



Austrian Cricket Association

A) General Rules and Regulations

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1. Applicability

- 1.1. The general and disciplinary rules define a guideline for the operational procedure in the ÖCV-ACA.
- 1.2. The personal expressions used should be understood to apply equally to women and men.
- 1.3. Reference is made here in excerpts to the MCC Laws of Cricket' 2017 (3rd Edition 2022).

2. Training and Courses

- 2.1. Improving the standards of leadership and administration, playing, coaching and umpiring of cricket in Austria, training and courses for its members (hereinafter referred to as "participants").
- 2.2. These courses are organized by the responsible managers on behalf of the Executive Committee for their respective areas.
- 2.3. Prerequisites can be set for participation in such training and courses, e.g. the obligation of the participant to pay for the training or course in whole or in part and to be available for the management and administration of ÖCV-ACA Cricket, playing, training, game management and activities after successful completion of the training or the course. These conditions must be set out and agreed in writing before the start of the course.
- 2.4. The courses are generally free of charge for full members (excluding hotel/meal costs).

3. Competitions

- 3.1. The ÖCV-ACA Executive Committee runs the following competitions:
- 3.2. ÖCV-ACA competitions for women, men, young people and the disabled.
- 3.3. Depending on the availability of resources and priorities, the format and number of teams will be determined by the League Manager.

4. Participation in competitions

- 4.1. A club that has outstanding financial obligations to the ÖCV-ACA before January 1st of the current year will not be allowed to participate in any of the ÖCV-ACA competitions that year and legal action may be taken to recover all outstanding debts.
- 4.2. Every club that wants to take part in one or more ÖCV-ACA competitions must conclude a contract (Participation Club Agreement - PCA) which sets out the conditions for participating in the respective competitions.
- 4.3. The League Manager may penalize a club as specified in the PCA if that club withdraws a team from one of the registered competitions.
- 4.4. In exceptional cases and after consulting the Executive Committee, the League Manager may exclude a team from the competition if he/she wishes or considers this necessary for the orderly continuation of the competition. In this case, the excluded team can appeal this decision within 7 days.
- 4.5. A team that is withdrawn or removed after the start of a competition will be ranked last in that competition and will receive zero points. However, the result and points of the opposing teams in the group stage remain the same. In the event of any ambiguity at any time during the respective competition, the League Manager's decision is final.



5. Participation Fees

- 5.1. The ÖCV-ACA creates an “all-in-one package” for every type of competition.
- 5.2. All in One Package includes
 - 5.2.1. Ground Fees
 - 5.2.2. Umpiring and Scoring Fees, CricHq-League Management
 - 5.2.3. Cost of the Match Balls
 - 5.2.4. The total amount will be calculated in two to three installments:
 - 5.2.5. First installment of 50% is to be paid before the begin of a particular competition
 - 5.2.6. A further partial payment to cover the remaining costs for the group games until July 31st of the season
 - 5.2.7. A final payment to cover costs not determined prior to the start of the competition, latest by 31st October
 - 5.2.8. Failure to pay the above installments before the due date will result in automatic disqualification from the upcoming games.
- 5.3. Pitch and umpire fees are negotiated by the Executive Committee.
- 5.4. The ÖCV-ACA offers liability insurance for its competitions on the approved grounds.
- 5.5. Every club is obliged to only purchase cricket balls approved by the ÖCV-ACA for use in national competitions. – see point 5.2.3.
- 5.6. In the event of a match cancellation, the basic match fees of the games, excluding match ball/admin. fee, will be either
 - 5.6.1. paid back to the Clubs or
 - 5.6.2. the amount will be deducted from the next payment, except for games canceled due to bad weather without a ball being played. However, if umpires and teams appear at the cricket ground, 100% of the umpire fee will be due.
- 5.7. In the event of late arrival or no-show, the team concerned will be charged double the game fee and the other team will receive this amount back. In this case the additional costs will be added to the final invoice.
- 5.8. If a game begins but is abandoned before it can be completed due to light, weather or other reasons, the base and arbitration fees payable will depend on the time at which the game was completed before it was abandoned.
 - 5.8.1. If less than 40% of the scheduled overs have been played before the game is abandoned, 100% of the umpiring fees/match ball fees/admin. fees will still be due to pay.
 - 5.8.2. If more than 40% of the scheduled overs have been played before the game is abandoned, 50% of the ground fee and 100% of the umpiring fees will be paid to the ground operator/umpires. The remaining 50% of the match fee will be refunded,
 - 5.8.3. If more than 80% of the scheduled overs have been played before the game is canceled, the ground fees will be paid in full to the ground operators.
 - 5.8.4. In case of conflict over calculation of percentage of completion of a match the decision of the Competition Manager shall be final.

6. Player registration and eligibility

- 6.1. In order for a player to be eligible to participate in ÖCV-ACA competitions for a club, the club must submit a player registration form signed by the player and the club's representatives.
- 6.2. If the player is being registered for the first time, a recent passport size photo should be attached to the registration form.
- 6.3. Players moving from one club to another must complete a new player registration form, which must be signed by both the player and his new club. The name of the player's previous club must appear on the registration form.
- 6.4. Once registered, a player remains registered with that club until:



- 6.4.1. the club informs the ÖCV-ACA that the player is no longer registered with the club,
or
6.4.2. the player joins another club, whereby the club the player wishes to join must send a transfer request to the League Manager by April 30 (March 31 from 2025) of the current season at the latest.

- 6.5. A new player who joins a club and is eligible to play for that club may take part in ÖCV-ACA league games provided that a registration form for that player is provided to the League Manager 72 hours before the scheduled game time.
6.6. The League Manager makes all eligibility decisions on behalf of the Executive Committee.

