike it with a bat or cause damage to the pitch in any other way.

e Access shall not interfere with pitch preparation.

7.1.3 In the event of any dispute, the Match Referee/umpires will rule and this ruling will be final.

7.2 Law 7.4 - Changing the pitch

Law 7.4 shall be replaced by the following:

7.2.1 In the event of a pitch being considered too dangerous for play to continue in the estimation of the on-field umpires, they shall stop play.

7.2.2 The on-field umpires shall consult with both captains.

7.2.3 If the captains agree to continue, play shall resume.

7.2.4 If the decision is not to resume play, the on-field umpires shall consider one of the options in the following sequence:

a whether the existing pitch can be repaired. Umpires shall undertake all necessary repair work except watering of the playing surface.

b whether the alternative pitch can be used;

c whether the match has to be abandoned.

- 7.2.5 In the event of a decision being taken in favor of Clauses 7.2.4 (a) or 7.2.4 (b) above, the supervision of the remedial or new preparatory work shall be the responsibility of the on-field umpires and the representative of the ground authority.
- 7.2.6 The rescheduled starting time and the rescheduled cessation time, together with any make-up procedures herein provided, shall be the responsibility of the on-field umpires.
- 7.2.7 In the event that the existing pitch can be made playable after suitable remedial work in Clause 7.2.4 (a) above, the match shall continue from the point stopped.
- 7.2.8 If a new pitch is prepared as in Clause 7.2.4 (b) above, the match shall be restarted from the first ball with a new toss (but see Clause 7.2.7 above).
- 7.2.9 If the decision is to abandon the match as in Clause 7.2.4 (c) above, the relevant officials from SLC shall decide whether the match can be replayed.

Law 9 - The Bowling, Popping and Return Creases

9.1 Law 9.3 - The Popping Crease

Law 9.3 shall apply, except that the reference to 'a minimum of 6 ft' shall be replaced by 'a minimum of 15 yards (13.71 metres)'.

9.2 Additional Crease Markings

The following shall apply in addition to Law 9:

As a guideline to the umpires for the calling of wide on the offside the crease markings shall be marked in white at each end of the pitch. (17" from the return crease or 35" from the center of the middle stump)

Law 10 - Preparation and Maintenance of the Playing Area

10.1 Law 10.1 - Rolling

The following shall apply in addition to Law 10.1:

- 10.1.1 Prior to tossing for choice of innings the artificial drying of the pitch and outfield shall be at the discretion of the grounds man. Thereafter and throughout the match the drying of the outfield may be undertaken at any time by the grounds man, but the drying of the affected area of the pitch shall be carried out only on the instructions and under the supervision of the umpires. The umpires shall be empowered to have the pitch dried without

reference to the captains at any time they are of the opinion that it is unfit for play.

10.1.2 The umpires may instruct the grounds man to use any available equipment, including any roller for the purpose of drying the pitch and making it fit for play.

10.1.3 An absorbent roller may be used to remove water from the covers including the cover on the match pitch.

10.2 Law 10.6 - Maintenance of footholds

The following shall apply in addition to Law 10.6:

The umpires shall see that wherever possible and whenever it is considered necessary, action is taken during all intervals in play to do whatever is practicable to improve the bowler's foot holes.

11 Law 11 - Covering the Pitch

11.1 Law 11.1 - Before the match

The following shall apply in addition to Law 11.1:

The pitch shall be entirely protected against rain up to commencement of play, whenever possible.

11.2 Law 11.2 - During the match

Law 11.2 shall be replaced by the following:

The pitch shall be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play and for the duration of the period of the match, whenever possible. If covers are available, they should totally protect the pitch and also the pitch surroundings, a minimum 5 metres either side of the pitch and any worn or soft areas in the outfield.

11.3 Law 11.3 - Covering bowlers' run ups

Law 11.3 shall be replaced by the following:

The bowler's run-ups shall be covered to a distance of at least 10 x 10 metres, if covers are available.

