



COMPETITION RULES 2024

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DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, the following definitions shall apply:

Archive and Library Committee:	the committee set up by the Board to manage the archives and process the annual personal statistics of all cricketers in what is referred to as the Kleefstra Almanac.
Appeals Committee:	the committee as referred to in Article 15(1) of the Articles of Association.
Articles of Association:	the Articles of Association of the KNCB.
Board Sanction:	a measure referred to in Section III of the Disciplinary Regulations.
Board:	the Board of the KNCB.
Captain:	the person in charge of a Team as referred to in Law 1.3.
Captain's Report:	the digital form on which a Captain gives his assessment of the KNCB Umpire or Umpires assigned to a Match by the KNCB Executive.
Club Umpire:	the person designated as such under the provisions of Article 33.2(b).
Club:	a Club within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) of the Articles of Association.
Competition Manager:	the competition manager as referred to in Article 18 of the Internal Regulations.
Competition Rules:	the competition rules as referred to in Article 19 of the Internal Regulations.
Competition Software:	the computer programme in which Players, Matches, results, standings and player statistics are administered; the current programme is called ResultsVault.
Competition:	depending on the context: 1. the Matches between Teams of Clubs as a whole, organised by the Board during a Season, or 2. the Matches organised within one Division or within one Pool as a whole, organised by the Board during a Season.
Designated Player:	the Player on a Club Squad List who may be substituted in the cases referred to in Article 26.
Disciplinary Committee:	the Committee as referred to in Article 15(1)(a) of the Articles of Association.
Disciplinary Regulations:	the regulations as referred to in Article 25 of the Articles of Association.
Dispensation Committee:	the committee set up by the Board to advise it on dispensation requests submitted in accordance with Articles 9 to 27 inclusive.
Division [<i>Klasse</i>]:	the Competition (meaning 1) is subdivided in divisions on the grounds of strength (level) and/or playing day.
First Stage:	the Single Round Robin in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions respectively in the THE Divisions.
Ground Committee:	a committee set up by the Board to advise it and the Clubs on the conditions to be met by some or all parts of a cricket ground.
Ground Regulations:	the regulations adopted by the Board setting out the requirements and conditions for a cricket ground.
Ineligible Player:	a Player who, under the provisions of one or more articles of these Rules, is not allowed to play for a certain Team in a Match in a certain Competition and who does play in that Match.
Internal Regulations:	the Internal Regulations of the KNCB.
KNCB Executive [<i>Bonds bureau</i>]:	the executive organisation of the KNCB.
KNCB Team:	a Team compiled by or on behalf of the Board;
KNCB Umpire [<i>Bonds umpire</i>]:	the person designated as such under the provisions of Article 33.2(a).
KNCB:	the Royal Dutch Cricket Association.



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Laws:	the Laws of Cricket as determined and published from time to time by the MCC.
Lower Divisions:	all Divisions in the men's Competitions below <i>Eerste Klasse</i> except the Recreational Divisions.
Match Day:	a day on which a Match or Matches are fixed by the KNCB for the purposes of various articles in these and other rules and regulations.
Match Officials Committee:	a committee established by the Board to represent the interests of match officials (KNCB Umpires, Match Referees and Scorers) and to support the KNCB in all things related to match officials.
Match Point:	point awarded as a result of the outcome of a Match.
Match Referee:	a person designated by the Board to apply Article 5 and Section III of the Disciplinary Regulations.
Match:	a cricket match organised by, on behalf of or under the auspices of the KNCB, by an organisation to which the KNCB is affiliated or by a Member.
Member:	a Club referred to in Article 4(1)(a) of the Articles of Association.
One-Day Competition:	any competition in which the standard number of overs per Team exceeds 20.
Player:	any person who is or will be part of a Team.
Playing Conditions:	rules governing Matches organised by the KNCB, as referred to in Article 19 of the Internal Regulations. [Note: there may be separate Playing Conditions for particular Divisions].
Play-Off Stage:	the Matches immediately following the First Stage in the men's THE Divisions in which the Teams are divided into a championship pool and a relegation pool.
Pool:	any subdivision of a Division into two or more groups of more or less equal strength and generally with an equal number of Teams.
Public Order Measure [Ordemaatregel]:	a Board Resolution as referred to in Article 19(2) last sentence of the Articles of Association and Article 19(4) of the Internal Regulations.
Rules:	these Competition Rules.
Scorebook:	handwritten record of the course of a Match.
Scorecard:	the digital, administrative summary of a Match containing a number of components defined in these Competition Rules.
Scorer:	the person ensuring that all runs scored, all wickets taken and, if applicable, the number of overs bowled are recorded.
Scoring app:	the app provided by the KNCB to digitally score the Match.
Season:	the period of a year in which the Competitions are played.
Single Round Robin:	a form of Competition in which participating teams all play each other once.
Squad List:	the list of names of Players who may participate in the Men's One-Day THE and Men's T20 Competitions respectively.
Team sheet:	form on which, prior to the start of the Match, some details of the Players are provided, in particular their full names.
Team:	(usually) an eleven of a Club or the KNCB competing in any Match organised by, on behalf of or under the auspices of the KNCB.
THE:	abbreviation for Topklasse, Hoofdklasse and Eerste Klasse divisions (for readability often referred to as 'THE Divisions').
Twenty20 Competition (also: T20 Competition):	any competition in which the standard number of overs per Team is 20.
Umpire:	a person, not being a KNCB Umpire or Club Umpire, who stands as an umpire in a Match within the meaning of Law 2.



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GENERAL

Article 1 - Introduction

1. These Rules shall apply to all One-Day, T20 and any other Matches organised by, on behalf of or under the auspices of the KNCB to the extent not otherwise provided for in separate regulations.
2. The Board may delegate and/or mandate its powers under these Rules to the Competition Manager and/or one or more other persons.
3.
 - a. If a strict application of these Rules should lead to undesirable results, or if these Rules do not provide for any situation, the Board is authorised to take such measures in addition to or in derogation of the provisions of these Rules as it deems desirable for a proper course of the Competition.
 - b. If these Rules do not provide for any situation, the Board decides. In doing so, the Board will always seek advice from committees and advisers who are particularly involved in the subject matter.
 - c. These Rules will enter into force at the start of the 2024 Season of each Division, and will apply until new Competition Rules enter into force.
4. For the sake of readability persons and functions or roles in these Rules are referred to in the masculine form. Wherever the text reads 'he' or 'his', this shall also mean 'she' and 'her'.

Article 2 - Public Order Measures.

INTRODUCTION:

In Article 19(2) of the Articles of Association and Article 19(4) of the Internal Regulations, these Competition Rules establish Public Order Measures.

The purpose of these Public Order Measures is to ensure the orderly course of the Competition by the Board taking decisions in case of clear and predefined offences whereby the awarding of Match Points (result and possible Match Point deduction), in addition to impacting the parties involved, also has third-party effects on other participants in the relevant Division or Pool. In the past, delays in the disciplinary process could cause lasting uncertainty about the awarding of Match Points and thus the (final) standings in a Division or Pool, which was undesirable for all concerned.

1. Public Order Measures are taken in 'open-and-shut' cases, i.e. unauthorised non-appearance at a Match scheduled by the KNCB, a stopped Match and having fielded an Ineligible Player.
2. The Board may set a fine as part of a Public Order Measure.
3. For details on Public Order Measure referred to in paragraph 1, see Article 11 for non-appearance, Article 12 for stoppage and Article 29 for player ineligibility.
4. As also mentioned in each of the articles referred to in paragraph 3, a Respondent or Respondents wishing to challenge a Public Order Measure may do so before the Appeals Committee. It shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
5. The Public Order Measures referred to in this article do not concern individuals. If the Board believes that, in addition to these Public Order Measures, disciplinary offences have been committed by individuals and/or Teams, they may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.
6. The Board may always use its discretion to waive a Public Order Measure in special circumstances.



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[EXPLANATION:

In addition to what is stated in paragraph 6: this will generally be possible in the case of a stopped Match for which no KNCB Umpires were appointed. The Board shall then determine the result of the Match by awarding each Team one Match Point (1-1) by Public Order Measure, but may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee to determine the question of blame for the stoppage. Obviously, the Disciplinary Committee will be able to impose a Match Points deduction as a sanction, just as the Board may do for Matches officiated by KNCB Umpires.]

Article 3 - Duration of the Season

The Season runs from the second full weekend in April of any year to the third full weekend in September of the same year.

Article 4 - Subdivision of the Competitions

1. The men's One-Day Competition organised by the KNCB is divided into the following Divisions, from top to bottom: the One-Day Topklasse, the One-Day Hoofdklasse, the One-Day Eerste Klasse, the One-Day Overgangsklasse, the One-Day Tweede Klasse and the One-Day Derde Klasse.
2. The men's T20 Competition organised by the KNCB is divided into the following Divisions, from top to bottom: the T20 Topklasse, the T20 Hoofdklasse, the T20 Eerste Klasse and the T20 Lower Divisions.
3. The men's One-Day Recreational Division organised by the KNCB is divided into the following Divisions: the One-Day ZAMI Division and the One-Day ZOMI Division. These Divisions are jointly referred to as the Recreational Divisions.
4. The Women's One-Day Competition organised by the KNCB is divided into the following Divisions, from top to bottom: the One-Day Topklasse and the One-Day Hoofdklasse.
5. The women's T20 Competition organised by the KNCB consists of a single Division: the women's T20 Division.
6. The youth competition organised by the KNCB is divided into the following Divisions, from young to old: U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17. The youth competition has its own competition rules and playing conditions.
7. Other Competitions organised by the KNCB shall be subdivided as needed and per Season.

Article 5 - Participation in the Competitions

1.
 - a. A Club wishing to participate in one or more of the Competitions organised by the KNCB must give the Competition Manager written notice by digital registration form no later than the 5th working day of January prior to the Season.
 - b. The number of Teams and the Divisions in which those Teams compete need not be specified. The KNCB always assumes the same number of Teams and the same Divisions in which those Teams played in the previous Season, obviously taking account of any promotions and relegations.
 - c. If a Club wishes to enter one or more additional or fewer Teams, this must be stated at the time of registration as described in paragraph 1.



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- d. A Club may enter a Team that did not yet play in the One-Day Competition in the previous Season only in the lowest Division. Having played in the Recreational Division in the previous Season does not count as having played in the One-Day Competition for this Member.
- e. If one Team fewer is entered, only the lowest Team may be omitted.
- f. A Club that on 31 December of the previous year had any financial payments outstanding to the KNCB from before 1 December of that year shall not be allowed to participate in Competitions organised by the KNCB.
- g. A Club with one or more Teams playing in the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions is obliged to participate with the same number of Teams also in the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.

[POLICY:

The Board's policy with respect to the registration of a new (additional) Team for participation in the Competitions or withdrawal of a Team is as follows:

- i. A new Team registered in time shall be entered in the lowest Division.*
- ii. A new (i.e. additional) Team that is entered after the date referred to in paragraph 1(a) shall be entered in the lowest Division, provided that there is a reasonable possibility to do so and the Teams already entered in the relevant Division or Pool are not unduly inconvenienced. This is at the discretion of the Board.*

[EXPLANATION:

The Board has decided that T20 cricket should be given more prominence in Dutch cricket. To this end, a men's T20 Competition has been created for each Division for the Teams playing in the men's One-Day Competition in the THE Divisions, which will be played on weekends.

In order to have fully-fledged T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions, all Teams playing in the One-Day Competitions in these Divisions must also play in the T20 Competitions of these Divisions. For this reason participation in the men's T20 Competitions has been made mandatory for Teams in the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions.

The T20 Competition of the men's Lower Divisions is played on weekdays and, for that reason, is not compulsory for Teams from the men's One-Day Overgangsklasse, Tweede Klasse and Derde Klasse Competitions or the Recreational Divisions.]

- h. Clubs with one or more Teams in Overgangsklasse, Tweede Klasse, Derde Klasse as well as the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition may enter one or more Teams in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition.

2.

- a. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall impose a fine on any Club that withdraws one or more Teams registered for participation in the Competitions after the date referred to in paragraph 1(a), not exceeding € 250 for each withdrawn Team.
This is a Board Resolution. Appeal may be lodged against a Board Resolution with the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee will then only review whether the Board Resolution was reasonable.
- b. A Club cannot withdraw any Team other than the Team entered in the lowest Division. If more than one Team from that Club is playing in that Division, that will be the Team that ranks lower within the Club itself.



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- c. In derogation from the provisions of paragraph 2(a), the Board shall impose a fine of not exceeding € 500 for each Team withdrawn on any Club that has only one or more Teams in the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions and withdraws one or more Teams from the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.

This is a Board Resolution. Appeal may be lodged against a Board Resolution with the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). It shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

[EXPLANATION: According to paragraph 1(f), a Club with one or more Teams in the men's One-Day Competition in the THE Divisions is obliged to participate with the same number of Teams also in the T20 Competition.]

3.

- a. There are no restrictions on Clubs registering Teams within the rules mentioned in paragraph 1. It is the responsibility of a Club to be able to host all home matches of its Teams.
- b. A Club may give notice when registering Teams that it has no pitch or pitches available on certain days or weekends and therefore request not to be allocated home matches on those days. The Competition Leader will endeavour to accommodate this, but the regular course of the Competition in all Divisions and Pools shall always prevail.

[EXPLANATION:

The obligation in a. in this paragraph means that, if no pitch is available, the Club must arrange for another pitch itself.]

- c. If a Match will not be played on a pitch of the Club of the home Team, that Club must notify the Competition Manager and the visiting team's Club in writing (by email) no later than 4 days before the Match Day.
- d. With the approval of the Competition Manager and both Clubs in question, the period mentioned in c. of this paragraph may be shortened.
- e. If the Club is unable to find another pitch and, as a result, the Match is not played, this shall be considered as the home Team having failed to show up. See Article 11 (Non-appearance) for the consequences.

4.

- a. If, in its opinion, this is desirable or necessary for the proper course of the Competition, the Board may decide to withdraw a Team from the Competition. This decision is a Board Resolution. Appeal may be lodged against this Board Resolution with the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). It shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
- b. A Team withdrawn from the Competition after the start of the Competition shall be deemed to have finished in last place in that Division provided that this Team has played at least one Match with a valid result.

5. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

[POLICY:

With regard to withdrawing Teams from the Competition, the Board shall implement the following policy: The KNCB shall (also) remove a Team from the Competition if this Team failed to play more than two Matches due to not showing up and/or failing to finish a Match.]



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Article 6 - Merger of Clubs

- a. A Club formed by the merger of two or more Members shall acquire membership of the KNCB subsequent to the merger provided that each of the merging Clubs has fulfilled all its financial obligations to the KNCB.
- b. In the Season following the merger date, the merged Club will have the same number of Teams in the Divisions in which the merging Clubs had one or more Teams. This includes any promotion and/or relegation in the previous Season. The provisions of Article 4(1)(c) do apply.