7. Player transfer to another club

- 7.1. The ÖCV-ACA allows players to freely choose their clubs. A player who wishes to move to another club before the start of the playing season can do so free of charge, but no later than April 30 (March 31 from 2025) of the current season, provided the following conditions are met:
- 7.1.1. Although the ÖCV-ACA is fundamentally in favor of player freedom, it also understands that clubs need their members to cover ongoing costs. The ÖCV-ACA believes that this can best be achieved through an annual membership fee and/or a game fee. However, the ÖCV-ACA also recognizes written contracts between clubs and their members.
- 7.1.2. The ÖCV-ACA does not allow player transfers if it turns out that a contract between a club and its player has been broken. In order for the ÖCV-ACA to take such a measure, a signed original contract must be presented as proof.
- 7.1.3. In order for a contract to be valid, it must also meet the following requirements:
- The contract is valid for a specific period of time, with a clear start and end date.
 - Contracts for under 18s must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
 - The contract must contain the following:
 - 7.1.3.1 The term of the contract.
 - 7.1.3.2 All membership, annual and game fees still outstanding from the player as well as all payments and/or player transfers that are outstanding and/or still expected from a player at the time of early termination of the contract or from a player at normal contract termination or club must be paid.
 - 7.1.3.3. The consequences of breach of contract must be borne by either the player or the club.
- 7.2. A player who wants to change during the season must submit a transfer request in writing to the ÖCV-ACA general secretary and league manager. The application must be submitted by the club that he wishes to join, taking into account point 7.1.3.2.
- 7.3. The club making such a request must ensure that the new member has not breached any contract with the previous club.
- 7.4. A player transfer is not permitted if this player played one or more games in an ÖCV-ACA league for a club in the previous calendar year. If a player wants to join another club after April 30 (March 31 from 2025), he must not have taken part in any ÖCV-ACA league games in the previous season.



B) Disciplinary regulations within the ÖCV-ACA

- i. All players, umpires, club and ÖCV-ACA officials are expected to comply with the ICC Code of Conduct, the relevant ÖCV-ACA Rules and Regulations and the Spirit of Cricket.
- ii. In cases where players, referees, club or ÖCV-ACA officials have committed an offense in accordance with the above provisions, they will be dealt with in accordance with the ÖCV-ACA disciplinary rules and regulations set out below.
- iii. Umpires will have the right under Law 42 – Player Conduct (new rule) to penalise teams with penalty runs and also suspend or send players off for continuous bad behaviour. This system is designed to tackle poor behaviour. However, as with other penalties under the Laws, these new sanctions are intended as deterrents, the presence of which should reduce the frequency of poor behaviour, so that they would only rarely be applied. For each instance a report will need to be created and post-match disciplinary rules and regulations will be followed.

ÖCV / ACA violations and penalty guidelines

The following is a guide for use by a disciplinary panel formed to adjudicate cases arising from matches conducted or sanctioned (friendly or friendly) by ÖCV-ACA.

1. Level 1 Offences

The offences set out in 1.1 to 1.5 below are Level 1 offences. The maximum penalty to be imposed by a Disciplinary Panel for a Level 1 offence shall be to issue a reprimand and an official warning.

- 1.1. Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings
- 1.2. Showing dissent at an umpire's decision.
- 1.3. Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture
- 1.4. Excessive appealing
- 1.5. Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.

2. Level 2 Offences

The offences set out in 2.1 to 2.9 below are Level 2 offences. The maximum penalty to be imposed by a Disciplinary Panel for a Level 2 offence shall be to issue a severe reprimand, an official warning and an automatic (immediate) one ÖCV/ACA sanctioned match ban, which shall be carried forward to any subsequent ÖCV/ACA league in which the player is registered.

- 2.1. Repeat of any Level 1 offence within 12 months of such an offence
- 2.2. Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision.



- 2.3. Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.
- 2.4. Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play.
- 2.5. Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2.6. Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.
- 2.7. Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
- 2.8. Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Referee, Team Official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).
- 2.9. Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.
- 2.10. Captains reducing the number of overs in any format of the competition in the absence of umpires except rain affected matches as described in “LAW 12 Innings”.

3. Level 3 Offences

The offences set out in 3.1 to 3.4 are Level 3 offences. The maximum penalty to be imposed by a Disciplinary Panel for a Level 3 offence shall be a ban for the player or match official concerned from between 4 and 8 ÖCV/ACA sanctioned matches.

- 3.1. Repeat of any Level 2 offence within 12 months of such an offence
- 3.2. Intimidation of an umpire or Referee whether by language or conduct
- 3.3. Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or spectator
- 3.4. Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person’s race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin

4. Level 4 Offences

The offences set out in 4.1 to 4.5 are Level 4 offences. Upon a Disciplinary Panel reaching the decision that a Level 4 offence has been committed, the matter should be referred to the ÖCV/ACA Executive Committee for guidance. Having considered the offence, the ÖCV/ACA Executive Committee are permitted to recommend the imposition of a minimum ban of 10 ÖCV/ACA sanctioned matches up to a life ban for the player or match official concerned.

- 4.1. Repeat of any Level 3 offence within 12 months of such an offence
- 4.2. Threat of assault on an umpire or Referee



- 4.3. Physical assault of another Player, umpire, Referee, Official or spectator
- 4.4. Any act of violence on the field of play
- 4.5. Using language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
5. Where the facts or the gravity of an alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences:
 - 5.1. breach of § 3.1 - conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or
 - 5.2. breach of § 3.2 - conduct that brings the game into disrepute
6. In deciding upon a penalty, a Disciplinary Panel shall take into account the prior record of the person charged.
7. If damage has been caused to any property, the Disciplinary Panel may order compensation to be paid to the aggrieved party as a part of the penalty.
8. Nothing in these guidelines alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the spirit of fair play rests with the captain as stated in the ÖCV/ACA Code of Conduct.
9. Where there are separate incidents during the course of a match, a separate charge should be laid for each of the incidents. If the Disciplinary Panel finds the person to be guilty of more than one offence, they should impose separate penalties in respect of each offence. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