11.4 Law 11.4 - Removal of covers
Law 11.4 shall be replaced by the following:

The covers shall be removed no earlier than 5.00am and no later than 7.00am on the morning of the match provided it is not raining at the time, but they will be replaced if rain falls prior to the commencement of play.

Host team will be responsible to provide adequate labour for the above purpose.

12 Law 12 - Innings

Law 12 shall apply subject to the following (see also clauses 15 and 16 below):

12.1 Law 12.1 - Number of innings

Law 12.1 shall be replaced by the following: All matches will consist of one innings per side, each innings being limited to a maximum of 50 overs. All matches shall be of one day's scheduled duration.

12.2 Law 12.2 - Alternate innings

Law 12.2 shall not apply.

12.3 Law 12.3 - Completed innings

Laws 12.3 (c), (d) and (e) (iii) shall not apply.

12.4 Length of Innings

12.4.1 Uninterrupted Matches.

- a Each team shall bat for 50 overs unless all out earlier.
- b If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for cessation of the first innings, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled. The interval shall be reduced to enable the second innings to commence at the

scheduled time, subject to there being a minimum interval of 20 minutes. The team batting second shall receive its full quota of 50 overs irrespective of the number of overs it bowled in the scheduled time for the cessation of the first innings.

c If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 50 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 50 overs.

d If the team fielding second fails to bowl 50 overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result is achieved.

e Penalties for slow rates shall be decided by the Tournament Committee of SLC.

.4.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches

a Delay or Interruption to the innings of the Team Batting Second

(i) When playing time has been lost the revised number of overs to be bowled in the match shall be based on a rate of 14.28 overs per hour, which is inclusive of the provision of drinks intervals, in the total remaining time available for play.

(ii) The revision of the number of overs should ensure, whenever possible, that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs. To constitute a match, a minimum of 20 overs have to be bowled to the side batting second, subject to the innings not being completed earlier.

(iii) A fixed time will be specified for the commencement of the interval, and also the close of play for the match, by applying a rate of 14.28 overs per hour. When calculating the length of playing time available for the match, or the length of either innings, the timing and duration of all relative delays, extensions in playing hours, interruptions in play, and intervals, excluding those for drinks, will be taken into consideration. This calculation must not cause the match to finish earlier than the original time for cessation of play on the final scheduled day for play. If required the original time shall be extended to allow for one extra over for each team.

(iv) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the revised number of overs by the specified time, play shall continue until the required number of overs has been bowled or the innings is completed. The interval shall be reduced to enable the second innings to commence at the rescheduled time, subject to there being a minimum interval of 20 minutes (or where the interval has been reduced to a period of less than 20 minutes – such reduced period less than 20 minutes under 15.1 (iii)).

(v) Should calculations regarding numbers of overs result in a fraction of an over, the fraction shall be ignored.

(vi) Penalties shall apply for slow over rates as determined by the Tournament Committee of SLC

(b) Delay or Interruption to the innings of the Team Batting Second

(i) When playing time has been lost and, as a result, it is not possible for the team batting second to have the opportunity of receiving its allocated, or revised allocation of overs in the playing time available, the number of overs shall be reduced at a rate of 14.28 overs per hour, which is inclusive of the provision of drinks intervals, in respect of the lost playing time. Should the calculations result in a fraction of an over the fraction shall be ignored.

(ii) In addition, should the innings of the team batting first have been completed prior to the scheduled, or re-scheduled time for the commencement of the interval, then any calculation relating to the revision of overs shall not be effective until an amount of time equivalent to that by which the second innings started early has elapsed.

(iii) To constitute a match, a minimum of 20 overs have to be bowled to the team batting second subject to the innings not being completed earlier.

(iv) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter completed its innings in less than its allocated overs.

(v) A fixed time will be specified for the close of play by applying a rate of 14.28 overs per hour. With the exception of drinks intervals, the timing and duration of all relative delays,

extensions in playing hours and interruptions in play, will be taken into consideration in specifying this time.

(vi) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the revised overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled close of play, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.

(vii) Penalties for slow over rates shall be determined by the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket.

