



Ballarat Cricket Association Governing Procedure 7

Championship Divisions and One Day League Grades

Promotion and Relegation

This Governing Procedure prescribes the process by which the Pennant Committee administers promotion, relegation and grading in accordance with BCA Policy 9 – “Competition Structure Policy”.

The BCA Board delegates responsibility for administering this Procedure to the Pennant Committee in accordance with Policy 9.

In the 2025-26 season the Ballarat Cricket Association introduced a new tiered competition

- Premier 1st XI – 10 teams
- Championship Division 1
- Championship Division 2
- Championship Division 3
- Championship Division 4
- Championship Division 5
- One Day League A Grade
- One Day League B Grade
- One Day League C Grade

Championship Division 1, 2 and 3 are hybrid turf, hard wicket competitions

At the conclusion of the 2025-26 season, based on ladder positions each of the Championship Division teams will have a maximum 8 teams, except for the lowest Division, which can have a maximum of 10 teams.

The One Day League Grades will have a maximum of 10 teams, except for the lowest Division.

From the 2026-27 season each Championship Division and One Day League Grade will feature Promotion and Relegation.

- There is no promotion / relegation from the Premier 1st XI to the Championship Division, and from the Championship Division to the One Day League and vice versa.

Promotion / Relegation will involve 1 team being promoted and 1 team being relegated.

The following process will apply.

Administration.

1. The BCA Pennant Committee will administer this Procedure and may exercise discretion only where specifically provided for within this Procedure or as authorised by the BCA Board.
2. Clubs will only be able to nominate affiliation in a 2-Day Division or 1 Day Cricket grade. It is up to the BCA Pennant Committee to determine which division or grade the team will participate in based on this procedure and the objectives of Policy 9.



Competition Structure.

3. New team allocations to either the Championship Division or One Day league Grade will usually be allocated to the lowest Division or Grade. However, the BCA Pennant Committee retains the sole discretion of team allocations including, if necessary, the relegation of a team from the top Division in a particular Grade
4. Clubs cannot have 2 teams in a Division or Grade (except for the lowest Division or Grade) unless otherwise determined by the Pennant Committee during the annual grading process considering the number of team entries, club requests and other factors like qualities of teams.
5. A Club with a team in the Premier 1st XI Competition, cannot have their 2nd XI team drop below Championship Division 3 via Promotion / Relegation. Requests from clubs to do this would be considered by the Pennant Committee, but it would not happen automatically as part of any Promotion and Relegation procedure.

Promotion / Relegation

6. The team finishing last on the ladder in a Division or Grade will be relegated and the Premier from the Division or Grade below will be promoted.
7. If the Premier is ineligible for promotion, the Pennant Committee may recommend promotion of the Grand Final Runner-Up if doing so is consistent with this Procedure and the objectives of Policy 9.
8. If the loser of the Grand Final also has a team in the higher Division or Grade there will be no promotion relegation between those two Divisions or Grades for that season.
9. If a team eligible for relegation already has a team in the lower Division, the Pennant Committee may recommend relegation of the second-last placed team if doing so is consistent with this Procedure and the objectives of Policy 9.
10. If the 2nd last place team on the ladder also has a team in the lower Division or Grade there will be no promotion relegation between those two Divisions or Grades for that season.

Governance

At the completion of each season, the Pennant Committee will review the operation of this Procedure and make recommendations to the BCA Board regarding any amendments considered necessary

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