UNDUE INFLUENCE

1. Match fixing (bribery)

- 1.1. Anyone who directly or indirectly offers, promises or grants an official representative of the ÖCV-ACA, an affiliated regional association or club, a match official, team official or a player (athlete) an unlawful advantage for him or for a third person with the intention of that the bribed person violates the rules or reduces the sporting performance of a team or one or more players (athletes) or influences the sporting outcome of a competition, the punishment is as follows:
 - 1.1.1. Suspension from 8 to 72 competitive games
 - 1.1.2. Function block from 6 months to 3 years
 - 1.1.3. Fine of €500 up to €15,000
 - 1.1.4. Exclusion from competition
 - 1.1.5. Deduction of points
 - 1.1.6. Forced descent
 - 1.1.7. Stadium ban
 - 1.1.8. Exclusion from the Association
- 1.2. Anyone who requests an unlawful advantage for themselves or a third person, accepts, promises or allows to be granted or makes a corresponding attempt for the under 1.1. and



do not report the behaviour described immediately (in writing) to the responsible Association, will be punished in the same way.

1.3. Statute of limitations: The offense of match manipulation expires after 36 months

2. Illegal sports betting

2.1. Anyone who places single or combination bets with bookmakers or virtual betting providers on games or competitions of its own or one in the same class or club operating in the same competition or appoints third parties to do so or passes on non-public information to third parties that can be used for such bets shall be punished as follows:

2.1.1. Admonition

2.1.2. Suspension from at least 2 competitive games

2.1.3. Functional ban of at least 2 months

2.1.4. A fine of three times the amount of the stake made or paid out profit

2.1.5. Deduction of points

2.1.6. Exclusion from competition

2.1.7. Forced relegation

2.1.8. Exclusion from the association

2.2. Statute of limitations: The offense of illegal sports betting expires after 12 months.

3. Failure to comply with a reporting obligation

3.1. Anyone who violates the concept of (sporting) integrity by third parties or notices violations of the integrity provisions by third parties and it fails to report them immediately (in writing) to the responsible association, is to be punished as follows:

3.1.1. Admonition

3.1.2. Suspension from at least 2 competitive games

3.1.3. Functional ban of at least 2 months

3.1.4. Fine of €500 to €15,000

3.1.5. Exclusion from the association

4. ANTI-DOPING

4.1. Athletes, supervisors, employees and other persons must follow the requests of the ÖADR and the Independent Arbitration Commission and properly participate in the anti-doping procedure. After notification by the ÖADR or the Independent Arbitration Commission of an unfounded failure to comply with a request or a refusal to cooperate with the above-mentioned persons, the Disciplinary Commission of the ÖCV-ACA may impose the following disciplinary measures:

4.1.1. Functional ban from 6 months to 3 years

4.1.2. Fines of €500 up to €15,000

4.1.3. Exclusion from competition

4.1.4. Exclusion from the Association



ÖCV/ACA Disciplinary Panel

1. A Disciplinary Panel will be formed prior to the start of each season by the Executive Committee.
2. The Disciplinary Panel will consist of between 5 and 10 members.
3. The Executive Committee will propose a Chairman for the panel, who will receive the disciplinary reports from the relevant Competition Manager and who will be responsible for organising any disciplinary hearing.
4. Following receipt of a disciplinary report the Chairman of the Disciplinary Panel will write to the officials of the club to which the accused belongs (or to the individual if they are not attached to a club) detailing the issues raised in the disciplinary report, and giving the accused 48 hours to respond to the report.
5. The Disciplinary Panel Chairman will form a Disciplinary Hearing involving between 3 and 5 members of the Disciplinary Panel
6. In cases where members of the Disciplinary Panel are attached to clubs involved in the alleged disciplinary breach, such members will be excluded from the Disciplinary Hearing.
7. In cases where the Chairman of the Disciplinary Panel is attached to a club involved in the alleged disciplinary breach, he/she will not be eligible to sit on the Disciplinary Hearing. In such cases, the remaining members of the Disciplinary Hearing will decide upon a Chairman.
8. The Disciplinary Hearing will reach a decision and give its verdict within 7 days of receiving the relevant report from the Competition Manager.

ÖCV/ACA Appeals Panel

1. The Appeals Panel will be formed prior to the start of each season by the Executive Committee.
2. The Appeals Panel will consist of between 3 and 5 members.
3. Normally, honorary members of the ÖCV/ACA will be members of the Appeals Panel.
4. The Appeals Panel will normally be chaired by the oldest honorary member of the ÖCV/ACA that is sitting on the Appeals Panel.
5. In cases, where no honorary members of the ÖCV/ACA are on the Appeals Panel, the Executive Committee will nominate a Chairman.
6. Following an appeal, the Chairman of the Appeals Panel will form an Appeals Hearing, on which up to 3 members of the Appeals Panel will sit.
7. The Appeals Panel will reach a decision and give its verdict within 7 days of receiving an appeal.



ÖCV/ACA Disciplinary Panel Regulations

1. The following persons may report alleged breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct, the relevant ÖCV/ACA Rules and Regulations, or the Spirit of Cricket:
 - a. The ÖCV/ACA organs mentioned in §8 of the ÖCV/ACA Statutes
 - b. The Competition Manager of the competition in which the alleged offence took place
 - c. The umpires of the match in which the alleged offence took place
 - d. Any ÖCV/ACA member who witnessed the alleged offence
2. Any alleged offence needs to be reported to the relevant Competition Manager within 72 hours of the alleged offence taking place.
3. The offence report needs to contain a detailed description of the alleged offence(s), along with the date, time and place, and name(s) of the person(s) being accused. The report should be signed by the person laying the charge and include a list of potential witnesses.
4. Once an offence report has been received ACA/ÖCV Secretary or Competition Manager will forward the matter to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Panel.
5. The Disciplinary Panel will handle each case as it sees fit, but in accordance with the ICC Principles of Natural Justice.
6. It is the responsibility of the Disciplinary Panel to decide upon the level of any alleged offence in line with the ÖCV/ACA Offences and Penalty Guidelines.
7. Neither the Disciplinary Panel nor the ÖCV/ACA will reimburse any other costs incurred by any party during the disciplinary proceedings. No professional legal representative will be allowed in the hearing.
8. The verdict of the Disciplinary Panel along with any possible penalties will be communicated to all parties by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Panel, and will further be published on the ÖCV/ACA website.
9. The Disciplinary Panel will establish the costs incurred by the Disciplinary Panel and any umpires required to attend disciplinary hearings, and how such costs should be shared between the various parties depending on the outcome of the case. These costs should be paid within 15 days of a verdict having been reached. The ÖCV/ACA will bear the remaining costs.