12.5 Extra Time - Please refer to play times

12.6 Number of Overs per Bowler

No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs in an innings.

In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed.

Where the total overs is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will be allowed by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

Law 15 - Intervals

Law 15 shall apply subject to the following:

15.1 Law 15.5 - Changing agreed times for intervals - Interval between Innings

If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier providing that this does not lead to an interval occurring more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval.

If the innings of the team batting first is completed more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval a 10 minute break will occur and the team batting second will commence its innings and the interval will occur as scheduled.

Where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted, the length of the interval will be reduced as follows:

(i) If up to 15 minutes of actual playing time is lost (total playing time lost less any extra time provided), then the interval will be reduced by the amount of actual playing time lost.

(ii) If more than 15 minutes of actual playing time is lost (total playing time lost less any extra time provided), then the interval will be reduced to 30 minutes (subject to (iii) below).

(iii) If more than 60 minutes of actual playing time is lost (total playing time lost less any extra time provided), then the interval of 30 minutes prescribed under (ii) above may be reduced further by mutual agreement between the Umpires and both Captains. In the event of disagreement, the length of the interval shall be determined by the ICC Match Referee/Umpires. The minimum interval shall be ten minutes.

15.2 Law 15.9 - Intervals for drinks

Two drinks breaks per session shall be permitted, each 1 hour 10 minutes apart. The provisions of Law 15.9 shall be strictly observed except that under conditions of extreme heat the umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks.

An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or at the fall of a wicket, on the field, provided that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken onto the field without the permission of the umpires. Any player taking drinks onto the field shall be dressed in proper cricket attire.

Law 17 - Practice on the Field

17.1 Law 17.1 - Practice on the field

The following shall apply in addition to Law 17.1:

The use of the square for practice on any day of any match will be restricted to any netted practice area on the square set aside for that purpose.

Law 19 - Boundaries

19.1 Law 19.1 - The boundaries of the field of play

The matches shall be played on grounds approved by SLC.

19.2 Law 19.2 - Defining the boundary - boundary marking

Law 19.2 shall apply.

19.3 Law 19.3 - Scoring a boundary

The following shall apply in addition to Law 19.3:

If an unauthorized person enters the playing arena and handles the ball, the umpire at the bowler's end shall be the sole judge of whether the boundary allowance should be scored or the ball be treated as still in play or called dead ball if a batsman is liable to be out as a result of the unauthorized person handling the ball. See also Law 19.1 (c).

Law 20 - Lost Ball

Law 20 shall apply

Law 21 - The Result

Law 21 shall apply subject to the following:

21.1 Law 21.1 - A win - two innings match

Law 21.1 shall not apply.

21.2 Law 21.2 - A win - one innings match

Law 21.2 shall apply in addition to the following:

21.2.1 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing teams refusal to play (Law 21.3), a result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 20 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 20 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 20 overs.

21.2.2 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing teams refusal to play (Law 21.3), all matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 20 overs, shall be declared no result.

21.3 Law 21.3 - Umpire (Referee) awarding a match

Law 21.3 shall be replaced by the following:

- a) A match shall be lost by a side which either
 - (i) concedes defeat or
 - (ii) in the opinion of the Umpires/Referee refuses to play and the Umpires/Referee shall award the match to the other side.

- b) If an umpire considers that an action by any player or players might constitute a refusal by either side to play then the umpires together shall inform the Referee of this fact. The Referee shall together with the umpires ascertain the cause of the action. If the Referee, after due consultation with the umpires, then decides that this action does constitute a refusal to play by one side, he shall so inform the

captain of that side. If the captain persists in the action the Referee shall award the match in accordance with (a)(ii) above.*

If a referee is not available, the umpires shall inform the Chairman, Tournament Committee through the Manager Tournaments.

- c) If action as in (b) above takes place after play has started and does not constitute a refusal to play the delay or interruption in play shall be dealt with in the same manner as provided for in clauses 12.4.2 and 15.1 above.