Article 7 - Combination teams

1. If requested, the Board may allow Clubs to participate in the Competition with a combination team.
2. When two or more Clubs form a combination team, the name under which that Team participates in the Competition shall consist of the name of one or more of the Clubs followed by the addition 'combination'. The Board may allow deviations from this naming scheme.
3. For the purposes of Articles 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27, the Players of a Combination Team are deemed to be playing for the Clubs of which they are members, or were members prior to the Season start.
4. The Clubs in question are jointly and severally liable for registration fees, fines and all other financial obligations of the combination team.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Article 8 - Competition schedule - general

1.
 - a. The Board shall adopt the competition schedule on the recommendation of the Competition Manager.
These Rules apply to all Matches played as part of the competition schedule.
 - b. Matches may be fixed throughout the Season as defined in Article 3.
 - c. The men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions are played on Saturdays from mid-April to the first weekend of July. After that date, Matches are played on Sundays.

[EXPLANATION: This decision was taken to allow youth matches to be fixed on Sundays.]
 - d. Matches in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition are played in principle on Sundays. If not enough pitches are available on Sundays, Matches may occasionally be played on Saturdays.
 - e.
 - i. Matches in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition are played on weekday evenings. All final rounds except the 'Grand Final' will also be played on weekday evenings.



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- ii. If necessary, there will be a weighted draw for the final rounds: if, in addition to the Teams finishing first in their Pool, the best runner-up or runners-up also get a spot in the first final round, a Team that draws against such a runner-up will play at home. The draw for the first round shall also determine which winner shall play their semi-final at home and which semi-final winner shall play the final at home.
 - f. Matches in the women's One-Day and T20 Competitions are played on Saturdays.
 - g. The Competition Manager will ensure all Matches of the competition schedule are entered into the Competition Software.
 - h. The Competition Manager can set dates on which certain Matches must be played and/or after which certain Matches may no longer be played. If in his judgment there is reason to do so, he may change these dates.
2.
 - a. In special cases, the Competition Manager may change the date of a Match at his discretion.
 - b. In the Lower Divisions and the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions, Clubs may submit a substantiated request to move a Match to a different date. Article 10 lists the conditions that must be met.
3. A Match is considered fixed if the Competition Manager has notified the Secretaries of both Clubs by telephone or in writing (by email) no later than the fourth day before the date of the match. The Competition Manager will ensure the changed date is entered in the Competition Software.
4. With the approval of the Competition Manager and both Clubs in question, the period mentioned in paragraph 3 may be shortened.
5. If a fixture is cancelled due to weather or related ground conditions or does not produce a valid result, Article 9 takes effect.

Article 9 - Rules for rained-off Matches

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

In the 2024 Season, rained-off Matches in the men's T20 Competition in the THE Divisions are rescheduled only to a limited extent: no more than two Matches can be rescheduled, on weekday evenings or, if possible, on weekends, both within a set period.

In the First Stage and in the Play-Off Stage of the THE Divisions in the men's One-Day Competition, rained-off Matches are rescheduled to a limited extent: in the first First Stage on two set days, in the Play-Off Stage on one set day.

In the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition, Matches may be rescheduled at the Teams' discretion within a set period.

In the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition, rained-off matches may be rescheduled to a limited extent on set days at the Teams' discretion.

Matches in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition may be rescheduled within a set period.

In the women's Competitions, rained-off Matches may be rescheduled within set periods at the Teams' discretion.

In some Divisions and/or Competitions, a reserve day is scheduled for a final round - see the relevant Playing Conditions (Article 16.10).

[EXPLANATION:

Wherever in this article reference is made to 'rained off', it means that the Match is cancelled or does not produce a valid result due to weather or related ground conditions.]



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I. Men's THE Divisions in the T20 Competition

1. In Season 2024, there are no days set aside in the competition schedule to reschedule rained-off Matches. However, the first two (and only the first two) Matches of each Team that are rained off must be rescheduled.
2. The first two Matches referred to in paragraph 1 are in principle rescheduled on weekday evenings, unless both Teams' Clubs agree to reschedule their Match on a weekend. When rescheduling on a weekend, no Matches in any Division may be moved to another date to make room. Matches may be moved to another ground, though.
3. The Clubs may agree the date of the rescheduled match together, provided:
 - a. they inform the Competition Manager of the new date (by email) no later than the third working day after the day their Match was rained off;
 - b. for rounds 1 to 3 of the T20 Competition that date is within 21 days of the date the Match was rained off (rained-off on a Saturday in week 1 therefore means the rescheduled Match must be played no later than the third Friday after that Saturday);
 - c. for round 4, within 14 days after the date the Match was rained off.
 - d. for round 5, within seven days after the date the Match was rained off.
4. A Match in round 6 that is rained off cannot be rescheduled. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
5. If the Competition Manager has not been informed of a new date within the three working days referred to in paragraph 3(a), the Competition Manager shall fix the Match on the Friday evening of the second week after the rained-off Match, except in the cases referred to in paragraph 3(c) and (d), when it is on the Friday night of the week after the date the Match was rained off
6. The Competition Manager shall fix the Match to be played at the ground of the Club of the Team that was the home team in the rained-off Match. Should that Club not have a pitch available, it must arrange for an alternative ground and notify the other Team and the Competition Manager in good time.
7. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.
8. For a Match that cannot be rescheduled anymore (i.e. a third or subsequent rained-off Match), the Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
9. If, on a rained-off Match Day, three Matches (i.e. three Teams) were fixed at one ground and one or more of these Matches are rained off:
 - a. the Clubs of those three Teams will have to find either one weekend day to play all three Matches, or find three different evenings.
 - b. with respect to paragraph 6, if the Matches are rescheduled on three different days, the home-playing Teams shall be the Teams that were listed first in the competition schedule of the day that was rained off.



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II. THE Divisions in the men's One-Day Competitions: First Stage

1. In the 2024 Season, the competition schedule of the THE Divisions is structured in such a way that in the First Stage two days are reserved to reschedule rained-off Matches.
2. If a Match is rained off, it shall be rescheduled by the Competition Manager on the first reserve day referred to in paragraph 1 provided one or both Teams does/do not already have a rescheduled Match on that day. If the latter is the case, the Match shall be rescheduled on the second reserve day.
3. If both Teams are not free on either reserve day:
 - the Match Points of the rained-off Match are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.
4. The Competition Manager shall fix the Match to be played at the ground of the Club of the Team that was the home team in the rained-off Match. Should that Club not have a pitch available, it must arrange for an alternative ground and notify the other Team and the Competition Manager in good time.
5. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.

III. THE Divisions in the men's One-Day Competition: Play-Off Stage

1. In the 2024 Season, the competition schedule of the THE Divisions is structured in such a way that in the Play-Off Stage one day is reserved to reschedule rained-off Matches.
2. If a Match is rained off, it shall be rescheduled by the Competition Manager on the reserve day referred to in paragraph 1 provided one or both Teams does/do not already have a rescheduled Match on that date.
3. If on the rescheduling date, one or both Teams are not free:
 - the Match Points of the rained-off Match are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.
4. The Competition Manager shall fix the Match to be played at the ground of the Club of the Team that was the home team in the rained-off Match. Should that Club not have a pitch available, it must arrange for an alternative ground itself and notify the other Team and the Competition Manager in good time.
5. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.



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IV. Lower Divisions in the men's One-Day Competition

1. In the 2024 Season, the competition schedule is structured in such a way that in Divisions or Pools with eight or fewer Teams, the last two weekends of August and the first three weekends of September are reserved for rescheduling rained-off Matches. For Divisions or Pools with nine or more Teams, this period is shorter.
There is no obligation to replay a rained-off Match, but see paragraph 2(b).
2. The following rules apply to rained-off Matches.
 - a. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - b. If at least one of the Teams wants to reschedule the Match, the Competition Manager shall fix it in the first weekend of the period mentioned in paragraph 1 on which neither Team already has a rescheduled Match.
 - c. If both Teams are not free on none of the rescheduling days in the period mentioned in paragraph 1, the provisions in a. apply to the rained-off Match.
 - d. If a Team wishes to reschedule the Match, that Team's Club must notify the Competition Manager in writing (by email) within three working days after the rained-off Match. If this is not done within these three days, the rained-off Match cannot be rescheduled.
 - e. The Competition Manager shall fix the Match to be played at the ground of the Club of the Team that was the home team in the rained-off Match. Should that Club not have a pitch available, it must arrange for an alternative ground and notify the other Team and the Competition Manager.
 - f. The Competition Manager shall confirm the change or changes to both Clubs and ensure the new date (and different ground, if applicable) is entered into the Competition Software. Note: only then is the Match formally rescheduled.
In the standings, the result of first Match is cancelled.
 - g. Once the Competition Manager has rescheduled the Match, it must also be played. Not played (other than due to weather or related ground conditions) means: one of the Teams failed to turn up. See Article 11 for the consequences.
3. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match shall not be rescheduled.



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V. Recreational Divisions in the men's One-Day Competition

1. In the 2024 Season, no weekends have been set aside for replaying Matches. There is no obligation to replay a rained-off Match, but see paragraph 2(b).
2. The following rules apply to rained-off Matches.
 - a. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - b. If both Teams wish to reschedule the Match, the Clubs of those Teams may agree a date for the replay and the ground on which the match will be played amongst themselves, provided that:
 - i. they inform the Competition Manager of the new date and ground (by email) no later than the third working day after the date of the rained-off Match;
 - ii. the new date is during the Season as described in Article 3.Note: if Matches are rescheduled, Matches in this Division or any other Division may not be moved to another date to make room.
 - c. If the Competition Manager was not informed within the three days referred to in paragraph 2(a), the rained-off Match cannot be replayed.
 - d. The Competition Manager shall confirm the change or changes to both Clubs and ensure the new date (and different ground, if applicable) is entered into the Competition Software. Note: only then is the Match formally rescheduled.
 - e. In the standings, the result of first Match is cancelled.
 - f. Once the Competition Manager has rescheduled the Match, it must also be played. Not played (other than due to weather or related ground conditions) means: one of the Teams failed to turn up. See Article 11 for the consequences.
3. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match is not rescheduled again.

VI. First Stage in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions

1. In Season 2024, so many Teams have been entered that there is no room in the competition schedule to reschedule rained-off Matches.
2. If any Match is rained off, the Match Points are divided equally 1-1.



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VII. Topklasse in the women's One-Day Competition

1. In the 2024 Season, no weekends have been reserved for replaying Matches. There is no obligation to replay a rained-off Match, but see paragraph 2(b).
2. The following rules apply to rained-off Matches.
 - a. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - b. If both Teams wish to reschedule the Match, the Clubs of those Teams may themselves agree a date for the replay and the ground on which the match will be played, provided that:
 - a. they inform the Competition Manager of the new date and ground (by email) no later than the third working day after the date of the rained-off Match;
 - b. the new date is within 22 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - c. the date of the rained-off Match was three weeks before the final round: then the Match can only be rescheduled within 15 days of the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - d. the date of the rained-off Match was two weeks before the final round: then then the Match can only be rescheduled within 8 days of the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - e. the date of the rained-off Match was one week before the final round: then the Match cannot be rescheduled.

Note: if Matches are rescheduled, other Matches in this Division or any other Division may not be moved to another date to make room.

- c. If the Competition Manager was not informed within the three days referred to in paragraph 2(a), the rained-off Match cannot be rescheduled.
 - d. The Competition Manager shall confirm the change or changes to both Clubs and ensure the new date (and different ground, if applicable) is entered into the Competition Software. Note: only then is the Match formally rescheduled.
 - e. In the standings, the result of first Match is cancelled.
 - f. Once the Competition Manager has rescheduled the Match, it must also be played. Not played (other than due to weather or related ground conditions) means: one of the Teams failed to turn up. See Article 11 for the consequences.
4. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - the Match is not rescheduled again.



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VIII. Hoofdklasse in the women's One-Day Competition

1. In the 2024 Season, no weekends have been set aside for replaying Matches. There is no obligation to replay a rained-off Match, but see paragraph 2(b).
2. The following rules apply to rained-off Matches.
 - a. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - b. If both Teams wish to reschedule the Match, the Clubs of those Teams may themselves agree a date for the replay and the ground on which the Match will be played, provided that:
 - i. they inform the Competition Manager of the new date and ground (by email) no later than the third working day after the date of the rained-off Match;
 - ii. the new date is within 22 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - iii. the date of the rained-off Match was three weeks before the final round: in that case the Match can only be rescheduled within 15 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - iv. the date of the rained-off Match was two weeks before the final round: in that case the Match can only be replayed within 8 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - v. the date of the rained-off Match was one week before the final round: in that case the Match cannot be rescheduled.

Note: if Matches are rescheduled, other Matches in this Division or any other Division may not be moved to another date to make room.
 - c. If the Competition Manager was not informed within the three days referred to in paragraph 2(a), the rained-off Match cannot be rescheduled.
 - d. The Competition Manager shall confirm the change or changes to both Clubs and ensure the new date (and different ground, if applicable) is entered into the Competition Software. Note: only then is the Match formally rescheduled.
 - e. In the standings, the result of first Match is cancelled.
 - f. Once the Competition Manager has rescheduled the Match, it must also be played. Not played (other than due to weather or related ground conditions) means: one of the Teams failed to turn up. See Article 11 for the consequences.
3. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - the Match is not rescheduled again.



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IX. Women's T20 Competition

1. In the 2024 Season, no weekends have been set aside for replaying Matches. There is no obligation to replay a rained-off Match, but see paragraph 2(b).
2. The following rules apply to rained-off Matches.
 - a. The Match Points are divided equally 1-1.
 - b. If both Teams wish to reschedule the Match, the Clubs of those Teams may agree a date for the replay and the ground on which the Match will be played amongst themselves, provided that:
 - i. they inform the Competition Manager of the new date and ground (by email) no later than the third working day after the date of the rained-off Match;
 - ii. the new date is within 15 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - iii. the date of the rained-off Match was two weeks before the final round: in that case the Match can only be rescheduled within 8 days after the date of the rained-off Match, unless
 - iv. the date of the rained-off Match was one week before the final round: in that case the Match cannot be rescheduled.Note: if Matches are rescheduled, other Matches in this Division or any other Division may not be moved to another date to make room.
 - c. If the Competition Manager was not informed within the three days referred to in paragraph 2(a), the rained-off Match cannot be rescheduled.
 - d. The Competition Manager shall confirm the change or changes to both Clubs and ensure the new date (and different ground, if applicable) is entered into the Competition Software. Note: only then is the Match formally rescheduled.
 - e. In the standings, the result of first Match is cancelled.
 - f. Once the Competition Manager has rescheduled the Match, it must also be played. Not played (other than due to weather or related ground conditions) means: one of the Teams failed to turn up. See Article 11 for the consequences.
3. If the Match is rescheduled and this second Match is also rained off:
 - the Match Points are divided equally 1-1;
 - the Match is not rescheduled again.