ÖCV/ACA Appeals Panel Regulations

1. The following persons may lodge an appeal against a verdict of the Disciplinary Panel if this verdict exceeds a formal warning:
 - a. The defendant
 - b. The ÖCV/ACA organs mentioned in §8 of the ÖCV/ACA Statutes



- c. The Competition Manager of the competition in which the alleged offence(s) took place
 - d. Any ÖCV/ACA member who witnessed the alleged offence
2. The appeal should be sent to the Secretary of the ÖCV/ACA Executive Committee, and should be received within 72 hours of the verdict of the Disciplinary Panel being made.
3. An appeal against a verdict will not suspend the execution of the penalty.
4. The Appeals Panel will handle each case as it sees fit, but in accordance with the ICC Principles of Natural Justice.
5. Neither the Appeals Panel nor the ÖCV/ACA will reimburse any other costs incurred by any party during the disciplinary proceedings. No professional legal representative will be allowed in the hearing.
6. No further appeal against the verdict of the Appeals Panel is possible.
7. The verdict of the Appeals Panel along with any possible penalties will be communicated to all parties by the Chairman of the Appeals Panel, and will further be published on the ÖCV/ACA website.
8. The Appeals Panel will establish the costs incurred by the Appeals Panel and any umpires required to attend disciplinary hearings, and how such costs should be shared between the various parties depending on the outcome of the case. These costs should be paid within 30 days of a verdict having been reached. The ÖCV/ACA will bear the remaining costs.



C) Adult Competition Rules & Regulations

1. Applicability

- 1.1. These Competition Rules and Regulations apply to all ÖCV/ACA Outdoor Adult Competitions, unless otherwise indicated.
- 1.2. The ÖCV/ACA Executive Committee can empower the Competition Manager, Umpiring Association or any other appointed Manager to define adaptations for certain competitions.
- 1.3. All ÖCV/ACA competitions will be played according to the Laws of Cricket and according to standard ICC Playing Conditions, except for differences defined below (along with the basic elements of the corresponding Law).

2. ÖCV/ACA Competitions

- 2.1. The Competition Manager, on behalf of the Executive Committee, determines and finalises the competition format and fixtures.
- 2.2. For clubs providing a ground for a competition, the Competition Manager should aim to schedule their matches at their “Home Ground” as much as possible. This criteria will not apply in case venues for certain matches are predetermined (e.g. the venues of matches during a knock-out phase which are planned in advance, but where the teams are not yet known).
- 2.3. A fixture will be regarded as finalised when the Competition Manager has brought out the “Schedule” and/or has informed the club by telephone and/or by email and/or by WhatsApp/SMS and/or by publication on the ÖCV/ACA website, at least 96 hours before the scheduled start of the fixture.
- 2.4. When a competition fixture is cancelled by the ground operator before finalisation, the Competition Manager will attempt to reschedule the fixture. If there is no room within the fixture list to reschedule, the fixture will be treated as Cancelled (Scheduling not possible).
- 2.5. In case a competition fixture cannot be scheduled or rescheduled in the competition roster, the match outcome is Cancelled (Scheduling not possible) during group stages.
- 2.6. If a match is cancelled with no possibility of rescheduling during the knock-out stages of a competition, the team that proceeds to the next round will be decided by drawing lots, without the possibility of appeal. This draw will be performed by the Competition Manager, witnessed by at least one Executive Committee member not belonging to the same club as the Competition Manager. The Competition Manager needs to provide both teams with the possibility to witness this draw. A written invitation (e.g. by email) to the respective club’s officials arriving at least two days prior to the date of the draw will in such cases suffice.



3. Club Responsibilities

- 3.1. Clubs must nominate enough officials responsible for all matters regarding ÖCV/ACA competitions. These officials must be able to handle administrative, logistical and financial issues between the ÖCV/ACA and their own club and must be contactable by phone and email.
- 3.2. By taking part in any ÖCV/ACA competition, the clubs agree to the all the Rules & Regulations and must give their participation willingness in written and within the allotted time (Participating Clubs Agreement).
- 3.3. All ÖCV/ACA clubs must actively take part in the execution of the competition and provide trained and capable match officials, especially for the matches where their own club is not playing. Credible inability in this regard must be communicated to the ÖCV/ACA EC before the start of the competition season.
- 3.4. The club that appears first on the league fixtures list is considered the home team and is primarily responsible for the setup, dismantling and cleanliness during the match and subsequently on the match day. If more clubs are playing on the same day, the “home teams” of the first (setup) and the last (dismantle) match will be considered primarily responsible for the maintenance. All other clubs playing on that day must help in maintaining the order. Failure to do so will result in fines for the involved club(s), as per ground operator’s contract with the ÖCV/ACA.
- 3.5. The participating clubs must come well prepared to their matches. They should reach the ground in time, so that there is no delay to the scheduled “Toss”. They must carry the required Match Ball(s), hardware/software to score and should turn up with at least 2 members/players who have the eligibility to score during the match (refer C.8.). Non adherence of the ÖCV/ACA competition “dress code” will lead to imposing of penalties.