* N/B In addition to the consequences of any refusal to play prescribed under this clause, any such refusal, whether temporary or final, may result in disciplinary action being taken against the captain and team responsible.

21.4 Law 21.4 - A Tie

Law 21.4 shall apply in addition to the following:

21.4.1 If the scores are equal, the result shall be a tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets which have fallen.

21.5 Law 21.5 - A Draw

Law 21.5 shall not apply.

21.6 Prematurely Terminated Matches - Calculation of the Target Score

Parabola method will apply to decide the winner

21.7 Correctness of result

Any query on the result of the match as defined in Laws 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.8 and 21.10 (as modified by these regulations) shall be resolved as soon as possible and a final decision made by the umpires at close of play. If this is not possible, the matter must be referred to the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket by the umpires within 24 hours of completion of play. Both teams must remain at the venue till a final decision is given

21.8 Points

21.8.1 Points system will be as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Win | 4 Points |
| Tie or No Result | 2 |
| Loss | 0 |

In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the final round will be determined as follows:

- (a) The team with the most number of wins.**
- (b) If still equal, the team with the most number of wins over the other team(s) who are equal on points and have the same number of wins.**
- (c) If still equal, the team with the highest net run rate.**
- (d) If still equal, toss of a coin will decide.**

21.8.2 Net Run Rate

A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.

In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculation.

21.8.3 Final Match (if required)

If no result is achieved in a final the match shall be declared drawn.

In the event of a drawn final, the prize money will be shared equally between the two competing teams.

22 Law 22 - The Over

Law 22 shall apply subject to the addition of the following to Law 22.5:

22.1 Law 22.5 - Umpire miscounting

Law 23 - Dead Ball

Law 23 shall apply.

No Ball

Law 24 shall apply subject to the following:

24.1 Law 24.1 (b) Mode of delivery

Law 24.1 (b) shall be replaced by the following:

The bowler may not deliver the ball underarm. If a bowler bowls a ball underarm the umpire shall call and signal no ball, and the ball is to be re-bowled over arm.

24.2 Free Hit after a foot-fault no ball

In addition to the above the delivery following a no ball called for a foot fault (Law 24.5) shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a

free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball. Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker (the provisions of clause 41.2 shall apply).

The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion

Law 25 - Wide Ball

25.1 Law 25.1 - Judging a Wide

Law 25 shall apply with the following addition to Law 25.1:

Umpires are instructed to apply very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

Any offside or leg side delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide.

A penalty of one run for a wide shall be scored. This penalty shall stand in addition to any other runs which are scored or awarded. All runs, which are run or result from a wide ball, which is not a no ball, shall be scored wide balls.

41.2 Restrictions on the placement of fieldsmen

41.2.1 At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fieldsmen on the leg side.

Law 42 - Fair and Unfair Play

42.1 Law 42.3 - The Match Ball - changing its condition

Law 42.3 shall apply, subject to the following:

- a) Law 42.3 (e) (ii) shall be replaced with the following:
Inform the captain of the fielding side of the reason for the action taken.**
- b) The umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring at the conclusion of the match.**
- c) The Manager Umpiring shall forward the matter to relevant persons for appropriate action.**
- d) In the event that a ball has been interfered with and requires replacement the batsman at the wicket shall choose the replacement ball from a selection of six other balls of various degrees of usage (including a new ball) and of the same brand as the ball in use prior to the contravention.**

42.2 Law 42.4 - Deliberate attempt to distract striker

Law 42.4 shall apply subject to the following:

In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.3 Law 42.5 - Deliberate distraction or obstruction of batsman

Law 42.5 shall apply subject to the following:

In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.4 Law 42.6 - Dangerous and Unfair Bowling

42.4.1 Law 42.6 (a) - The Bowling of Fast Short Pitched Balls

Law 42.6 (a) shall be replaced by the following:

- a A bowler shall be limited to one fast short-pitched delivery per over.**

- b A fast short-pitched delivery is defined as a ball which passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease.**