[POLICY: With regard to the fixing of rescheduled matches, as referred to in this article, the Board shall implement the following policy:

- *In the final fixing of rescheduled matches, the Competition Manager shall prioritise, if necessary and/or required, Matches that may be of importance for the further course of the Competition, qualification for any final, the championship, promotion, relegation or any reorganisation of the Competition..*
- *When rescheduling Matches, Matches in a higher Division take precedence over Matches in a lower Division.*
- *If necessary, a Match may be rescheduled at a ground designated by the Competition Manager. The assessment of any interest or necessity in this regard is at the Board's sole discretion.]*



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Article 10 - Rearranging a fixture

This article does not deal with any rained-off Matches - see Article 9 (Rules for rained-off Matches) for those.

[POLICY:

Because the Season is so 'full' in terms of Matches and ground occupancy and also because Clubs and Players want to know their Team's fixtures prior to the Season, the following applies with regard to Club moving a fixture to a different date.]

I. men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in THE Divisions

[POLICY: In fixing the competition schedule in the men's THE Divisions, account will be taken of Clubs' limited pitch availability on Saturdays in the first weeks or months of the Season.

If a Club clearly indicates when registering Teams for Competitions that the unavailability of a pitch on Saturday is beyond its control, the Competition Manager shall fix the Saturday home match on the Sunday in the same weekend. This is done so as to avoid that a Team of this Club would have to play several home matches at a different ground.]

1. In THE Divisions, fixtures cannot be rearranged after the competition schedule has been announced, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Board.

[POLICY:

The Board has decided that the unavailability on a Match Day of one or more Players and/or Player Support Personnel of a Team because they are involved with one or more KNCB Teams, is not a cause to reschedule a Match on a different date. In this, the Board follows what is common practice in other countries.]

2. An exceptional circumstance as referred to in paragraph 1 may be that only after the competition schedule has been fixed a Club is given notice that a pitch will be unavailable on the relevant Match Day. If this has demonstrably happened entirely beyond its control, at the written (email) request of the Club of the home Team, to be sent within 24 hours after the Club has had this notice, the Competition Manager may allow the Match to be played on the other day of that same weekend. This change must obviously not clash with any youth competition fixture.

[POLICY:

The inability of a Player or Coach of a Team to be present at a Youth Match is not considered as 'clashing with any youth competition Match'.]

3. Should, on the other day referred to in paragraph 2, another Match (other than a youth match) in any Competition be scheduled on the pitch, the Club itself must arrange a solution for its other Team (find another suitable ground). That Match may not be postponed.
4. If, on the other day referred to in paragraph 2, the Club of the home Team does not have a pitch available, that Club must itself arrange for another (suitable) ground where the Match can be played on the originally scheduled day.
5. Only when the Competition Manager has confirmed the change or changes has the Match/have the Matches been definitively rescheduled. The Competition Manager shall ensure the new date and the different ground/grounds, if applicable, is entered in the Competition Software.



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6. Should the Match not be played on the new date (except if the Match is rained off) after the Competition Manager's approval of the request to reschedule, the Match shall be considered as 'not having been played'. Both Teams shall be awarded one (1) Match Point.
7. Unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, and except in special cases at the discretion of the Board, the Board shall impose a Public Order Measure for non-appearance (see Article 11) on the Team deemed guilty of not playing the Match and the Club of that Team.
8. The Board may derogate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
9. A Public Order Measure or other decision of the Board may be appealed with the Appeals Committee by the Club of the Team against which the sanction is directed (see Internal Regulations Article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

II. women's One-Day and T20 Competitions

1. Fixtures in the women's One-Day and T20 Competitions cannot be rescheduled.
2. However, in derogation from the provisions of paragraph 1, a fixture can be brought forward in time. To this end, the Clubs of both Teams must jointly submit a request (in writing, by email) to the Competition Manager stating the new date and ground. The request must be made at least four working days before the new date. If on the new date the Club of the home Team does not have a pitch available, this Club must itself arrange for another (suitable) ground.
3. The Competition Manager will reject the request if it is submitted too late. He shall also reject the request if he has already scheduled another Match on that pitch.
4. With the approval of the Competition Manager and both Clubs involved, the period referred to in paragraph 2 may be shortened.
5. Only when the Competition Manager has confirmed the change does it become final. The Competition Manager shall ensure the new date and the different ground, if applicable, are entered in the Competition Software.
6. Should the Match not be played on the new date (except in the case the Match is rained off) after the Competition Manager's approval of the request to reschedule, the Match shall be considered as 'not having been played'. Both Teams shall be awarded one (1) Match Point.
7. Unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, and except in special cases at the discretion of the Board, the Board shall impose a Public Order Measure for non-appearance (see Article 11) on the Team deemed guilty of not playing the Match and the Club of that Team.
8. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
9. A Public Order Measure or other decision of the Board may be appealed to the Appeals Committee by the Club of the Team against which the sanction is directed (see Internal Regulations Article 13.8). It shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.



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III. men's One-Day Competitions in the Lower Divisions and One-Day Competitions in the Recreational Divisions

1. In the Lower Divisions and in the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions, Clubs may submit a substantiated request to reschedule a Match on a different date. The following conditions apply.
2. A Match can (almost) always be brought forward in time. To this end, the Clubs of both Teams must jointly submit a request to the Competition Manager stating the new date and ground. The request must be submitted at least four working days before the new date. The Competition Manager shall reject the request only if he has already scheduled another Match on that pitch. If on the new date the Club of the home Team does not have a pitch available, this Club must itself arrange for another (suitable) ground.
3. Matches can be rescheduled on a later date only if that date that is earlier in time than the dates listed in the table below:

<i>originally fixed in the month(s) of</i>	<i>can be rearranged on a date before:</i>
April and May	1 July
June	1 August
July	1 September (*)
August	1 September (*)

4. (*) As the last two weekends of August and the first three weekends of September are reserved for rescheduling rained-off Matches (see Article 9(1) (Rules for rained-off Matches) in Section II of this article), a Match cannot be rescheduled on the same weekend day as that of the original Match. Rescheduling on the other weekend day is possible, however.
5. For a rescheduling as referred to in paragraph 3, the Clubs of both Teams must jointly submit a request to that effect to the Competition Manager in good time, i.e. at least four working days before the original date of the Match. This request should be made in writing (email) by the Club of the home Team, copying in the Club of the other Team. The request must include the agreed new date and ground.
6. The Competition Manager shall reject the request if it is submitted too late. He shall also reject the request if he has already scheduled another Match on that pitch.
7. With the approval of the Competition Manager and both Clubs in question, the period referred to in paragraph 2 may be shortened.
8. Only when the Competition Manager has confirmed the change does it become final. The Competition Manager shall ensure the new date and the different ground, if applicable, are entered in the Competition Software.

[EXPLANATION:

Obviously, neither Team must already have a fixture (whether previously rescheduled or not) scheduled on the proposed new date.

When rescheduling the Match, the Competition Manager may give priority to a Match whose importance is deemed greater than the Match to be rescheduled.]



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9. Should the Match not be played on the new date (except in the case the Match is rained off) after the Competition Manager's approval of the request to reschedule, the Match shall be considered as 'not having been played'. Both Teams shall be awarded one (1) Match Point.
10. Unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles, and except in special cases at the discretion of the Board, the Board shall impose a Public Order Measure for no-show (see Article 11) on the Team deemed guilty of not playing the Match and the Club of that Team.
11. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

IV. Lower Divisions of men's T20 Competition

1. Because in Season 2024 the competition schedule in the men's T20 Competition Lower Divisions is set up so that the T20 Matches are always fixed every other week. it is possible to reschedule Matches. The following conditions apply.
2. Moving a Match within the same week, whether on an earlier or a later date than the Match Day, is always allowed provided the Clubs of both Teams and the Competitions Manager agree. In principle, a request must be submitted to the Competition Manager jointly by the Clubs of both Teams at least four working days before the original Match Day, but in a particular case, this may be deviated from provided the Competition Manager and both Clubs agree.
Note: If on the new date the Club of the home Team does not have a pitch available, this Club must itself arrange for another (suitable) ground.
3. Matches may be rescheduled to a later week only if that date is in the week after the original Match Day. The home Club remains responsible for providing a pitch. The Clubs of both Teams must jointly submit a request for this rescheduling (in writing, by email) to the Competition Manager stating the new date and ground. In principle, a request must be submitted to the Competition Manager at least four working days before the original Match Day, but in a particular case, this can be deviated from provided the Competition Manager and both Clubs agree.
4. With the approval of the Competition Manager and both Clubs involved, the period referred to in paragraph 2 may be shortened.
5. Only when the Competition Manager has confirmed the change does it become final. The Competition Manager shall ensure the new date and the different ground, if applicable, are entered in the Competition Software.
6. Should the Match not be played on the new date (unless the Match is rained off) after the Competition Manager's approval of the request to reschedule, the Match shall be considered as 'not having been played'. Both Teams shall be awarded one (1) Match Point.
7. Unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, and except in special cases at the discretion of the Board, the Board shall impose a Public Order Measure for non-appearance (see Article 11) on the Team deemed guilty of not playing the Match and the Club of that Team.
8. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
9. An objection may be lodged to the secretary of the Board to a sanction imposed by the Board by the Club against which the sanction is directed (see Article 22(4) of the Disciplinary Regulations). The case shall then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.



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10. A Public Order Measure or other decision of the Board may be appealed to the Appeals Committee by the Club of the Team against which the sanction is directed (see Internal Regulations Article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

Article 11 - Non-appearance

1.
 - a. See the KNCB Playing Conditions for each Competition and/or Division, Article 1.5 ('The Players - local Dutch Rules'), and for Matches for which a KNCB Umpire has been appointed: see Article 16.2.2 ('the KNCB Match Referee awarding a match').
 - b. A Team is also-considered to have failed to appear if, whether announced or not, it does not appear for a Match scheduled in accordance with Article 9, or fails to start that Match, without the consent of the Competition Manager.

[EXPLANATION:

Article 10 specifies whether ('which Division, which Competition, what conditions') and how ('Teams must arrange this themselves') a scheduled Match can be rescheduled. If this fails or both Teams cannot agree on a new date, the Match must be played on the original date. Failure to play the match counts as non-appearance.

The provisions in a. apply in full to a Match that has been rescheduled (having previously been rained off or rescheduled).]

2. Unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, and except in special cases at the discretion of the Board, the Board shall impose a Public Order Measure for non-appearance on the Team and the Club of that Team.
3. The Match is considered 'not having been played'. Both Teams shall be awarded one (1) Match Point.

[POLICY: In Season 2024, the Board shall impose the following Public Order Measures for non-appearance of Teams:

- a. *First non-appearance for a scheduled Match:*
 - *a three Match Points deduction for the non-appearing Team;*
 - *a € 250 fine for the Club.*
 - b. *Second non-appearance of the same Team in the same Competition:*
 - *a five Match Points deduction for the Team;*
 - *a € 250 fine for the Club.*
 - c. *Third non-appearance of the same Team:*
 - *the Team is taken out of the Competition and is deemed to have finished last in its Division or Pool. All the Team's results in this Competition will be cancelled. Personal statistics of the Players of the Team are retained;*
 - *a € 500 fine for the Club.*
 - d. *If two Matches are scheduled for the same Team on the same day and the Team fails to show up for both Matches, then not what is stated in b., but what is stated in a. shall apply to the second Match.*
For the provisions in b. and c., the Team is deemed to have only failed to appear for one Match at that point.
4. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.



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5. A Public Order Measure or other decision of the Board may be appealed to the Appeals Committee by the Club of the Team in question (see Internal Regulations Article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

Article 12 - Stoppage of a match

In addition to what is stated in the Playing Conditions of the Competition and/or Division (in Article 16.2), the following shall apply.

1. In the event of a stopped Match for which a KNCB Umpire or KNCB Umpires have been appointed by the Board and are present:
 - a. the Match Referee shall be notified by the KNCB Umpire or KNCB Umpires as soon as possible after the Match is stopped by either Team;
 - b. if possible, the Match Referee shall contact (by telephone) the Captains of both Teams to find out the reason for the stoppage of the Match;
 - c. if after these interviews the Match is not resumed, the Match Referee, on behalf of the Board, shall award the Match as a Public Order Measure ('awarding the match') and deduct Match Points;

[EXPLANATION:

The Team deemed guilty of the stoppage shall be deemed to have lost the Match, i.e. a 0-2 result; also, that Team shall have two Match Points deducted.]

- d. Upon receipt of the Report of the Offence from the KNCB Umpire or Umpires, the Match Referee shall determine on behalf of the Board whether a Board Sanction shall be imposed on the Captain and/or the Team and/or the Club in addition to the Public Order Measures mentioned in c., or whether that part of the case shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
2. In the event of a stopped Match for which a KNCB Umpire or Umpires have been appointed by the Board and are present:
 - a. in the week following the stopped Match, the Competition Manager will try to reach both Captains by telephone to find out why the Match was stopped;
 - b. the Competition Manager will then inform the Board of his findings;
 - c. the Board shall determine the result of the Match as soon as possible thereafter as a Public Order Measure and deduct Match Points, unless the Board decides to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

[EXPLANATION:

The Team deemed guilty of the stoppage shall be deemed to have lost the Match, i.e. a 0-2 result; also, that Team shall have two Match Points deducted.]

- d. The Board shall simultaneously determine whether a Board Sanction shall be imposed on the Captain and/or the Team and/or the Club, unless the matter is immediately referred to the Disciplinary Committee;



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3. An appeal may be lodged with the Appeals Committee against a Board Resolution imposing a Public Order Measure (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
4. The Respondent may lodge an objection with the secretary of the Board against a sanction imposed by the Board (see Article 22(4) of the Disciplinary Regulations). The case shall then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee

[POLICY:

A Match that was stopped shall be rescheduled only in special circumstances, at the discretion of the Board.]

Article 13 - Conceding a Match

INTRODUCTION:

All Playing Conditions state that a Captain has the option to concede a Match (to concede defeat, to concede the match, Article 16.2.1.1). Conceding a Match is different from abandoning a Match; conceding a Match means giving the victory to the other Team. For stoppage of a Match: see Article 12 (Stoppage of a match).

While the Board assumes that this will happen very rarely, here are some points to consider.

1. If a Match is not completed because either Team conceded the Match, the Team that conceded the Match must always notify the Competition Manager by email. Also, the Scorecard must state 'conceded' as the result of the Match.
2. This notice must be received by the Competition Manager no later than 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following the Match Day.
3. The notice must state that the Match was conceded and give a clear explanation.
4. The Competition Manager shall then contact both Captains to enquire about the reasons for the match being conceded.
5. Should the Board feel there are grounds to do so after the Competition Manager's report, the Board shall report the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.
6. If a KNCB Umpire or Umpires were appointed for the Match and officiated in the Match, they shall report to the Match Referee. The Match Referee shall then contact one or both Captains if necessary and assess whether a Report should be made.