4. Umpiring

- 4.1. The ÖCV/ACA EC will appoint Umpiring Manager(s) or delegate this work to the current Umpiring Association in Austria to allocate umpiring duties to individual Umpires, preferably the ones with certification
- 4.2. In the event when the required umpires are not allocated for a match or they fail to turn up, the batting side will appoint umpires. In such cases, both captains must take full responsibility for bad weather decisions, bearing in mind that the safety of the players is paramount. If the two captains cannot agree then the status quo should be maintained.
- 4.3. In cases where only one umpire is allocated or only one umpire turns up then the batting side will act as umpire at the striker’s end, with the official umpire standing as the main umpire at both ends.
- 4.4. As per Law 42 – Player Conduct, umpires will have the right to penalise teams with penalty runs and also suspend or send players off for continuous bad behaviour. (This system is designed to tackle poor behaviour. However, as with other penalties under the Laws, these new sanctions are intended as deterrents, the presence of which should reduce the



frequency of poor behaviour, so that they would only rarely be applied). For each instance an “Umpires Report” must be submitted and the post-match disciplinary rules and regulations be followed.

5. Umpire’s Responsibilities

- 5.1. Umpires are expected to wear the umpiring uniform. If unavailable, they must wear dark clothing in such a manner that the color of the same offers a contrast to the white ball used during the ÖCV/ACA competitions.
- 5.2. Failure to wear appropriate clothing will result in the umpire’s fee being forfeited.
- 5.3. Umpires are required to complete an umpire’s report (online, if available) after each match. This report shall include the following information:
 - 5.3.1. Umpire names, date and the agreed scores from the match
 - 5.3.2. A short description of how the match proceeded
 - 5.3.3. Any incidents that occurred during the match. There is also a possibility to write and submit a detailed incident report, including proof and mentioning witnesses.
- 5.4. The umpire’s report should be sent to the Competition Manager and/or the Umpires Manager within 48 hours after the match completion.
- 5.5. In the absence of ground operator staff, the appointed umpires should keep an eye on the proceedings on and around the ground and have the right to enforce maintenance therefor.
- 5.6. In any case of an emergency the appointed umpires have the right and the duty to do the needful on behalf of the ÖCV/ACA and/or the ground operator while maintaining the “emergency protocol”. (refer C.11.)

6. Prohibition of Intoxicants, Doping and Match Manipulations

- 6.1. All players and officials involved in a match must refrain from alcohol or any intoxicating consumption until their direct involvement in the match is over.
- 6.2. All clubs must adhere to the strict Anti-Doping policy of the ÖCV/ACA.
- 6.3. Match-fixing or any manipulation towards the outcome of the result/match may result in competition ban for the involved clubs and reporting to the relevant authorities.

7. Administrative Procedures (pre-match)

- 7.1. For 11-a-side matches, the match may commence when a minimum of seven players from each team are present at the scheduled time of the toss.
- 7.2. Should less than seven players from one of the teams be present 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the opposing team has the right to claim the match after consulting with the umpire(s). Clubs and umpires are expected to be lenient in this respect only when



the opposing club has a significant distance to travel to the match or if that club can credibly prove any other emergency or/and if the delay does not have any serious timely-consequences for the subsequent games to follow on the day. When a match is claimed by the opposing team, the match is treated as a walkover and the offending team pays the full ground fee and all umpiring fees.

- 7.3. Should both teams have fewer than seven players present 15 minutes after the scheduled start time the match will be treated as Cancelled (both teams incomplete) and both teams will share the ground and umpiring fees, as if the match had led to a result.
- 7.4. The toss should be carried out in the presence of the umpire(s) 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match, and no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.
- 7.5. A team sheet must be handed to the umpire(s) before the toss is made. The team sheet should include the full names of all the players (same as on “cricHQ”). The age of the player should also be indicated if the player is under-18.
- 7.6. Once the team sheets have been handed over to the umpire(s) they may not be changed, unless the consent of the opposing captain is obtained.
- 7.7. Refer to C.3.4.

8. Administrative Procedures (during match)

- 8.1. Each club shall provide a dedicated scorer. Their duties are outlined in the Law 3 of the Laws of Cricket.
- 8.2. Scorers are expected to be able to produce an accurate account of match. The ÖCV/ACA will be using “cricHQ” software to score during the competition matches and expect that the clubs turn up on the match day with the essential hardware to accomplish their duty of self-scoring
- 8.3. In all cases of dispute, on or off the field of play, the umpire’s decision is final, binding and there is no right of appeal.
- 8.4. In cases of offences against the Competition Rules and Regulations, occurring on or off the field of play, the umpire(s) are to complete an Umpire’s Report, which should be signed by all officiating umpires and sent to the Competition Manager.

9. Administrative Procedures (post-match)

- 9.1. The online match report must be submitted by the winning team to the Competition Manager within 72 hours after the match completion and should ideally match the scoresheet on the “cricHQ”. (see also C.9.4.)
- 9.2. In case of manual scoring: the scorecard should include full information on both batting and bowling analysis for both innings and should report player’s names as written on



CricHQ. The official match report form can be downloaded from the ÖCV/ACA website or requested from the Competition Manager

- 9.3. It is the responsibility of both captains to make sure that the names of the players entered on the match report form match the names appearing on “cricHQ”. The winning club, or the team batting second if the match did not lead to a result, or the officiating umpire(s) when the match was cancelled or a walkover was awarded are responsible for completing the match report form and obtaining the necessary signatures. It is also their responsibility to send the completed scorecard to the Competition Manager.
- 9.4. Failure to send a complete and accurate scorecard to the Competition Manager and/or Competition Secretary within 72 hours of the game having been completed will result in a one-point penalty/deduction to the winning team and a fine of €50. Failure to send a complete and accurate scorecard by the winning team to the Competition Manager and/or Competition Secretary in the expected time on two occasions will result in a further two-point penalty/deduction and a €100 fine.
- 9.5. All results, including the current competition standings/points table, will be published timely on the ÖCV/ACA website/social media and/or will be visible on the “cricHQ” platforms.