- c The umpire at the bowlers end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when each fast short pitched delivery has been bowled.**

- d In addition, for the purpose of this regulation and subject to Clause 42.4.1 (f) below, a ball that passes above head height of the batsman, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a wide.**

- e For the avoidance of doubt any fast short pitched delivery that is called a wide under this playing condition shall also count as the allowable short pitched delivery in that over**

- f In the event of a bowler bowling more than one fast short-pitched delivery in an over as defined in Clause 42.4.1 (b) above, the umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal no ball on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify a fast short pitched delivery. The umpire shall call and signal 'no ball' and then tap the head with the other hand.**

- g If a bowler delivers a second fast short pitched ball in an over, the umpire, after the call of no ball and when the ball is dead, shall caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.**

h If there is a second instance of the bowler being no balled in the innings for bowling more than one fast short pitched delivery in an over, the umpire shall advise the bowler that this is his final warning for the innings.

i Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, or part thereof, nor be allowed to bowl the next over, or part thereof.

j The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

k The umpire will report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batsmen at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.

l In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

The above is not a substitute for Clause 42.5 below which umpires are able to apply at any time.

42.4.2 Law 42.6 (b) Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls

Law 42.6 (b) shall be replaced by the following:

a Any delivery, other than a slow paced one, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not is it likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.

b A slow delivery, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease, is to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.

c In the event of a bowler bowling a high full pitched ball as defined in Clauses 42.4.2 (a) and 42.4.2 (b) above (i.e. a beamer), the umpire at the bowler's end shall, in the first instance, call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead, caution the bowler and issue a first and final warning. The umpire shall inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred.

d Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, or part thereof, nor be allowed to bowl the next over, or part thereof.

e The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

f The umpire will report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batsman at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.

g In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.5 Law 42.7 - Dangerous and Unfair Bowling - Action by the umpire

Law 42.7 shall be replaced by the following:

Regardless of any action taken by the umpire as a result of a breach of Clauses 42.4.1, 42.4.2 and 42.6 the following shall apply at any time during the match:

42.5.1 The bowling of fast short pitched balls is unfair if in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end he considers that by their repetition and taking into account their length, height and direction, they are likely to

inflict physical injury on the striker, irrespective of the protective clothing and equipment he may be wearing. The relative skill of the striker shall also be taken into consideration.

42.5.2 In the event of such unfair bowling, the umpire at the bowler's end shall adopt the following procedure:

a In the first instance the umpire shall call and signal no ball, caution the bowler and inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred.

b If this caution is ineffective, he shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final warning.

c Both the above caution and final warning shall continue to apply even though the bowler may later change ends.

d Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, or part thereof, nor be allowed to bowl the next over, or part thereof. See Law 22.8. (Bowler Incapacitated or Suspended during an Over).

e The bowler thus taken off shall not be able to bowl again in that innings.

f The umpire will report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batsmen at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.

g In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.6 Law 42.8 - Deliberate bowling of High Full Pitched Balls

Law 42.8 shall be replaced by the following:

If the umpire considers that a high full pitch delivery which is deemed dangerous and unfair as defined in Clause 42.4.2 was deliberately bowled, then the caution and warning process shall be dispensed with.

The umpire at the bowler's end shall:

42.6.1 Call and signal no ball.

42.6.2 When the ball is dead, direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith.

42.6.3 Not allow the bowler to bowl again in that innings.

42.6.4 Ensure that the over is completed by another bowler, provided that the bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively.

42.6.5 In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.7 Action by the umpires for dangerous and unfair Bowling

Should the umpires initiate the caution and warning procedures set out in Clauses 42.4.1, 42.4.2, 42.5 and 42.6 such cautions and warnings are not to be cumulative.