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ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

INTRODUCTION:

The following chapters define what conditions a person must meet in order to be allowed to participate in Competitions organised by the KNCB:

- Article 14 sets out the conditions to be met by anyone wishing to play in any Competition in any Division;
- Article 15 provides information on Players with non-EU/EEA passports and also whether they are allowed to give training and/or coach;
- article 16 explains the conditions for a Player to transfer to another Club;
- Articles 17 and 18 set out further conditions to Players wishing to play in THE Divisions;
- article 19 states that there are no additional conditions for Players in the women's leagues yet;
- Article 20 sets out further conditions for playing in the men's Lower Divisions;
- Article 21 contains guidelines (recommendations) for playing in the Recreational Divisions;
- Articles 22, 24 and 24 contain the rules that apply if, during the Season, a Player wishes to play (also) for another Team of his Club or in the other Competition;
- Articles 25, 26 and 27 contain rules that apply in some special situations.
- The last two articles (28 and 29) deal with dispensation applications and the consequences of allowing an ineligible Player to play.

Article 14 - Eligibility to play - General

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules, a Player may only participate in a Competition organised by the KNCB if he is registered with the Board as a member of a Club in the manner described in Article 4 of the Internal Regulations.
2. A Player's name as listed in the KNCB membership records (All-United) must be exactly the same (i.e. complete and identical) as shown on his ID card.
3. If a Player is found to have played under a name that is not entirely correct or even incorrect, he shall be considered an ineligible Player. See Article 29 (Public Order Measure in case of ineligibility) for the consequences of this.
4. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in the Articles of Association and/or regulations, a Player may only play for one Club per Competition as referred to in Article 3.
5. In derogation from the provisions of paragraph 1, in the women's Competitions and the men's Recreational Divisions it is permitted to field a Player who does not meet the provisions therein, provided that this Player:
 - a. has not been a member of another Club during the current Season or in any of the two previous Seasons, and
 - b. within three days of the Match in which this Player (first) played, is registered by the relevant Club with the KNCB as a playing member and entered in the KNCB membership records (All-United).

If the registration with the KNCB of such a Player has not been received by the Competition Manager within five working days after the Match in which the Player first played in the Team in question or if, after notification, it appears that the Player does not meet the criteria mentioned above in a. and b., the Player shall be considered an ineligible Player. Article 29 sets out the consequences.

6. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

[POLICY: Regarding questions on the effect of this article in special situations, the Board will seek advice from the Dispensation Committee.]



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[EXPLANATION: The reason for paragraph 5(a) is that a transfer is required if a Player has played for another Club in one of the two previous Seasons.]

Article 15 - Players with non-EU/EEA passports playing and giving training/coaching:

In this article, the Board wishes to explain what a person holding a non-EU/EEA passport shall be able and allowed to do in Matches organised by the KNCB, and what the risks are of fielding someone who does not comply with the relevant Dutch laws and regulations. It shall also make clear that there are restrictions on a person who holds a non-EU/EEA passport giving training/coaching.

The EEA consists of the 27 EU countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, while the Schengen countries comprise the EEA countries minus Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ireland and Romania.

There are two distinctions to be made.

One: between the Topklasse (both men's and women's) and the other Divisions, and two: between some 10 countries outside the EU/EEA area and all other countries outside the EU/EEA.

Topklasse (men's and women's)

The UWV [the Dutch Employee Insurance Agency] assumes that anyone who plays in the highest division of a sports competition is a professional player, i.e. is paid to play. Playing is considered work, and therefore a player is an employee.

In order to be allowed to work, a player must either hold a passport from an EU/EEA country or, if he holds a different passport, a residence permit that allows him to work (these are in fact two separate permits).

For a holder of an EU/EEA passport, the UWV has no rule that says he must be paid, so such a player can play for no pay (as indeed many players holding Dutch passports are not paid to play).

In order to secure a work permit for someone from outside the EU/EEA, at least a market-based, full-time salary must be paid.

When recruiting a trainer/coach, the UWV assumes there is 'priority workforce' within the EU/EEA. This means that a vacancy must first be advertised within the EU/EEA. This applies to every Division, including the Topklasse.

To recruit a paid player, in all Divisions except the Topklasse the vacancy must first be advertised within the EU/EEA.

In principle, clubs can state that a player from outside the EU/EEA is not paid, but wants to 'gain experience' in the Dutch cricket league. Or that he is a friend or relative of someone at the club and would like to play a few matches in the Netherlands.

This will usually be possible on a 90-day visa (short-stay visa), which is valid for all Schengen countries (often referred to as a 'tourist visa').

So this person can come to the Netherlands on a tourist visa and then stay in the Netherlands for 90 days and participate in the Competition (but not in the Topklasse, because UWV assumes that such players are paid and therefore must have a residence permit that allows them to work). After those 90 days, this person has to leave the Schengen area.

Should he wish to stay longer, however, he must have a different purpose of stay and a corresponding permit. So then the question is what purpose of stay he could offer.

In this case, the Working Holiday Programme/Scheme (one-year exchange programme) may be a solution. More information can be found at

<https://www.sportwerkgever.nl/kennisbank/hr-van-a-tot-z/working-holiday/>

Only young people aged 18 to 30 and who are from (only) the following countries are eligible for this visa: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan, Uruguay and South Korea.



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A person from these countries can get this visa once in his lifetime.

The regulation has been changed with effect from 2024: such a young person may work during that year, does not need a work permit, but may only work incidentally to financially support his stay in the Netherlands. For example, he may work full-time, but not all year for the same employer. Nor is he allowed to be self-employed. After all, the main purpose of his stay is cultural exchange.

Hoofdklasse and/or Lower Divisions (men's and women's), including Recreational Divisions

First read the relevant text above for the Topklasse for an explanation of the terms used below.

Players who play in the Hoofdklasse and/or Lower Divisions are not considered employees by the UWV (unless they are paid, of course). If they do not hold an EU/EEA passport, they must have a residence permit, however. This will usually be a 90-day visa (short-stay visa).

Again, the Working Holiday Programme/Scheme may be an option for someone from outside the EU/EEA to play - subject to restrictions - and be paid.

In Divisions below the Topklasse, players of all levels, so including professional players, are therefore eligible to play in principle (provided - if required - they have a valid entry visa).

Please note that someone from outside the EU/EEA may not perform coaching duties in the Lower Divisions, not even as a volunteer. Unless, of course, he has a work permit.

General

The Board would like to alert Clubs to the risks involved.

If a Club does pay someone staying in the Netherlands on a 'tourist visa', or if the authorities find that there is an employment relationship between a Club and a Player, that Club may be subject to a fine (in 2023: € 12,000).

This fine applies per match and may be imposed retrospectively, e.g. if this is discovered during or after the Season.

If someone residing in the Netherlands on a 'tourist visa' is caught spending more than 90 days in the Schengen area, he will not be granted an EU visa in the future, and thus will not be able to enter any EU country ever again.

There is a risk that the government may find that the ratio between the wages paid to someone with a Working Holiday Programme/Scheme visa and their total length of stay in the Netherlands is inconsistent. This may have major financial implications for the employer.

In addition, there are liability risks should such a Player be injured - not only for medical expenses, but in a serious case also for disability.

The above information and much more can be found in a Powerpoint presentation dated 15 February 2023 entitled 'Foreign workers' by Koen Vermooten (from Werkgevers in de Sport - WOS). Click [here](#) to view the presentation on the KNCB website.

The Board wishes to ensure a level playing field for all Clubs playing in all Divisions.

But the KNCB does not have the ability to check documents to determine whether or not a Player complies with the legal rules.

The Board will always immediately and fully answer a request for information from or on behalf of the Dutch government, e.g. about whether a Club has played someone.

And the Board is considering whether action shall be taken against a Club (in particular relegation of the highest playing Team to a lower Division) if the Board finds out that a Player is or was not entitled to play on government grounds or otherwise. However, this shall not yet apply in Season 2024.

No rights can be derived from the information in this article.



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See the websites of the Tax and Customs Administration, the UWV and the IND [Immigration and Naturalisation Service] for the latest official texts, explanations and other announcements.

Article 16 - Transfer to another Club

1. A Club shall require prior permission from the Board to field a Player who has played for another Club in Competition Matches in the current Season or one of the two previous Seasons.
2. Such permission may only be granted based on a transfer form submitted by the interested Club to the Competition Manager, fully completed and signed, in accordance with the model established by the Board.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of the following paragraphs, said permission shall be granted by the Board if the transfer form is received by the Competition Manager no later than on 15 February prior to the Season, and the request shall be rejected if the transfer form is not received by the Competition Manager by that date.

[EXPLANATION: The requirement to allow transfers no later than 15 February is related to the 1 April date by which Squad Lists must be submitted: the Competition Manager needs time to assess a transfer request. As the Competition Manager does not (cannot) check the level at which a Player for whom transfer is requested will play, the 15 February deadline applies to all Competitions and Divisions.]

4. Permission for the transfer shall not be granted until the Player in question has fulfilled his financial obligations regarding membership for the previous Season towards his former Club.

[EXPLANATION:

It is up to the Club to collect membership payment arrears by a Club member in a timely manner. For that reason, paragraph 3 limits the period to the Season in the previous calendar year.]

5. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player as referred to in this Article who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(b) should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28 (Dispensation procedure).
6. The Board may grant dispensation if a transfer request is received after 15 February prior to the Season, if:
 - a. late receipt of the transfer form is due to a lack of cooperation from the former Club in completing the transfer form in time;
 - b. due to non-cricket-related circumstances, the Player in question cannot reasonably be required to participate in Matches for the former Club;
 - c. the former Club cannot allow the Player in question to participate in that Competition as referred to in Article 3 for which the Player has signed up with that Club for reasons beyond the control of the Player in question; all this at the discretion of the Board.
7. If the KNCB has not been informed of a Player's transfer, or the transfer has not been approved by the KNCB, and the Player plays for his new Club, he shall be deemed to be an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.
8. The Board shall impose a sanction of one year's suspension on a Player if the new Club demonstrates that the Player deliberately misled that Club about his identity and/or his past in a Dutch Competition and therefore played as an ineligible Player.



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[EXPLANATION: The Board recommends that Clubs include on their registration form for new members a question on whether the applicant has played in the Netherlands before, and if so when and for which Club or Clubs and under which KNCB player number, and to have this form signed. In addition, the Board also recommends asking for proof of identity and checking it carefully to ensure that the name (including its spelling) on the registration form is correct and complete.]

9. The Player in question may lodge an objection with the secretary of the Board against a sanction imposed by the Board (see Article 22(4) of the Disciplinary Regulations). The case shall then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
10. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

[EXAMPLE:

For a Player to transfer from Club A to Club B, both Clubs must sign a transfer form and send it to the Competition Manager by 15 February. If this is not done in time, dispensation may be granted later under the conditions set out in Article 14(6). If the 15 February requirement has not been met and no subsequent dispensation is given, the Player is deemed ineligible.]

Article 17 - Eligibility to play in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions: Squad Lists

For Players who play in the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions or the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions, the following applies in addition to the provisions of Article 14 (Eligibility to play - General):

1.
 - a. A Player may only play for his Club in the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions if he is listed on a Squad List for these Competitions to be entered in the Competition Software by the Club no later than 1 April prior to the Season.
 - b. A Player may only play for his Club in the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions if he is listed on a Squad List for these Competitions to be entered in the Competition Software by the Club no later than 1 April prior to the Season.

[EXPLANATION: There is a Squad List for the men's One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions and a Squad List for the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.]

The following paragraphs apply to both Squad Lists.

2. If a Club has not submitted the Squad List by 1 April prior to the Season, the Board shall, as a Board Resolution, impose a € 250 fine on each Team of that Club that competes that Season in one of the three Divisions of the Competition for which the Squad List is submitted.
3. The Club may appeal a Board Resolution to the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
4. If a Club has one Team in these Divisions, each Squad List contains a maximum of 30 Players. For two Teams, the Squad List may contain a maximum of 50 Players and for three Teams 60 Players.
5. Except in application of the provisions of Article 26(7) (Designated Player in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions), the Squad Lists cannot be amended or supplemented after 1 April prior to the Season.



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[EXPLANATION: If a player on the Squad List gets injured, is absent for an extended period for any reason, underperforms or cannot be selected for any other reason, replacement is NOT possible. Replacement of a Designated Player in accordance with Article 26 is possible, however.]

6.

- a. In derogation from the provisions of paragraph 4, a Player who in the two preceding Seasons has played for his current Club in any Competition organised by the KNCB, and who was born after 1 September 2003 may be added to a Squad List during the Season.

[EXPLANATION:

This was decided in order to increase the chances for younger Players of being selected to play in a THE team.

Should a youth player have transferred to another Club and thus fail to meet the requirements in a., dispensation may be applied for.]

- b. A Player as referred to in a. must be registered by the Club by means of a written request (by email) submitted to the Competition Manager, stating the KNCB membership number from All-United.
- c. In derogation from the provisions in a. above, such a Player is eligible to play if the written request as referred to in b. above has been received by the Competition Manager no later than on the first working day after the Match in which the Player competes for the first time.
- d. Before the start of the Match in which such a Player plays for the first time, the Captain of the Team in question shall notify the KNCB Umpire or Umpires and the Captain of the opposing team of that Player's participation.
- e. If the written request to the KNCB for this Player has not been received by the Competition Manager within five working days after the Match in which the Player first played in the Team in question or if, after notification, it turns out that the Player does not meet the criteria referred to above in a. and, the Player shall be considered ineligible to play. See Article 29 for the consequences of this.

[EXPLANATION: As the eligibility to play of a youth player is not registered with the Competition Manager (and thus added to the Squad List) until after the Match, compliance with this rule lies with the Club; it must check in advance whether the youth player in question meets the criteria set out above in a.. If the trust in the Club to comply with this should turn out to be misplaced, the Player will be ineligible. See Article 29 for the consequences of this.]

7. If the Club believes that there are special circumstances other than those mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 for it to be allowed to add names to the Squad List, it may submit a substantiated dispensation application to the the Board.
8. Such an application has no prescribed form (i.e. there is no set form for it on the KNCB website) and shall be referred by the Board to the Dispensation Committee for advice.

[EXAMPLES:

Player X appearing on the Squad List submitted on 1 April suffers a serious and long-term injury prior to the Season, or is unexpectedly posted abroad by his employer. In either case, it is clear that this Player will no longer play that Season. In these cases dispensation may be applied for on the grounds of force majeure.



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A player over forty years old, a member of the Club since his youth and who played in the first Team for many years in the past, is not on the Squad List of the first Team (THE level). Due to circumstances, the Club needs to call on him again. To be eligible to play, dispensation must first be applied for.]

9. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

Article 18 - Eligibility to play in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 and One-Day Competitions: other rules

INTRODUCTION:

The Board aims for a Competition that provides equal opportunities for all Teams (Clubs). That means the Board wants Players to play the full Competition where possible. This then applies separately to the One-Day Competition and to the T20 Competition - the Board has labelled the two Competitions as being entirely separate. That means different Players can be used for each Competition. This is in line with the Board's wish for the Clubs to be able to recruit specialist T20 players for the T20 Competition, which is common in cricket competitions around the world and may help strengthen T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.

The provisions of paragraph 3(c) in section I of this article and paragraph 3(d) in section II respectively encourage the Players of the Dutch Team to play for a Team in the men's Competitions (T20 and/or One-Day) in the THE Divisions. However, the definition in these paragraphs is broader in that it refers to all KNCB teams, i.e. also Young Lions, Young Lionesses, Netherlands A, the Seafarers and the Hurricanes, regional selection teams and any other Teams.