10. Teams Fielding Ineligible Players

When a team enters one or more ineligible players/without registering them with ACA as per General Rules & Regulations on the team sheet, the Competition Manager, on behalf of the Executive Committee, may award the match to the opposing team and revoke any points for that match. The offending club will be fined €100 per match. If a losing club plays with ineligible players/without registering them with ACA the club will be fined €100 per match.

11. Clothing and Equipment

All players shall wear coloured clothing and equipment as described in ICC Clothing and Equipment Rules and Regulations (could be found in download section at ACA website). Offending club will be fined €100 per match. If a team doesn't turn up in same coloured kit and equipment as per ICC Clothing and Equipment Rules and Regulations €100 will be fined per match. No white Kits or white stripes/Logos/Names etc. are allowed in front of T-shirt/Trouser/Cap.

(Please bear in mind that you are playing an official National Tournament and visitors and passers-by can perceive the professional look shown on the cricket field. Please order your Club/Team clothing well in advance, so that you have a smart looking unit at the very start of the season.)



12. Travel Obligations

All teams participating in the ACA/ÖVC competitions must show their willingness to travel to other cities to play their matches. The competition manager will try, as far as possible, to allot the matches among the teams in a fair and balanced way. The travel costs are to be worn by the individual clubs.

13. Youth Safety

- 13.1. Age groups are defined by the player's age at midnight on 31 August in the year prior to the relevant season.
- 13.2. Any player under the age of 18 (on the day of the match) must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball. This applies for all speeds of bowling.
- 13.3. No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except if the player is keeping wicket or fielding behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball. A fielder shall be allowed to move into the restricted area to make a catch or field the ball provided that they were outside the area when the stroke was made.
- 13.4. For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).
- 13.5. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.
- 13.6. Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- 13.7. In addition any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except if the player is keeping wicket and not standing up to the stumps or is fielding behind the wicket on the off side.
- 13.8. The ECB Fast Bowling Directives will apply to all matches in all ÖCV-ACA Competitions:

Age	Max. overs per spell	Max. overs per day
Up to 13	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U14, U15	6 overs per spell	12 overs per day
U16, U17	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U18, U19	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day

14. Emergency Protocol

In any case of an emergency, e.g. any serious player injury, the umpires, ground operator staff and/or the captains/officials of the clubs present on the ground have the duty to do all needful for the injured as their first priority. ÖCV/ACA EC strongly recommend all officials to carry at least the contact details of the Competition Manager, the ÖCV/ACA General Secretary, the Ground Operator and the following emergency call numbers in Austria:



#122 Feuerwehr; #144 Rettungsdienst; #133 Polizei.

These numbers can be easily saved on all the mobile phones of the officials. Furthermore, the ÖCV/ACA strongly recommend, that at least one person/player per club should have knowledge of the first-aid procedures and every club must carry first-aid kit to their matches. Also, the ground operators must see as their duty to contribute their level best towards ensuring the safety and emergency care of the players.

A protocol of the incident can also be imperative for the insurance purposes or any claim for damages.

Be aware, that all deliberate attempts to disrupt the game, damage the infrastructure on the location and/or causing pain or injury to ANY person present on the cricket ground or at the adjoining park place will have serious consequences for the offender(s)/offending club(s) from the side of the ÖCV/ACA EC.



D) Twenty-20 League - Playing Conditions*

(if not mentioned otherwise the latest, from ÖCV/ACA adopted
MCC Laws of Cricket & the international ICC-Men-T20-Rules
 apply and the competition to be played in “**The Spirit of Cricket**”)

THE LAWS (for details, consult the ACA document - MCC Laws of Cricket):

1. LAW 1 THE PLAYERS (MCC)
 *in accordance with the registered names on “cricHQ”
2. LAW 2 THE UMPIRES (MCC)
 *if neutral umpire/s unavailable, batting side to provide striker’s end umpire/both ends
3. LAW 3 THE SCORERS (MCC)
 * if neutral scorers unavailable, at least one scorer from the batting side
4. LAW 4 THE BALL (MCC)
 *only the current competition Ball provided by the ÖCV/ACA, also for the replacement
5. LAW 5 THE BAT (MCC)
6. LAW 6 THE PITCH (MCC)
 *only non-turf pitches, different grounds – different dimensions
7. LAW 7 THE CREASE (MCC)
 *white/coloured lines; different grounds – different creases
8. LAW 8 THE WICKETS (MCC)
 *wooden spring wickets or hard plastic wickets; the base is part of the wickets
9. LAW 9 PREPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA (MCC)
 *only for non-turf pitches
10. LAW 10 COVERING THE PITCH (MCC)
 *not standard, only as per availability
11. LAW 11 INTERVALS (MCC)
 *limited overs/single day, no long breaks; ÖCV/ACA individual competition rules apply
12. LAW 12 START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY (MCC)
 *only ÖCV/ACA individual competition rules apply
13. LAW 13 INNINGS (MCC)
 *only one innings
14. LAW 14 THE FOLLOW ON (non-applicable)
15. LAW 15 DECLARATION AND FORFEITURE (non-applicable)
16. LAW 16 THE RESULT (MCC)
 *one innings only; tie - competition procedure
17. LAW 17 THE OVER (MCC)
 *note: 17.5.2 if, having miscounted, the umpire allows an over to continue after 6 valid balls have been bowled, he/she may subsequently call Over when the ball becomes dead after any delivery, even if that delivery is not a valid ball.
18. LAW 18 SCORING RUNS (MCC)
19. LAW 19 BOUNDARIES (MCC)
 *imaginary straight line between two boundary flags
20. LAW 20 DEAD BALL (MCC)



