

## Blue Book Extract 2017/18

### Dispensation for Finals

#### 12.3 Eligibility - finals

Players shall be eligible to play for a team (“eligible players”) in the “Finals” Competition on an unrestricted basis provided they have played a minimum of 6 matches (i.e. matches that have actually been played) for that team throughout the season. (see Rule 28). Any player who has played authorised Representative matches for the NSJCA on days when NSJCA competition matches for the Division that they are eligible for were scheduled, may count those Representative matches as part of the minimum number of matches required to qualify for ‘eligible’ status for finals matches.

In the event that a player has not played the minimum number of required matches as described above to be deemed an “eligible player”, a team may submit a dispensation application (see Rule 12.4) for the player to the NSJCA (through their club delegate), and the NSJCA dispensation committee will assess the application and, at its discretion, make a decision as to whether the player will be permitted to play in any finals matches and if so, in what capacity. The dispensation committee may permit “ineligible players” to play in a restricted capacity under certain conditions.

Examples of legitimate reasons for applying for dispensation include (but are not limited to);

- The player moved into area after season started but played all matches they were living in area for
- The player sustained an injury during the season (not necessarily during a match) that prevented them from playing the required number of games

#### Restricted Players

If a player has played for that team in 4 to 5 of the competition matches actually played by that team (representative matches do not count), they may play on a restricted basis as follows:

- They may bat no higher than the higher of number 8 in the batting list or after all players playing on an unrestricted basis have batted;
- They may not participate as wicketkeeper; and
- They may bowl no more than the minimum number of overs permitted for a bowler in the competition that the team is playing in except that, if the team has less than 11 players they may bowl additional overs once all players playing on an unrestricted basis have bowled the maximum permitted number of overs, if that is required for the team to complete its allotted number of overs for the innings.

Byes, matches abandoned where no play (or insufficient play to constitute a match) was possible and forfeits do not count as matches. Each day of a two-day match where play is possible counts as one match for each player present and available to participate on that day of the match.

#### 12.4 Dispensation - Finals

Players may apply to the Management Committee for dispensation to play for a team in the Finals matches notwithstanding that they do not meet the eligibility requirements in Rule 12.3. Such application must be made using the online finals dispensation form available on the NSJCA website and be lodged with the Association’s Dispensation Sub-committee Convenor no later than 5pm on the Tuesday before the relevant Final, or such extended time as permitted at the discretion of the Association’s Dispensation Sub-committee Convenor.

Note that under normal circumstances, dispensation will not be granted where a team already has 11 or more eligible players available for the match.

Any player that either doesn't meet the criteria described above or is not granted dispensation shall be deemed an "ineligible player".

#### 12.5 Breach – Finals

A team which plays an "ineligible player" in any Final, or breaches the conditions imposed upon that player's participation in that match as part of a dispensation ruling, will forfeit that match unless that team (the team in breach) can demonstrate exceptional circumstances. Honest error by the team in breach will not, of itself, constitute exceptional circumstances.

#### 12.6 Disclosure – Finals

Before the commencement of any Final, the team manager shall advise the opposing team manager of all restricted or dispensated players, and the conditions of the dispensation for all such restricted or dispensated players.