I. Eligibility to play in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions

In addition to the provisions of Articles 14 (Eligibility to play - General) and 17 (Eligibility to play in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions: Squad Lists), the following applies:

1. A Player may only play in a final round without prior dispensation if he has played at least five Matches in the First Stage of this Competition (rained-off matches in which no toss has taken place do count).

[EXPLANATION:

With the condition in paragraph 1, the Board intends to prevent Players being 'flown in' at the eleventh hour to strengthen the Team and just play the final rounds.

Five matches is 50% or more of the number of Matches in the First Stage.

For the sake of completeness, a Player of a Club that participates in the men's THE Divisions with more than one Team is subject to Articles 23 and 24 if he wants to play in a Team in the THE Divisions.]

2. Players who have regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions do not have to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.
3. For the purposes of this article, 'having regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions' means a Player who:
 - a. has competed in three of the four preceding Seasons in any men's Competition organised by the KNCB, having competed in at least one of those three Seasons in at least eight Matches in total in one or more of the men's Competitions including those in the Recreational Divisions, or
 - b. has been listed as a playing member of the Club for at least ten years in the KNCB membership records and has also been on the Squad List for any Competition of that Club this Season and the four Seasons prior to this Season, or



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- c. played for one of the KNCB Squads after 1 October 2023 in one or more international T20 and/or One Day Matches, or

[EXPLANATION:

c.1 Paragraph 3(d) above states that a Player who has played ('played' here includes called up and therefore present at the Match, but not actually playing) may always play in a THE Team; he does not (then) have to meet the required number of Matches in order to participate in any part of the T20 Competition.

c.2 As compensation for having to replace a Player called up during the Season, the following applies to the replacement Player:

- i The Player from a lower Team of the Club who replaces the Player called up for a KNCB Team as referred to in c.1 (in the Team of the Club in which the called-up Player plays), does not need dispensation to resume playing in that same lower Team, provided that the Club of this replacement Player has registered him (by email to the Competition Manager) within five days after the Player referred to in c.1 was called up.*
- ii Should the replacement Player have played in a Match that took place more than three days after the release of the Player referred to in c.1 [the release of the Player from the tour or series for which he was called up], the replacement Player shall require dispensation to resume playing for his own lower Team.*
- iii A Player from a (still) lower Team of the Club who replaces the Player mentioned above in i. in the Team in which the latter Player played (before replacing the Player called up for a KNCB Team) does not need dispensation to resume playing in his own (still) lower Team, provided that the Club of this replacement Player has registered him (by e-mail to the Competition Manager) within five days after the Player referred to in c.1 was called up.*
- iv Should the replacement Player referred to in iii. have played in a Match that took place more than three days after the release of the Player referred to under c.1 [the release of the Player from the tour or series for which he was called up], this replacement Player shall require dispensation to resume playing for his own (still) lower Team.*

Note:

- However, the Player referred to in i. must be on the Squad List.*
- The Players referred to in i. and iii. are subject to Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban).*
- If a Player who has not been granted dispensation as described in ii. and iv. plays in spite of this, he will be considered an ineligible Player. See Article 29 for the consequences of this.]*

- d. was born after 1 September 2003, provided he has not already played in a higher Team very often (see article 22.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 3(a), only one Match per day shall count. 'Match' in paragraph 3(a) shall be understood to mean a Match in which the toss has taken place.

[EXPLANATION:

If the toss has not taken place, the Player's name has not been listed on a Scorecard.]



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5.
 - a. If a Player, who is included in the Squad List, is injured prior to or after the start of the First Stage of the T20 Competition, so that he has not been able to play the minimum number of Matches referred to in paragraph 1, the Club must immediately notify the Board in writing (by email to the Competition Manager).
 - b. Following a written request to that effect (by email to the Competition Manager), if the Player is unable to meet the obligation referred to in paragraph 1 as a result of the injury and would have been able to meet that obligation during his injury, the Board may grant the Player dispensation from the provisions of paragraph 1, so that the Player can play in Matches 6 and following and/or the final rounds.
6. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 1 nor comes under one of the exceptions set out in paragraph 3 should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.

[EXPLANATION:

The Squad List is central to the assessment of eligibility to play: if a Player does not appear on it and does not come under one of the conditions in paragraph 3, no dispensation shall be granted.]

7. The Board reserves the right to derogate from the provisions of this article in a specific case.

[POLICY: With regard to dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation and does play is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

II. Eligibility to play in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition

In addition to the provisions of Articles 14 and 17, the following applies:

1. A Player may only play in the Play-Off Stage and/or a final round without prior dispensation if he has played at least five Matches in one or more Teams in the First Stage of this Competition (rained-off matches where no toss has taken place also count).

[EXPLANATION:

*With the condition in paragraph 1, the Board wants to prevent someone being 'flown in' at the eleventh hour to strengthen the Team and/or just play the final rounds.
Five matches is 50% or more of the number of Matches in the First Stage.*

For the sake of completeness, a Player of a Club that participates in the men's THE Divisions with more than one Team is subject to Articles 23 and 24 if he wants to play in a different Team in the THE Divisions.]

2. Players who have regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions do not have to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.
3. For the purposes of this article, 'having regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions' means a Player who:
 - a. in the current Season before the start of the First Stage of the One-Day Competition in the THE Divisions, has played at least four Matches in any men's One-Day Competition, whereby Matches in the Recreational Divisions do not count, or



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- b. has played in three of the four preceding Seasons in any men's Competition organised by the KNCB, having competed in at least one of those three Seasons in at least eight Matches in total in one or more of the men's Competitions including those in the Recreational Divisions, or
- c. has been listed as a playing member of the Club for at least ten years in the KNCB membership records and has also been on the Squad List for any Competition of that Club this Season and the four Seasons prior to this Season, or
- d. played for one of the KNCB Squads after 1 October 2023 in one or more international T20 and/or One-Day Matches, or

[EXPLANATION:

d.1 Paragraph 3.d above states that a Player who has played ('played' also includes called up and therefore present at matches but did not actually play') may always play in a THE team; he (then) does not have to meet the required number of Matches to participate in any part of the One-Day Competition.

d.2 As compensation for having to replace a Player called up during the Season, the following applies to the replacement Player:

- i The Player from a lower Team of the Club who replaces the Player called up for a KNCB Team as referred to in d.1 (in the Team of the Club in which the called-up Player plays), does not need dispensation to resume playing in that same lower Team, provided that the Club of this replacement Player has registered him (by email to the Competition Manager) within five days after the Player referred to in d.1 was called up.*
- ii Should the replacement Player have played in a Match that took place more than three days after the release of the Player referred to in d.1 [the release of the Player from the tour or series for which he was called up], the replacement Player shall require dispensation to resume playing for his own lower Team.*
- iii A Player from a (still) lower Team of the Club who replaces the Player referred to above in i. in the Team in which the latter Player played (before replacing the Player called up for a KNCB Team) shall not need dispensation to resume playing for his own (still) lower Team, provided that the Club of this replacement Player has registered him (by e-mail to the Competition Manager) within five days after the Player referred to in d.1 was called up.*
- iv Should the replacement Player referred to in iii. have played in a Match that took place more than three days after the release of the Player referred to under d.1. [the release of the Player from the tour or series for which he was called up] then this replacement Player shall require dispensation to resume playing for his own (still) lower Team.*

Note:

- However, the Player referred to in i. must be on the Squad List.*
- The Players referred to in i. and iii. are subject to Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban).*
- If a Player who has not been granted dispensation as described in ii. and iv. plays in spite of this, he will be considered an ineligible Player. See Article 29 for the consequences of this.]*

- e. was born after 1 September 2003, provided he has not already played in a higher Team too often (see article 22 (Dispensation to play in a lower Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions)).



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4. For the purposes of paragraph 3(b), only one Match per day shall count. 'Match' in paragraph 3(a) shall be understood to mean a Match in which the toss has taken place.

[EXPLANATION:

If the toss has not taken place, the Player's name has not been listed on a Scorecard.]

5.
 - c. If a Player, who is included in the Squad List, is injured prior to or after the start of the First Stage of the One-Day Competition, so that he has not been able to play the minimum number of Matches referred to in paragraph 1, the Club must immediately notify the Board in writing (by email to the Competition Manager).
 - d. Following a written request to that effect (by email to the Competition Manager), if the Player is unable to meet the obligation referred to in paragraph 1 as a result of the injury and would have been able to meet that obligation during his injury, the Board may grant the Player dispensation from the provisions of paragraph 1, so that the Player can play in Matches 6 and following and/or the final rounds.
6. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 1 nor comes under one of the exceptions set out in paragraph 3 should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.

[EXPLANATION:

The Squad List is central to the assessment of eligibility to play: if a Player does not appear on it and does not come under one of the conditions in paragraph 3, no dispensation shall be granted.]

7. The Board reserves the right to derogate from the provisions of this article in a specific case.

[POLICY: With regard to dispensations, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation and does play is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

Article 19 - Eligibility to play in women's Competitions

As in 2024 there is no Club with more than one Team in the Women's One-Day Competition and because the Women's T20 Competition is not divided into Divisions, apart from the general rules set out in Article 14, there are no further rules with which Players must comply.



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Article 20 - Eligibility to play in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions

This article is meaningful only for Players of Clubs that field one or more Teams in the THE Divisions.

INTRODUCTION:

The Board has determined that the One-Day and T20 Competitions in the men's THE Divisions are two separate Competitions. That means different Players can be selected for each Competition.

This creates the possibility of a (too) strong Player playing in the Lower Divisions: someone who is not brought in for the whole Season, i.e. for both Competitions in the THE Divisions, or who comes to the Netherlands on a shorter stay visa, could arrive in the Netherlands too late to be allowed to play in the first of the two Competitions (see Article 18 (Eligibility to play in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 and One-Day Competitions: other rules)) and therefore first plays some Matches in a Competition in the Lower Divisions. This could happen in Season 2024 with Players recruited for the One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions.

The Board considers this undesirable. If no restrictions were placed on this, it could give rise to a form of competition distortion in the Lower Divisions or at least affect the pleasure in the game of Players of the opposing Teams.

Note: Players who normally only play in the Lower Divisions and only occasionally play in the THE Divisions will generally not need dispensation.

In addition to the provisions of Article 14 (Eligibility to play - General), the following rules apply to be allowed to play in the Lower Divisions:

1. Players who are on their Club's Squad List require dispensation to play in the Lower Divisions, both in the One-Day and T20 Competitions (but see paragraph 2).
2. Players who have regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions do not have to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1, so they do not require dispensation, but see also paragraph 4.
3. For the purposes of this article, 'having regularly played for a Team or Teams in any kind of Competition in the Lower Divisions and/or in the Recreational Divisions' means a Player who:
 - e. has played in three of the four preceding Seasons in any men's Competition organised by the KNCB, having competed in at least one of those three Seasons in at least eight Matches in total in one or more of the men's Competitions including those in the Recreational Divisions, or
 - f. has been listed as a playing member of the Club in the KNCB membership records for at least 10 years, or
 - g. played for one of the KNCB Squads after 1 October 2023 in one or more T20 and/or One-Day Matches, or
 - h. was born after 1 September 2003, provided he has not already played in a higher Team too often in the current Season (see article 22 (Dispensation to play in a lower Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions)).
4. As long as a Player who regularly plays in the Lower Divisions (see paragraph 3) does not play too often (see article 22) in one or more Teams in the THE Divisions, he may also continue to play in the Lower Divisions. However, the provisions of Articles 23 (Dispensation for playing in a different Team in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions or in a lower Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition) and 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban) may apply.



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5. In addition to the provisions of paragraph 4, the Player from a Team in the Lower Divisions who replaces a Player in a THE Division who has been called up for a KNCB Team may return to his own lower Team, regardless of the number of Matches he has played in the Team in a THE Division as a replacement. This is subject to the condition that he has not continued to play in a Team in the THE Divisions when the Player he replaced is available again - for an explanation of the latter, see Sections I and II of Article 18 (Eligibility to play in men's T20 and One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions: other rules) in the explanation following paragraph c and paragraph d respectively there.
6. In special cases, the Board may deviate from the provisions of this article at its discretion.
7. If the Club believes that there is a special circumstance other than those mentioned in paragraph 3 for a Player to be allowed to play in the Lower Divisions, it may submit a dispensation application to the the Board, stating reasons.

[EXPLANATION:

This should be done if a player who has played in THE Divisions two or more years between 2020 and 2023 wants to play for a Team in the Lower Divisions in the 2024 Season.]

[POLICY: With regard to dispensations, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation and does play is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

[EXAMPLE:

It might happen that a 'super' South African on a tourist visa arrived in the Netherlands on 15 April to play the full competition schedule in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 Competition. His Club then wants him to make up the numbers in one or more lower One-Day Competition Team Matches. This is not allowed under paragraph 1 of this article; this also applies to other Players playing regularly in T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.]

Article 21 - Eligibility to play in the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions

1. Anyone who meets the requirements of Article 14 may play in the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions.
2. If a Player starts playing in a men's One-Day Recreational Division during the course of the Season, article 22 (playing for a lower Team) does not apply. Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban) also does not apply. No dispensation is therefore required for such a Player.
3. However, there are guidelines (recommendations) for playing as a replacement in a Team in a Recreational Division.
What is set out below under the header 'Policy' therefore does not apply to regular Players of a Team in a Recreational Division, even if they also played at the same time in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and/or T20 Competitions.

[POLICY:

If a Player also plays in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and/or T20 Competitions, he should not have such a dominant impact on the course of a Match in the Recreational Divisions that it could affect the pleasure in the game of other Players (of the opposition in particular).

The Board considers this not to be within the Spirit of Cricket.

Therefore, the Board issues the following guidelines (recommendations):

- *this Player should not bat higher than at 7 and/or retire at 50 runs;*
- *this Player should not bowl more than four overs and/or be taken off at the end of the over in which he takes his third wicket (whichever comes first).*

Note: These are recommendations. Captains in the men's Recreational Divisions are asked to discuss this before the Match and possibly make other arrangements.]



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Article 22 - Dispensation to play in a lower Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions

INTRODUCTION:

This article sets out the conditions a Player must fulfil **after playing in a higher Team in the same Season** in order to be able to play in a lower Team without dispensation. Note: Article 20 (Eligibility to play in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions) may also apply.

And it contains the conditions for when a Player wants to play in another Team of his Club in the same Division or Pool.

This article does not cover playing in a Recreational Division team after a Player has already played in any Team in the One-Day and/or T20 Competition - see Article 21 (Eligibility to play in the Recreational Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions) for that.

If a Club has more than one Team in the THE Divisions, Article 18 (Eligibility to play in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 and One-Day Competitions: other rules) states what applies if a Player wants to play for another, lower, Team in the THE Divisions.

[POLICY:

It is the Board's policy that a Player who has played 50% or more of the total number of Matches scheduled prior to the Season of a Team in the One-Day Competition may not play during the same Season without dispensation in a Team that plays in a lower Division in that Competition.