21	LAW 21	NO BALL	(MCC)
		*all No Balls concede Free Hit in all short formats	
22	LAW 22	WIDE BALL	(MCC)
23	LAW 23	BYE & LEG BYE	(MCC)
24	LAW 24	FIELDER'S ABSENCE; SUBSTITUTE	(MCC)
25	LAW 25	BATTER'S INNINGS; RUNNERS	(MCC)
		*check if Runner allowed in the competition rules	
26	LAW 26	PRACTICE ON THE FIELD	(MCC)
		*any type of ball is allowed for the practice on the field other than the pitch	
27	LAW 27	WICKET KEEPER	(MCC)
28	LAW 28	THE FIELDER	(MCC)
29	LAW 28	THE WICKET IS BROKEN	(MCC)
		*spring wickets/plastic wickets; the base is part of the wickets; replace/reinsert/hold high and retouch with the Ball/hand or arm holding the Ball	
30	LAW 30	BATTER OUT OF HIS/HER GROUND	(MCC)
31	LAW 31	APPEALS	(MCC)
32	LAW 32	BOWLED	(MCC)
33	LAW 33	CAUGHT	(MCC)
34	LAW 34	HIT THE BALL TWICE	(MCC)
35	LAW 35	HIT WICKET	(MCC)
36	LAW 36	LEG BEFORE WICKET	(MCC)
37	LAW 37	OBSTRUCTING THE FIELD	(MCC)
38	LAW 38	RUN OUT	(MCC)
39	LAW 39	STUMPED	(MCC)
40	LAW 40	TIMED OUT	(MCC)
41	LAW 41	UNFAIR PLAY	(MCC)
		*note: manipulating Match Ball; deliberate distractions/deceptions/obstructions; dangerous Bowling; deliberate FF No Ball; time wasting; protected area – <u>no ball after one warning</u> ;	
42	LAW 42	PLAYER'S CONDUCT	(MCC)

1. Generic playing conditions

- 1.1. The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code) and ICC Men's Twenty20 International Playing Conditions (28th September, 2017) shall apply for all ÖCV-ACA Twenty20 matches except as varied below.
- 1.2. The playing conditions for ÖCV/ACA Twenty20 matches are intended to be as close to the standard ICC Twenty20 international match playing conditions.
- 1.3. All references to 'ICC Match Referee' shall be replaced by 'ACA Match Referee'.
- 1.4. All references to 'Home Board' shall be replaced by 'ÖCV-ACA'.
- 1.5. All references third/fourth umpires, TV Replays, televised matches, light meters, flood lights, Day/Night matches, covering the pitch, practice on the field, ground staff, visiting Boards, Duckworth-Lewis, turf/non-turf pitches, etc do not apply.



- 1.6. The ICC changes to playing conditions, which came into effect on the 28th September, 2017 will in general apply.
- 1.7. The following differences to the ICC Playing Conditions will be applicable:
 - 1.7.1. A runner for a batsman when batting will NOT be allowed
 - 1.7.2. The following shall apply: If at knock out stage the scores are equal, the result will be a tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets which have fallen. In the event of a tied match the teams shall compete in a Super Over to determine the winner. There is NO provision of Super Over at group stage matches.

2. Law 13 – Innings

The clauses mentioned in the relevant ICC playing conditions shall apply subject to the following:

2.1. Bowling Restrictions:

- 2.1.1. In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for BOTH teams BEFORE the Start of the Match, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed.
- 2.1.2. Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

2.2. Length of Interrupted Matches

- 2.2.1. The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs.
- 2.2.2. 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.
- 2.2.3. A minimum of five overs have to be bowled to the side batting second to constitute a match result (unless there is a result earlier).
- 2.2.4. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average rate of 15 overs per hour (4 minutes per over) in the total time available for play.
- 2.2.5. If a reduction of the number of overs is required, any calculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the original cessation time. This time may be extended to allow one extra over for both teams to be added if required.
- 2.2.6. If the team fielding second fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled cessation time, the play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
- 2.2.7. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team unless the latter has been all out or has declared in less than the agreed number of overs.



2.2.8. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations of the number of overs. A started over counts as a full over.

2.3. Teams failing to bowl overs within allotted time

2.3.1. Overs should be bowled at a rate of 15 overs per hour. For a Twenty20 match therefore each team should bowl their overs in 1 hour and 20 minutes.

2.3.2. If a team – whether fielding first or second – bowls its overs not in the allotted time, the umpires shall allow only 4 Fielders on the boundary for the rest of the innings. This penalty is in addition to any penalty runs the umpires choose to award during the innings for time wasting or other offences. All penalty runs will be included in the net-run-rate calculations.

2.3.3. Captains will be informed by the umpires of slow over rates during the innings and the over rate shall be calculated across the whole innings.

2.3.4. Time allowances can be granted by umpires for lost ball, injuries etc., and should be confirmed to the fielding captain and the batsmen at the crease (representing the batting team) at the time of delay.

2.4. There will be NO self-adjustment in Target Score or the number of overs for the Team Batting Second in Interrupted Matches. The predetermined DLS software will come in play for this purpose (NEW).

3. Law 11 – Intervals & Law 12 - Start of Play; Cessation of Play

3.1. Laws 11 & 12 shall apply subject to the following (the respective clauses of the ICC Playing Conditions shall not apply):

3.1.1. The duration of each match will be as follows

Format	Total Duration	Playing time per innings	Drinks break per innings	Innings break
20 overs	180 minutes	80 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes

3.1.2. If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the innings break shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

3.1.3. Under conditions of extreme heat, the umpires may improvise drinks intervals.

3.1.4. 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.

4. Law 19 – Boundaries

4.1. While using boundary flags, an imaginary straight line between the two relevant flags will be taken into consideration.



5. Law 16 – The Result

5.1. This Law shall apply subject to the following:

5.1.1. For a result to be obtained the team batting second must have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as allocated to the team batting first. Otherwise, the match is treated as a No-Result-Abandoned, except for knock-out matches and matches where DLS is applied.

5.1.2. Similarly, if a match cannot safely be completed, e.g. because conditions become unsuitable for play, the match is treated as a No-Result (Abandoned).