42.8 Law 42.9 - Time Wasting by the Fielding Side

Law 42.9 shall apply subject to Law 42.9 (b) being replaced by the following:

If there is any further waste of time in that innings, by any member of the fielding side the umpire shall:

- a Call and signal dead ball if necessary, and;
- b Award 5 penalty runs to the batting side (see Law 42.17).

c Inform the other umpire, the batsmen at the wicket and as soon as possible the captain of the batting side of what has occurred.

d In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

42.9 Law 42.10 - Batsman Wasting Time
Law 42.10 shall apply, subject to the following:

If the incoming batsman is not in position to take guard or his partner not ready to receive the next ball within 2 minutes of the fall of the previous wicket, the action should be regarded by the umpires as time wasting and the provisions of Law 42.10 shall apply.

In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the Manager Umpiring for necessary action at the conclusion of the match.

APPENDIX 1

Calculation Sheet for Use When Delays or Interruptions Occur in First Innings of One Day Matches

Time

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Net playing time available at start of the match | <u>420 minutes</u> (A) |
| Time innings in progress | _____ (B) |
| Playing time lost | _____ (C) |
| Extra time available | _____ (D) |
| Time made up from reduced interval | _____ (E) |
| Effective playing time lost [C – (D + E)] | _____ (F) |
| Remaining playing time available (A – F) | _____ (G) |

Overs and Fielding Restrictions

Overs in match [$G / 4.2$] round up fraction and +1 if necessary _____ (H)

Max. overs per team [H / 2] _____ (I)
 Max. overs per bowler [I / 5] _____ overs
 Fielding restrictions [**Refer to 41.2.6**] _____ overs
 Fielding restrictions innings 1 _____ overs
 Fielding restrictions innings 2 _____ overs [**Refer to 41.2.6**]

Rescheduled Playing Hours

First session to commence or recommence _____ (J)
 Length of innings [I x 4.2] _____ (K)
 Rescheduled cessation time [(J + K) – B]
 Length of interval
 Second session commencement time _____ (L)
 Rescheduled cessation time = (L + K)

APPENDIX 2

Calculation Sheet for Use When Delays or Interruptions Occur in Second Innings of One Day Matches

Time

Original cessation time of innings _____ (A)
 Time at start of interruption _____ (B)
 Restart time _____ (C)
 Length of interruption [C – B] _____ (D)
 Extra time available _____ (E)
 Total playing time lost [D – E] _____ (F)
 Amended cessation time of innings [A + E] _____ (G)

Overs

Maximum overs at start of innings _____ (H)

Overs lost [F /
fractions
_____ (I)

| Overs Lost | Overs to be Bowled | Norm |
|------------|--------------------|------|
| 30 | 20 | 130 |
| 29 | 21 | 134 |
| 28 | 22 | 138 |

4.2] ignore

Adjusted
length of

maximum
innings [H – I]
(J)

**Overs per
Fielding**

**bowler and
Restrictions**

Max. overs per

bowler [J / 5]

_____ overs

Fielding restrictions [**Refer to 41.2.6**]

New

| | | |
|----|----|-----|
| 27 | 23 | 142 |
| 26 | 24 | 146 |
| 25 | 25 | 150 |
| 20 | 30 | 171 |
| 19 | 31 | 175 |
| 18 | 32 | 178 |
| 17 | 33 | 182 |
| 16 | 34 | 185 |
| 15 | 35 | 189 |
| 14 | 36 | 192 |
| 13 | 37 | 195 |
| 12 | 38 | 198 |
| 11 | 39 | 201 |
| 10 | 40 | 204 |
| 09 | 41 | 207 |
| 08 | 42 | 209 |
| 07 | 43 | 212 |
| 06 | 44 | 214 |
| 05 | 45 | 216 |
| 04 | 46 | 218 |
| 03 | 47 | 220 |
| 02 | 48 | 222 |
| 01 | 49 | 224 |
| 0 | 50 | 225 |

The rest of the formula stands unchanged as described in Rule 5.1.

The team batting 1st score 300 runs in 50 overs, But owing to rain. The number of over for the team batting second in reduce to 30 overs.

Target Score : Norm for team batting second **X** Runs Scored by Team Batting first

Norm for team batting first

$$\frac{171 \times 300}{225} = 228 \quad \text{to win } 229.$$