In addition, a Club may have more than one Team in the same Division and/or Pool in the Lower Divisions. This could encourage 'player management': having a strong Player play across Teams in such a way that two or more Teams make maximum use of such a Player.

The Board finds this undesirable as it encourages competition distortion, so restrictions have been placed on this.]

1. Subject to prior dispensation, after a Player has played in total 50% or more of the number of fixtures in one or more Divisions in the men's One-Day Competitions (counting only Matches in which the toss has taken place), he may not play in any other Team playing in a lower Division in the One-Day Competition.

[EXPLANATION:

If the toss has not yet taken place, Players have not yet been entered in the Competition Software, so such a Match does not count towards the provisions of this article.

'Lower Division' means a Division that is lower than the Division in which the next higher Team of his Club plays.

Example: a Player who has played in the second Team in the Overgangsklasse, and who wants to start playing in the Tweede Klasse: in that case the Division that is 'lower' is the Tweede Klasse, and 'the next higher Team (than the third) is the second.]

2. In addition to the provisions of paragraph 1, a Player from a Team in the Lower Divisions in the One-Day Competition who has replaced a Player in a THE Division who has been called up for a KNCB Team shall not need dispensation, regardless of the number of Matches in which he has replaced that called-up Player. He does need dispensation if he has also played in a Team in the THE Divisions when the Player he replaced is available again - for an explanation of the latter, see Section II of Article 18 (Eligibility to play in men's T20 and One-day Competitions in THE Divisions: other rules) in the explanation after paragraph d there.
3. For the determination of the number of fixtures as referred to in paragraph 1, the number of Matches in the THE Divisions is set at 14: nine in the First Stage and five in the Play-Off Stage (the Board chooses the lower number in the two different Play-Offs).



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4. Should a Player (also) have played in one or more Teams in the Lower Divisions and the Teams in which he has played do not all have the same number of fixtures, then for the determination of the number of fixtures in paragraph 1, the Competition in which the number of fixtures is the lowest applies.
5. If two or more Teams from one Club compete in the same Division (in the same Pool and/or in different Pools):
 - i) all Teams of the same Club in the same Division shall be deemed to be one Team for the purposes of the application of the provisions of paragraph 3 above;
 - ii) subject to prior dispensation, a Player who during the current Season
 - if the Club has two Teams in the same Division, has played four Matches in one (1) of those Teams in the current Season
 - if the Club has three Teams in the same Division, has played three Matches in one (1) of those Teams in the current Seasonmay not play in another Team in that Division.
6. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in this article should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
Note: Dispensation may only be applied for for playing for 1 Team, not for multiple Teams (in any Pool or Division).
7. The provisions of Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban) may also apply. When applying for dispensation, the Club itself must take this into account.

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board implements the policy that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

[EXPLANATION:

The Board considers the T20 Competition as being separate from the One-Day Competition. This means that a Player who, because he has played too many Matches in the One-Day Competition to be allowed to play for a lower Team in the One-Day Competition without dispensation, may play for a lower Team in the T20 Competition without dispensation, provided he meets the conditions set out in Article 23.]

[EXAMPLES :

- *If, after playing four or fewer Matches in the First Stage of the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition but not yet in another, lower Team, a Player wants to play in a Team playing in the Overgangsklasse or a lower Division, this is allowed. No dispensation is required for this.*
- *If eight Teams are assigned to a Division or Pool, each Team plays fourteen Matches - 50% of which is seven.*
- *If there are seven Teams in a Division or Pool, each Team plays twelve Matches - 50% of which is six.*
- *If after playing no more than three Matches in the same Team in the Tweede Klasse where seven or eight Teams are assigned to each Pool, a Player wants to play in another Team of the same Club that also plays in this Division, no dispensation is required for this.*
- *After four or more Matches in the same Team, dispensation must be applied for. Experience shows that the Dispensation Committee will advise against such an application.*



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- *If a Player in the Derde Klasse in which eight or more Teams are assigned to a Pool, after playing six Matches for two different Teams in this Division (three Matches or more for each of the two Teams) wants to play in a third Team of his Club in the same Division, experience shows that the Dispensation Committee will almost always advise against this application.*
- *Club X has three Teams in the Tweede Klasse, playing in different Pools. As the Competition progresses, it becomes clear that one of these Teams may achieve promotion and another Team may be relegated. Deciding to strengthen both Teams in important Matches for that purpose to achieve promotion and avoid relegation is not allowed without dispensation. Article 22 applies. A dispensation application requires good grounds; without good grounds the request will (usually) be denied.]*

Article 23 - Dispensation for playing in a different Team in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions or in a lower Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition

[EXPLANATION:

Note that the previous sentence reads 'different Team' for THE Divisions and 'lower Team' for the Lower Divisions.]

INTRODUCTION:

This article applies if a Player has already played at least one Match in a T20 Competition in one of the THE Divisions. If this is not already the case, the provisions of Article 20 (Eligibility to play in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions) may apply to a Player.

I. After playing in the men's T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions

The text in **this section of this article** applies only to Players of Clubs that have more than one Team in the THE Divisions.

1. Subject to prior dispensation, after having played three Matches in one Team in the men's T20 Competition in the THE Divisions (counting only Matches where the toss has taken place), a Player may not play in any other T20 Team in the THE Divisions of the T20 Competitions.
2. There is an exception to the provisions of paragraph 1 for a Player from a lower Team in the THE Divisions who has replaced a Player in a higher Team in a THE Division who has been called up for a KNCB Team. In determining the number of Matches played by such a replacement Player in the higher Team, the Matches he played as a replacement shall not count. Any Match he plays in the higher Team if the Player he replaced is available again does count - for an explanation of the latter, see Chapter I of Article 18 (Eligibility to play in men's T20 and One-day Competitions in THE Divisions: other rules) in the explanation after paragraph c there.
3. Subject to prior dispensation, after playing one or more of Matches in one or more Teams in the THE Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions (counting only Matches in which the toss has taken place), a Player may not play in any other T20 Team playing in the Lower Divisions of the T20 Competition.

[POLICY: To avoid 'player management' or upsetting level playing fields, the Board's policy is that a Player who has played three or more-Matches in the same Team in the THE Divisions in a T20 Competition in the same Season may no longer play in another Team in the T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions without dispensation. The Board has opted for a fairly strict limit here.

In order to have the pleasure in the game of Teams in the Lower Divisions affected to the least extent, a Player in the T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions is not allowed to play in the T20 Competition in the Lower Divisions without dispensation after only one Match (a one-off replacement in a Team in the THE Divisions is likely to obtain such dispensation without trouble).]



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[EXPLANATION:

- The Board considers the T20 Competition as being separate from the One-Day Competition. This means that a Player shall need dispensation if he has played too many Matches in the T20 Competition in any Division or multiple Divisions cumulatively to be allowed to play for a lower Team in the T20 Competition, but shall not need dispensation to play for a lower Team in the One-Day Competition.]*

[EXAMPLES:

- After four or more Matches in the T20 Topklasse, playing in T20 Hoofdklasse is not allowed (without dispensation);*
 - playing three Matches in the T20 Topklasse, then one Match in the T20 Hoofdklasse and then playing again in the T20 Topklasse is allowed. But playing again in T20 Hoofdklasse after that is not allowed (without dispensation);*
 - Playing one Match in one of the three THE Divisions in the T20 Competition and then playing in a T20 Lower Division is not allowed (without dispensation).*
4. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 1 or 3 respectively should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
 5. The provisions of Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban) may also apply. When applying for dispensation, the Club itself must take this into account.
 6. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

II. After playing in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition

1. Subject to prior dispensation, after a Player has played two or more of Matches in one Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition (counting only Matches in which the toss has taken place), he may not play in any other Team in this Competition.

[EXPLANATION:

Suppose: five Matches in the First Stage of the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competition (generally there are Pools of six Teams and a Single Round Robin Competition), dispensation is required after playing two Matches in the same Team. The Board has opted for a fairly strict limit here.]

2. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 1 should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
3. The provisions of Article 24 (Saturday/Sunday ban) also apply when applying for dispensation. The Club itself should take this into account when applying for dispensation.
4. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]



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Article 24 - Saturday/Sunday ban

I. Saturday/Sunday ban for Players in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions.

INTRODUCTION:

Articles 22 and 23 describe when a Player needs dispensation to play for a Team in a lower Division. Since the introduction of Saturday games in the THE Divisions of the men's Competitions, it has become a more frequent occurrence for a Player to play both for a Team in a THE Division and for a Team in a lower Division in the same weekend. The Board finds this undesirable as it goes against its wish to create a level playing field for all Teams and in all Competitions. This is why a Saturday/Sunday ban has been brought in.

Now that the T20 Competitions and One-Day Competitions in the THE Divisions and the respective Squad Lists are separate, the Saturday/Sunday ban will be extended to prevent possible abuse.

Another extension is that it is no longer just the same weekend, but the same week - defined for the purposes of this article as any period of seven consecutive days following a Team's Match Day in THE Divisions. This is in order to cover both Ascension Day, Whit Monday and T20 games in the Lower Divisions on weekday evenings.

1. The provisions of Articles 18, 20, 22 and 23 shall apply in full. In addition, the following applies.
2. Throughout the Season, a Player who has played in any Team in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and/or T20 Competitions is not allowed, subject to prior dispensation, to play in any Competition for a Team in the Lower Divisions, excluding the Recreational Divisions, within 8 calendar days (the Match Day in the THE Division counts as the first day), unless the Player in question:
 - a. was born after 1 September 2003 and also played regularly (i.e. at least 9 Matches in total in one or more Teams in one or more Competitions) in the previous Season,

[EXPLANATION: This wording was chosen to allow younger Players to play more Matches, but also to prevent 'flown-in' Players who meet the age criterion from upsetting the level playing field in Lower Divisions.

Nine Matches is the number played in the First Stage of both the One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions. Matches in the youth league also count towards this number of nine.]

or

- b. is a regular Player of that lower Team in that Competition, which, for the purposes of this provision, is the case if the Player in question has played three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) or more of the Matches played by him in both the current and the previous Season in that lower Team, or any other lower Team, which the relevant Club must prove should the Board request it.

[EXPLANATION:

A Player who in the previous Season played regularly, i.e. more than 50% of his Matches, in a Team that played in the men's THE Divisions, and is going to play in a lower Team this Season, but who does play in a higher Team in a men's THE Division on a Saturday before he has played one Match in the Lower Division, cannot play in the lower Team without dispensation within the abovementioned 8 calendar days.



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For a Player who did not play in a Dutch Competition in the previous Season and this Season has played a Match in the THE Divisions, dispensation is required if he wants to play in a Team in the Lower Divisions.]

3. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance so that a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 2(a) or (b) respectively should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
4. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

II. Saturday/Sunday ban for Players in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions.

INTRODUCTION:

The Board has all too often found a Player who in the previous Season played in a Team in a higher Division on Saturdays, on Sunday would play in a lower Team or in a Team in another Division in the Lower Divisions of the men's Competition, or in a Team that played in the same Division, but in a different Pool. The Board wants to combat this erosion of a 'level playing field'. Note: this rule also applies if the higher Team generally plays on Sundays and the Player wishes to play in a lower classified Team on Saturday; the text below assumes the first circumstance; the article also applies by analogy to the second situation.

1. The provisions of Articles 22 and 23 shall apply in full. In addition, the following applies.
2. If, in a Division or Pool in the men's One-Day Competition, a Team plays largely on Saturdays - largely meaning: at least 50% of the fixtures of that Team scheduled on a Saturday prior to the start of the Season - then, subject to prior dispensation, during the entire Season a Player who has played for such Team may not play for any other Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions within eight calendar days (the Match Day of that Team counts as the first day), with the exception of the Recreational Divisions, unless the Player in question:
 - a. was born after 1 September 2003 and also played regularly (i.e. at least seven Matches in total in one or more Teams in one or more Competitions) in the previous Season,

[EXPLANATION:

This wording was chosen to allow younger Players to play more Matches, but also to prevent 'flown-in' Players who meet the age criterion from upsetting the level playing field in still lower Divisions.

The choice of seven Matches was made because that is usually 50% or more of a One-Day Competition.]

or

- b. is a regular Player of that lower Team in that Competition, which, for the purposes of this provision, is the case if the Player in question has played three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) or more of the Matches played by him during both the current and the previous Season in that lower Team, or any other lower Team, which the relevant Club must prove should the Board request it.



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[EXPLANATION:

A Player who in the previous Season played regularly in a higher-ranked Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition, and will play in a lower Team this Season, but did play in a higher Team in the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competitions on a Saturday at the beginning of the Season, may not play in the lower Team without dispensation within those said eight calendar days.

A Player who did not play in a Dutch Competition in the previous Season and this Season has played a Match in the higher-ranked Team, will require dispensation if he wants to play in a Team in the Lower Divisions - see paragraph 3.]

3. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance why a Player who does not meet the conditions set out in paragraph 2(a) or (b) respectively should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
4. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[EXPLANATION: To prevent abuse, when a dispensation is granted, it will usually be granted for a limited number of weeks. If warranted, dispensation may be reapplied for.]

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]

III. Saturday/Sunday ban for Players in the Lower Divisions of the men's T20 Competitions.

1. A Player may not play in two different T20 Teams within 8 calendar days (the Match Day of the first Match counts as the first day) without prior dispensation.
2. If a Club is of the opinion that there is a special circumstance so that a Player who does not meet the condition set out in this paragraph 1 should still be able to play, it may apply for dispensation for that Player, stating reasons. See Article 28.
3. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[EXPLANATION: To prevent abuse, when a dispensation is granted, it will usually be granted for a limited number of weeks. If warranted, dispensation may be reapplied for.]

[POLICY: With regard to granting dispensation, the Board's policy is that a Player who does not comply with the provisions of this article and has not obtained dispensation and does play, is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]



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Article 25 - Participation in foreign competitions and tournaments by Players in the men's and women's Competitions

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules, a Player who has played for a foreign Club in a foreign league match or tournament during the Season, as described in Article 2, may not/no longer participate in Matches in the men's One-Day and/or T20 Competitions in the same Season without prior dispensation from the Board.
2. Supplementary to paragraph 1 and for the sake of clarification, if a Player has played for a foreign Club in a foreign competition or tournament prior to his Team's first Match but after the start of the Season as described in Article 2, dispensation must be applied for.

[EXPLANATION:

The Board advises the Player's Club to apply for dispensation before his participation in a foreign competition or tournament match - of course only if the Player intends (to return) to play in the Dutch Competition afterwards.

Dispensation of course need not be applied for if the last foreign match in which a Player participated took place before the Season starts (Article 2). Dispensation is equally not required if the first foreign match is played after the Player has played his last Match of the Season in the Dutch Competition.]

3. Such dispensation shall only be granted after a written (by email) request submitted by the interested Club to the Competition Manager (see Article 28).
4. If dispensation is granted, Article 18 applies in full.
5. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.