5.1.3. In knock-out matches (such as a semi-final or a final), when it is not possible to achieve a result, the match will, weather and ground conditions permitting, be decided by a Bowl-Out. When the umpires deem the weather and/or ground conditions unsafe for a Bowl-Out, the match will be decided by the Toss.

5.1.4. In knock-out stages and in an event of a tied match the teams shall compete in a one over per side eliminator to determine the winner – Super-Over. In the group stage there is no provision of a Super-Over.

6. Law 17 – The Over

6.1. Law 17.1 stating that the ball shall be bowled from each end alternately in overs of 6 balls will be adhered to.

6.2. Law 17.6 indicating that bowlers should not bowl two consecutive overs continues to hold.

7. Law 28 - Fielder

7.1. The following fielding restrictions apply: No more than five fielders can be on the leg side (max. 2 behind square) at any time. During the first six overs, a maximum of two fielders can be outside the 30-yard circle (known as the powerplay). After the first six overs, a maximum of five fielders can be outside the fielding circle, if no fielding penalties are in place.

7.2. In circumstances when the number of overs of BOTH teams is reduced, the number of Powerplay overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

Total Overs in an Innings	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18	19-20
Number of Powerplay Overs	2	3	4	5	6

8. Batter Retiring

8.1. A Batter may retire at any time during his/her innings when the ball is dead.

8.2. Batter must inform the Umpires of the reason of his/her retirement.



- 8.3. If the reason for retiring is valid injury or illness, the Batter is recorded “retired hurt” and may resume his/her innings after the fall of a wicket/Batter retiring.
- 8.4. For all other voluntary retirements, the Batter is recorded “retired out” and cannot bat again in that innings.

9. Mankad

This run out method is not part of the ÖCV-ACA competitions and is not used. However, if the umpire considers that the non-striker is running away too early, a warning will be issued with a penalty of 5 runs if it happens again.

10. DLS

Currently on trial in ACA/ÖCV competitions.

11. Bowl-Outs (if in place)

- 11.1. Five players from each side will bowl over-arm two deliveries each at a wicket (conforming to Law 8) from a wicket (conforming to Law 8) pitched at a distance of 22 yards with bowling, popping and return creases (conforming to Law 7).
- 11.2. The first bowler from team A will bowl two deliveries, then the first bowler from team B will bowl two deliveries, then the second bowler from Team A will bowl two deliveries and so on. The side which bowls down the wicket (as defined in Law 29.1) most times shall be the winner.
- 11.3. If the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis. Only if circumstances make the contest impossible, shall the match be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 11.4. The following shall also apply in respect of 'bowl-outs':
- 11.4.1. The decision over which team will bowl first in the bowl-out will be made with the toss of a coin.
- 11.4.2. The same suitably acceptable ball (not a new one) will be used by both teams. If this ball becomes wet, it may be changed subject to the Umpires' approval.
- 11.4.3. If a bowler bowls a 'no ball' or a “wide ball” it will count as one of his two deliveries but will not count towards the score of the team.
- 11.4.4. The five cricketers to take part in the 'bowl-out' must be selected from the original 11 cricketers on the team sheet.
- 11.4.5. Each side will appoint a wicket-keeper to stand behind the wicket but out of reach of the stumps.

12. Point System – Group Stages

- 12.1. Points awarded during the group stages of matches will be as follows:
- 12.1.1. Win, with bonus point.....5 Points
- 12.1.2. Win, without bonus point.....4 Points



- 12.1.3. Tie or no result.....2 Points
- 12.1.4. In the case of a walkover the offending team will receive 0 points and the opposition will receive 5 points.
- 12.1.5. In the event of a walkover the offending team will be further deducted 2 points.
- 12.2. In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the final match or series will be determined as follows:
- 12.2.1. The team with the better Net-Run-Rate in the current League season
- 12.2.2. If still equal, the team with the higher number of wins
- 12.2.3. If still equal, the team with more bonus points
- 12.3. Net Run Rate
- 12.3.1. 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.
- 12.3.2. 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.
- 12.3.3. Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of net run rate calculations.
- 12.3.4. Practically the recorded Net Run Rate, as shown on the CricHq statistics, will be decisive.
- 12.4. Bonus Points
- 12.4.1. A team that achieves a run rate 1.25 times that of the opposition shall be awarded one bonus point. A team's run rate will be calculated by reference to the runs scored in an innings divided by the number of overs faced. Where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to face.

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14. Youth Safety

If not otherwise announced, the minimum age to play a match in the ACA/ÖCV general T-20 League is 16 years (completed on the day of the match). *consult also C.13.*

15. Walkover / Abandoned

15.1. Walkover can be awarded to a team by the umpires or the competition manager if:

15.1.1. The other team fails to show up on scheduled time without any reasonable excuse

15.1.2. The other team informs the competition manager in advance of their inability to take part in the match.

15.1.3. The team awarded with a “walkover-win” will also receive the bonus points.

15.1.4. A walkover match cannot be rescheduled

15.2. A match can be abandoned any time before or during the match due to:

15.2.1. Expected or current weather conditions and/or the fitness of the ground

15.2.2. Non-availability of both the teams (penalties may still apply)

15.2.3. There is no guarantee of a replacement game date as such

15.2.4. *see also D.5.*

***THESE ARE THE ACA/ÖCV T-20 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

FOR MEN & WOMEN

- whereas the Playing Conditions for the Women Competitions can be relaxed and flexed by the Competition Manager as per the needs and abilities of the current teams in Austria and
- these can also be seen as representative of the **ICC International Matches** for the Austrian National Teams

Also note that the playing conditions for the **ACA/ÖCV Open League** (21-50 overs) and the **ACA/ÖCV T-10 League** would be made known, if those leagues officially take place in the coming years.

The selection of **National Team** players will be carried out by the appointed Selection Committee and strictly according to the performance curve of the players, their technical abilities, their presence at the training sessions, their willingness and allowance to travel internationally and their ability to integrate into the team.