[EXPLANATION: It has been decided to apply this restrictive measure to all men's One-Day and T20 Divisions because it prevents the possibility that an unreasonable advantage could be gained by a Team in any Division if in that Division it were to be allowed outright.]

[POLICY:

- *The Board wishes to prevent Clubs from 'flying in' foreign Players to gain an unreasonable advantage in the current Season. On the other hand, Players who are offered an opportunity to play Matches during the Season in a foreign competition that can be qualified as being of a higher level (e.g. the English professional league) should be able to seize that opportunity without losing eligibility to play for their Club in the Netherlands. Such opportunities enrich Dutch cricket. The Board shall decide on an individual basis, on the recommendation of the Dispensation Committee, whether permission can be granted and, if necessary, under what conditions such permission shall be granted.*
- *With regard to dispensations, the Board applies the policy that a Player who has not obtained a dispensation to play in the Competition and does play shall be considered an ineligible Player (see also Article 29).]*

[EXAMPLES:

*A player playing for Dutch Club X plays for a European national team in the ECN T10 competition in 2024 **during** the (Dutch) Season. Under this article, applying for and being granted **dispensation** prior to the 2024 Season for his (Dutch) Club X is **not required**.*

*A player playing for a Dutch Club X in 2024 plays **prior to** the (Dutch) Season for a non-Dutch Club Y in the ECL T10 or other foreign club competition or foreign tournament. Under this article, he may play in the (Dutch) Competition for his Club X without dispensation being applied for and granted prior to the 2024 Season. **Dispensation is therefore not required**.*



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A Player playing for Club X in 2024 plays **during** the (Dutch) Season for a non-Dutch Club Y in the ECS T10 club competition (qualifying for the ECL 2025) or other foreign club competition or foreign tournament. Under this article, he may NOT play for his Club X in the (Dutch) Competition without dispensation being applied for and granted prior to the (Dutch) Season 2024. **Without dispensation, he is ineligible to play.**]

Article 26 - Designated Player in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions

A Club may request dispensation from the Board to allow a maximum of one of its members to participate in Matches of its first Team as a Designated Player.

Dispensation for this must be applied for in writing (by email to the Competition Manager) at the time of submitting the Squad List (no later than 1 April).

1. The Board shall grant this dispensation only if the three following conditions are met:
 - a. to prove his suitability as Designated Player, the member in question must hold an ICC coaching diploma of at least Level 2 or an equivalent diploma, at the discretion of the Board.
 - b. The Club shall produce a valid work permit issued to it for the work to be performed by the Designated Player, if such permit is required to employ the Designated Player in the Netherlands;
 - c. the Player in question must have been recruited as a Designated Player for the duration of the Season and start work no later than the first Match Day of the Season.
2.
 - a. The request for dispensation must be in the possession of the Board no later than 1 April prior to the Season and must be accompanied by documentary evidence showing that the conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 have been met.
 - b. If, due to circumstances beyond its control, the Club was unable to submit the dispensation application before 1 April prior to the Season, the Board shall also consider a dispensation application submitted after 1 April, at the discretion of the Board.
3. Pending the decision on dispensation, a Club may not allow the Player in question to participate in Competition Matches. He shall then be considered an ineligible Player. See Article 29 for the consequences of playing an ineligible Player.
4. Dispensation granted may be revoked by the Board at any time if it is found that the conditions set have not been met.
5. Dispensation and revocation of dispensation granted as referred to in this article shall be notified to the relevant Club and published on the KNCB website.
6.
 - a. A Club shall be permitted to replace the Designated Player associated with that Club if he
 - i. is injured to such an extent that he can no longer perform his duties at the relevant Club, or
 - ii. has been called upon by the cricket authority of his country or state/province to represent that country or state/province in a representative team.



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- b.
 - i. A substitute Designated Player must comply with the provisions of paragraph 1(a) and (b). Paragraph 1(c) in this case should be read as the remainder of the Season.
 - ii. The replacement Designated Player must commence his work in the Netherlands within 14 days of the dispensation being obtained by the Club.
 - c. A replaced Designated Player cannot return to the Club as a Player in the same Season or play for another Club in any capacity. The replaced Designated Player cannot be replaced.
- 7.
- a. If a Designated Player associated with a Club is selected for a Dutch representative Team, the Club concerned is allowed to appoint a replacement Designated Player for the time that the selected Designated Player cannot play for the Club due to his selection.
 - b. The replacement Designated Player will then replace the selected Designated Player on the Squad List referred to in Article 17. Such replacement Designated Player shall be granted dispensation from the obligations of paragraph 2.
 - c. As soon as the selected Designated Player can play for his Club again, the eligibility to play of the replacement Designated Player lapses.
8. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

[EXPLANATION: The rationale behind the Designated Player is to improve the standard of play in the Netherlands by bringing in qualified and experienced coaches. If such a coach should subsequently drop out during the Season, this improvement could stall. That is why such a Player may be replaced, while when any other Player on the Squad List drops out, he may not be replaced. This is also why there is a coaching diploma requirement for a Designated Player.]

Article 27 - Participation in Matches by Players of the opposite sex

1. Women are allowed to participate in Matches in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions and the men's One-Day Recreational Divisions.
2. Men are not allowed to participate in Matches in the Women's One-Day and T20 Competitions.

[EXPLANATION: The influence of men on the match progression and results of Matches in the women's One-Day and T20 Competitions is reckoned to be too great.]



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Article 28 - Dispensation procedure

This article is about a Club applying for dispensation for a Player and applies to Articles 17 up to and including 27 of these Rules.

1. When applying for dispensation for any of the conditions mentioned in Articles 17 up to and including 27, the following rules must be strictly observed:

- Dispensation is applied for for one (1) Competition at a time (i.e. either for the One-Day Competition or for the T20). Any dispensation for the other Competition should be applied for separately.
- Dispensation may only be applied for for one (1) Team (i.e. not for several Teams, not even if they play in the same Division).
- A dispensation application can only be made by a Club and must be made using a form set by the Board ([Click here for the form](#)). This form should be submitted in writing (by email) to the Competition Manager.
- On each form, dispensation may be applied for for one (1) Player only.
- A dispensation application shall not be processed until the abovementioned form is fully completed and all necessary and/or requested supporting documents and records have been received.
- A dispensation application should be submitted no later than three working days before the day on which the dispensation should take effect. These three days are needed for careful assessment of the application.
- The three-day period for taking a decision shall be suspended (in each case) from the day the Competition Manager has asked the applicant for further information, until the day the Competition Manager has received such further information or the set deadline has expired unused.
- If an application is made within a shorter period than the deadline set for this purpose, there is a risk that the application cannot be processed in time, which carries the risk for the Club and/or the Player that dispensation is not granted.
- The Board is the only party that may grant or reject dispensation applications.

2. The processing of the dispensation application involves the following:

- The Board shall designate the Competition Manager or, where appropriate, another employee of the KNCB Executive to process an application for dispensation on its behalf.
- The Board shall take advice from the Dispensation Committee when assessing a dispensation application.
- The Dispensation Committee has the discretionary power, if there are special circumstances under which the dispensation is requested, to deviate from the provisions of these Rules and/or attach specific conditions to the dispensation.
- The Board may deviate from the recommendations of the Dispensation Committee with substantiation.
- The decision by which the Board grants the dispensation shall state for which Competition, for which Team and as of which date the dispensation applies. If one or more special conditions apply, these will also be set out.
- Dispensation granted to allow a Player to play in another (usually lower) Team shall lapse with immediate effect if that Player plays again for the Team or one of the Teams in which he was playing when the dispensation was applied for. The dispensation also lapses with immediate effect if the Player plays for any other Team in the same Competition, with the exception of playing for a Team in the Recreational Divisions.
- In such a case, experience shows that the Dispensation Committee will almost always advise against granting a second dispensation application for the same Team.
- Dispensation and revocation of dispensation granted earlier shall be notified to the relevant Club and published on the KNCB website.

[POLICY:

A Player who plays in a Team without dispensation having been granted when dispensation is required, is considered an ineligible Player. For the consequences of this, see Article 29.]



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Article 29 - Public Order Measure in case of ineligibility

INTRODUCTION:

Several articles in these Rules specify conditions that a Player must meet in order to be allowed to participate in Matches in a certain Team and/or in a certain Competition. If a Player does not meet the conditions for playing and does play, he shall be an ineligible Player.

Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in these Rules, an ineligible Player playing in a Match is an Offence.

1. As soon as the Board becomes aware of a breach regarding eligibility to play of one or more of the Articles 16 up to and including 27 of these Rules, the following Public Order Measures shall be imposed.
2. As a Public Order Measure, the Board shall determine the result of the Match as follows:
if the Team in which one or more ineligible Players played
 - won the Match: result shall be 1-1;
 - lost the Match: result remains 0-2;
 - if the Match was tied: result remains 1-1.
 - If the Match is rained off and is not replayed: result remains 1-1;
 - if the Match is rained off and is replayed: no result.
3. The Board shall, as a Public Order Measure, deduct Match Points from the Team in which one or more ineligible Players played, as follows:
if that Team
 - won: 3 Match points deducted;
 - lost: 2 Match points deducted;
 - played a tie: 3 Match points deducted.
 - If the Match is rained off and is not replayed: 3 Match points deducted.
 - If the Match is rained off, is replayed and yields a result: 2 Match points deducted.
 - If the Match is rained off and is replayed but without a result (e.g. rained off again): 3 Match points deducted.

[EXPLANATION:

The effect of the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 is that in all cases the net sanction is 2 Match Points.]

4. In Matches in the various types of finals, the Team in which one or more ineligible Players played shall have lost the Match. Paragraphs 2 and 3 then do not apply; this too is a Public Order Measure.
5. In addition to what is set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 respectively, the Board shall, as part of the Public Order Measure, impose a fine on the Club of the Team in which one or more ineligible Players played, of € 100 per ineligible Player.
6. The Public Order Measures mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 apply for every Match in which an ineligible Player played.
7. In special cases the Board may at its discretion deviate from the provisions of this article.
8. An appeal may be lodged with the Appeals Committee against a Board Resolution imposing a Public Order Measure (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
9. The Board shall ensure that Public Order Measures as referred to in this article are published correctly on the KNCB website.



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[EXAMPLE:

A Player plays at THE One-Day level on Saturdays and regularly plays in a Derde Klasse Team on Sundays. Dispensation was never applied for and other Clubs are seeking an explanation from the KNCB. A Public Order Measure will be imposed. For the sake of clarity, dispensation would never have been granted.]

MATCH POINTS, FINAL STANDINGS, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

Article 30 - Match points

See Article 16.11 of the KNCB Playing Conditions as they apply to any Competition and/or Division.

Article 31 - Final standings

1. Final Standings: See Article 16.11 of the Playing Conditions as applicable per Competition and/or Division.
2. A Team which is withdrawn from the Competition after the start of the Season, whether it is withdrawn from the Competition on the basis of a decision of the Disciplinary Committee or otherwise, or whether it is relegated to a lower Division on the basis of a decision of the Disciplinary Committee with effect from the following Season or otherwise, shall be deemed to have obtained the lowest number of Match Points.
3. If a Team is taken out of the Competition or withdrawn after the start of the Season, all results of that Team shall be deleted from the points table.
4. Personal performances in the Matches described in paragraph 3 shall be included in the annual statistics.

Article 32 - Championship, promotion and relegation

See Article 16.15 of the Playing Conditions as they apply to any Competition and/or Division.

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

Article 33 - KNCB Umpires and Club Umpires

1. Periodically, the Board organises KNCB Umpire and Club Umpire courses and KNCB Umpire and Club Umpire examinations.
2.
 - a. KNCB Umpires are those who have passed the KNCB Umpire examination referred to in paragraph 1 and have correctly officiated in five Matches in the opinion of the Match Officials Committee, as well as those who have been recognised as such by the Board, on the advice of the Match Officials Committee, on the basis of their cricket knowledge and experience in officiating in Matches.

[EXPLANATION: The Board may invite an experienced umpire from another country to act as KNCB Umpire in order to raise the level of Dutch KNCB Umpires. Such an umpire is referred to in the second part of a.]

- b. Club Umpires are those who have taken the Club Umpire course referred to in paragraph 1, as well as those who have been recognised as such by the Board, on the advice of the Match Officials Committee, on the basis of their cricket knowledge and experience in officiating in Matches.



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3.
 - a. The costs of the KNCB Umpires appointed by the Board under the relevant Playing Conditions shall be apportioned among the Clubs according to the extent to which such KNCB Umpires officiated in the Matches played by each Club.
 - b. However, the Board may determine with regard to one or more Competitions that the costs of such KNCB Umpires shall be borne equally by all Clubs playing in such Competition or Competitions.
4.
 - a. The Captain of each Team whose Match is overseen by one or more KNCB Umpires appointed by the Board is obliged to provide a timely - i.e. no later than 8:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the Match Day - and complete assessment of this KNCB Umpire or Umpires by completing the Captain's report. Besides the Captain, that Captain's Club is also held responsible for this report being completed and submitted.

*[EXPLANATION:
This assessment must also be completed in the event of a Match that did not start (e.g. due to the weather or related ground conditions). This should be done even if the toss has not taken place - after all, the Captains will have been in contact with the KNCB Umpire or Umpires to discuss it.

This obligation applies to all Matches in all Competitions and all Divisions, both men's and women's, provided a KNCB Umpire was appointed for that Match.]*
 - b. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall impose a sanction on the Captain who breaches the provisions under a. and on the Club of that Captain.
 - (i) For the first offence, this is a warning to the Captain and no sanction for the Club.
 - (ii) At the second offence, the Captain shall receive another warning and a € 50 fine shall be imposed on the Club. The latter is a Board Resolution.
 - (iii) At the third offence and subsequent offences, one (1) Match suspension each time for the Captain in the Match in question and a € 50 fine for the Club. The latter is a Board Resolution.
 - c. Receiving a warning or sanction does not release the Captain from the obligation of completing the Captain's report in full. He shall be given three days to do so, starting from the day after he or his Club is informed of the warning or sanction.
 - d. Should the Captain also fail to fulfil the obligation imposed in c. by the deadline mentioned in c., one (additional) Match suspension shall be imposed on him and a further € 50 fine shall be imposed on the Club (the latter is again a Board Resolution).
5. Appeal may be lodged against a Board Resolution with the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.
6. The Captain in question may lodge an objection with the secretary of the Board against a sanction imposed by the Board (see Article 22(4) of the Disciplinary Regulations). The case shall then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
7. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.

Article 34 - Umpiring capacity in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules or the relevant Playing Conditions, a Club that competes with one or more Teams in the men's THE Divisions must provide at least one KNCB Umpire for each Team competing in those Divisions.



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2. A committee selected by the Board shall appoint KNCB Umpires every week for the Matches in the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in the THE Divisions. This committee shall consist of the Competition Manager, the Match Referee and the High Performance Manager.
3. The minimum umpiring obligation is 18 (eighteen) Matches per Team designated by the Board in that Season. If a Club provides several KNCB Umpires, they may fulfil the umpiring duty jointly, with a minimum of 6 Matches per umpire.

[EXPLANATION:

The number of 18 Matches is based on the minimum number of Matches a Team in a THE Division will play in a Season (viz. 9 Matches in the First Stage of both the One-Day and T20 Competitions). A KNCB Umpire only counts towards those 18 Matches for a Team if he officiates in at least 6 Matches on behalf of/for the Club of that Team.]

4. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall impose as a Board Resolution a € 250 fine on a Club that does not comply with the obligation laid down in the first paragraph, for each time that the Club does not provide a KNCB Umpire for one of the number of Matches stated in paragraph 3.
5. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
6. The Club may appeal a Board Resolution to the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

[POLICY: As in previous years, the penalty for not providing KNCB Umpires shall not be enforced. The Board will announce at the General Membership Meeting in autumn 2024 whether any, and if so, which sanctions will be imposed from the 2025 season if Clubs do not provide KNCB Umpires or not enough.]

Article 35 - Umpiring capacity in the Topklasse of the women's One-Day Competition

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules or the relevant Playing Conditions, a Club whose Team plays in the Topklasse of the Women's One-Day Competition is obliged to provide at least one KNCB Umpire.

The minimum umpire provision obligation per team is six Matches designated by the Board in that Season. If a Club provides several KNCB Umpires, they may fulfil the umpiring obligation jointly, with a minimum of 2 Matches per umpire.

[EXPLANATION: The Board's principle is that each Club shall provide a KNCB Umpire for the same number of Matches as the number of fixtures of a Team of that Club.]

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall impose as a Board Resolution a € 250 fine on a Club that does not comply with the obligation laid down in the first paragraph, for each time that the Club does not provide a KNCB Umpire for one of the six Matches mentioned in paragraph 1.
3. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
4. The Club may appeal a Board Resolution to the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

[POLICY: The Board is committed to having every Match of the Women's One-Day Competition in the Topklasse officiated by female umpires in the years ahead. To this end, female umpires will be recruited and trained.]



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[POLICY: As in previous years, the penalty for not providing KNCB Umpires shall not be enforced. The Board will announce at the General Membership Meeting in autumn 2024 whether and if any, which sanctions will be imposed from the 2025 season if Clubs do not provide KNCB Umpires or not enough.]

Article 36 - Umpiring capacity in the other Divisions (excluding women's One-Day Competition Hoofdklasse, women's T20 Competition and men's One-Day Competition Recreational Divisions)

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules or the relevant Playing Conditions, a Club that has one or more Teams playing in the Overgangsklasse and the Lower Divisions of the men's One-Day Competition is obliged to provide at least one Club Umpire for the Matches of that Team.
2. When a Team does not provide a Club Umpire for a Match, the opposing team is allowed to provide two Club Umpires for the Match. This shall NOT require permission from the opposing Team Captain.
3. If neither Team provides a Club Umpire for a Match, the Captains are solely responsible for the orderly conduct of the Match, compliance with these Rules, the Playing Conditions as applicable to the Competition and/or Division in which the Match is played and that the Match is played 'within the spirit of cricket'.

[POLICY:

- *The implementation of this obligation will be monitored starting from the 2024 Season to develop future regulation and enforcement.*
- *If, before the start of the 2024 Season, the Board suspects that a Club does not have (enough) Club Umpires to meet its obligations, it will encourage and give that Club the opportunity to have one or more of its members to take a Club Umpire course.]*

Article 37 - Scorers - General

Periodically, the Board organises scoring courses and exams for the ECB ACO Scorer Level 1.

1. A qualified Scorer is one who holds at least an ECB ACO Level 1 qualification.
2. A recognised Scorer is a Scorer who does not meet the requirement set out in paragraph 1, but who has been recognised as such by the Board by virtue of his cricket knowledge and experience in scoring at Matches.

Article 38 - Scorers in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions, and the women's Topklasse One-Day Competition

1. Without prejudice to the provisions elsewhere in these Rules or the relevant Playing Conditions, the Club of a Team playing in the THE Divisions of the men's One-Day and/or or T20 Competitions or the women's Topklasse One-Day Competition shall be obliged to have the scoring for that Team carried out by a qualified or recognised Scorer.
2. If a Team does not have a qualified or recognised Scorer at a Match referred to in paragraph 1, that Team is obliged to have one other person (without that qualification or recognition) score the entire Match.
3. Scorers' names must be listed on both Scorecards.

[EXPLANATION: If no name is listed, this means that there was no Scorer. If a name is listed but it does not appear on the list of qualified or recognised Scorers used by the Board, this means: the Scorer is not qualified or recognised.]



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4. If the Scorer is not a member of the Club of the Team he is scoring for, 'custom player' must be given as his name. His name must be reported in a separate email to the Competition Manager (competitie@kncb.nl) before the deadline specified in Article 40(3) for the entering of the Scorecards.

[EXPLANATION:

The aim is for this to be implemented as early as Season 2024.]

5. In addition, the Board shall impose a € 50 fine on the Club of that Team as a Board Resolution.
6. This shall be done for every Match in which no qualified or recognised Scorer is present and/or his name is not listed on the Scorecards.
7. If a Team fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 and also fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph 2 (and therefore also fails to comply with paragraph 3), the Board shall impose a € 100 fine on the Club as a Board Resolution.
8. This shall be done for every Match in which no one has scored the entire Match and/or his name is not listed on the Scorecards.
9. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
10. The Club may appeal a Board Resolution to the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

SCORING, SCORECARD, TEAM SHEET

Article 39 - Scoring

INTRODUCTION:

The Board has long been of the opinion that the Scorecards need to be completed much better by the Clubs. Correct, complete and timely submitted Scorecards ease the Competition Manager's work considerably: the Scorebook can help to correct errors discovered later, ambiguities or even irregularities in the completed Scorecards.

It will also help to improve the quality of the work of the Archive Committee, which produces the annual Kleefstra Almanac, which will also benefit the historiography of cricket in the Netherlands.

As the completion of Scorecards continues to be below par, the Board will introduce additional rules and sanctions with effect from Season 2024, and the current sanctions that may be imposed for breaching the obligations regarding the completion of Scorecards (see Article 40 (Scorecard)) will be raised.

1. Every Match in any Competition must be scored in at least one (1) Scorebook, regardless of whether scoring is also done in the Scoring app.

[EXPLANATION:

The app may suddenly not work during the Match, or the internet connection may fail.

The best scoring method is to score in both the Scorebook and the app. For example, the Scorer of the home Team scores in the Scoring app and the Scorer of the away Team scores in the Scorebook. These roles may be swapped by mutual agreement.

In Matches where no Scorers are present, the batting Team scores its batting innings in both the Scoring app and the Scorebook.

If there is only one single Scorer, scoring must be done in the Scorebook in any case.]



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2. If a KNCB Umpire or Umpires has/have been appointed for the Match and the toss has taken place, one of them shall sign as seen the pages used for the Match in the Scorebook after the Match, and sign the stated Match result for approval. If there is/are no KNCB Umpire or Umpires present, both Captains must sign for approval all pages used to indicate their agreement, also of the stated Match result.

[EXPLANATION:

The Board recommends that after the Match the other Team take a photograph of the page or pages of the Scorebook used. This is especially important for the home Team: this Team is responsible for ensuring that the Scorecards of both innings are entered fully and correctly in the Competition Software (see Article 40(1)). This means that all data referred to in Article 40(3) is correctly recorded and that the batting innings totals (runs batters + all extras) match the totals of the bowling innings (runs scored against bowlers + fielding extras). Also, the names of 'custom players' must be changed in the Competition Software to the names of the Players as they appear in the Competition Software - whether or not after entering a Player in this software programme.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *In case of ambiguities, the Scorebook prevails.*
- *The Competition Manager may request a copy of the pages of the Scorebook used for a Match if he deems this necessary.]*

[POLICY:

The Board intends to impose sanctions if the requirement that every Match be scored in at least one Scorebook is not sufficiently followed. Season 2024 shall be a pilot year for this. The Board realises that breaches of this requirement in Matches where there are KNCB Umpires are easy to establish. In all other Matches, a breach is likely to be detected only if a copy of the pages of the Scorebook is requested because there is reason to do so.]

Article 40 - Scorecard

1. For the Matches in all Competitions, men's and women's, One-Day and T20, as well as the Recreational Divisions, the result of the Match and - if at least the toss has taken place - both Scorecards have to be entered completely, correctly and timely in the Competition Software. Both the Club of the home Team and the home Team itself are held responsible for this.
2. Timely entering of results and Scorecards shall mean:
 - a. for the men's One-Day and T20 Competitions in THE Divisions: on the Match Day:
 - b. for all other men's and women's Divisions (both Competitions): no later than 8.00 a.m. on the Wednesday after the Match Day.

[EXPLANATION: A fixed day was chosen rather than a 48-hour period after a Match. This means that after playing on Whit Monday, there will be one fewer day to fulfil this obligation.]

3. Complete entering of results and Scorecards means:
 - Toss won by
 - Team batting first
 - Match result
 - Wickets and runs of each Team
 - End of innings (all out, compulsory close or end of match)
 - Overs bowled and maximum number of overs available per Team
 - Extras
 - The names (initials and surname) of all Players, even if they did not bat (DNB);
 - How out
 - Fall Of Wickets
 - Bowler and fielder for each fallen wicket
 - Number of runs scored by each batter



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- Number of overs bowled by each bowler
 - Number of maiden overs bowled by each bowler
 - Number of wickets taken by each bowler
 - Number of runs scored off each bowler
 - Number of catches taken by each fielder
 - Who was the wicketkeeper
 - Who was Captain
 - Number of catches and stumpings by wicketkeeper
4. If a fixture has not commenced (i.e.: toss has not taken place), this must be recorded by the Club of the home Team in the Competition Software within the period specified in paragraph 2.
 5. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall, as a Board Resolution, impose a € 50 fine on the Club that breaches the provisions of paragraph 1.
 6. Having a sanction imposed on it does not release the Club from the obligation of entering the result and the Scorecards. It shall be given seven days to do so, starting from the day the Club is informed of the sanction.
 7. Paragraphs 5 and 6 shall apply again if the Club has also failed to fulfil the obligation set out in paragraph 1 within the period specified in paragraph 6. This shall repeat up to a maximum of ten (10) weeks.
 8. The sanctions listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 apply per Match that the offence referred to in paragraph 1 was committed.
 9. The Board may deviate from the provisions of this article in special cases at its discretion.
 10. The Club may appeal a Board Resolution to the Appeals Committee (see Internal Regulations article 13.8). The Appeals Committee shall then only review whether the Board's decision was reasonable.

[EXPLANATION:

- *Paragraph 1 states that both the home Team and the Club of that Team are responsible for the complete, correct and timely entry of the result and the Scorecards. It is the duty of (the Captain of) the home Team to obtain all necessary details from the opponent (on Match Day).*
- *If a fixture is played at the ground of a third Club, the obligation set out in paragraph 1 applies to the Club of the Team listed first in the fixtures schedule as entered in the Competition Software. If a Match is played on the ground of a Club of the Team that would be the away team, the Club of the Team listed first in the fixtures schedule remains responsible for this obligation.
Note: This obligation obviously also applies to a Match that has been rescheduled on a different date.*
- *In normal circumstances, on the Wednesday after the Match Day, the Competition Manager shall block the possibility of entering or changing data for that Match in the Competition Software. If the provisions of paragraphs 6 or 8 apply, the Competition Manager shall make the data concerning that Match accessible again during the period stated in those paragraphs.*
- *The Club of the away Team is not obliged, but is allowed to check the details of the Players of its Team. If it then transpires that an error has been made and corrections can no longer be made, the Club may ask the Competition Manager to allow it to correct the data.]*



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Article 41 - Team sheet

Before the start of the Match, the Captains shall complete, sign and hand over a Team sheet using the model established by the Board, to the KNCB Umpire or Umpires appointed by the Board (if present), and the Captain of the opposition. This obligation applies to all Divisions and Competitions, both men's and women's.

[EXPLANATION:

The Team sheet serves to ease the work of the KNCB Umpires and Scorers, especially those of the opposing team. Since both KNCB Umpires must be given a copy of this form, it should be drawn up in triplicate.

The Team sheet template is available on the KNCB website (click [here](#) for the Team Sheet). It is important that the Player's name is exactly the same (i.e. complete and identically spelled) as entered in the KNCB membership records (All-United) and that the KNCB player number is included. The Board recommends printing (several copies of) a slightly longer list the day before the Match from which names can then be crossed out (and possibly added) prior to the Match.]

[POLICY: The Board sees 2024 as a pilot year for this. Depending on the Board's experience, failure to meet this obligation shall lead to the introduction of sanctions, which shall take effect in Season 2025.]

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Article 42 - Sponsorship

1. Logos on match clothing and/or sports equipment of those directly involved in the Match shall comply with the Dutch Advertising Code (see: www.reclamecode.nl), may not dominate and must be uniform.
2. A sponsor's name may never replace or be part of the name under which the Club is registered and participates in the Competitions.

Article 43 - Coloured clothing

1. In all Competitions, Clubs must have the Players of their Teams play in coloured clothing. Prior approval from the Board must be obtained for the clothing to be worn by the Players of these Clubs.
2. Such permission shall only be granted if, in the opinion of the Board, the proposed clothing is not likely to have a disruptive influence on the conduct of the match.
3.
 - a. Visible (under-)clothing not belonging to the official club strip that differs in colour from the official club strip must sufficiently contrast with the match ball or not hinder the visibility of the match ball.
 - b. Pads, or the clads (covers) over them, which are not identical in colour to the official club strip, must be sufficiently in contrast with the match ball or not hinder the visibility of the match ball.
 - c. As long as a Player's clothing does not comply with the provisions in a. and b. above, he is not allowed to participate in the Match. The assessment as to whether a Player's clothing meets the aforementioned requirements shall be vested solely in the KNCB Umpires appointed by the Board for that Match.



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4. All Players of a Team must play in the same coloured clothing. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Board may impose a sanction on the Club if this requirement is not complied with.
5. The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4 may be derogated from in the Recreational Divisions. However, the requirement then kicks in that a white ball may not be used when playing in white clothing.

GROUNDS

Article 44 - Playing on artificial grass

Playing Matches on artificial grass outfields is allowed in all Competitions without dispensation by the Board being required, provided it has a pitch as described in the Grounds Regulations.

[POLICY: The Board aims for all Competition Matches to be played on natural grass outfields. However, playing on an artificial grass outfield is allowed.]

Article 45 - Ground requirements

1. During the Season as defined in Article 2, the Clubs must have access to a ground that meets the requirements set out in the Ground Regulations.
2. Upon multiple reports of deficiencies to a ground and a resulting review by the Grounds Committee, the Board may declare a ground unfit until further notice.

[EXPLANATION:

- *Not having a ground that meets the requirements set out in the Grounds Regulations must also be understood to mean:*
 - *Not (or no longer) having a playable pitch available for a Match, by not having covered the pitch and/or the playing field in time and/or adequately, both before that Match and during breaks in and/or interruptions of that Match.*
 - *Not having the most basic tools and equipment available to make and/or keep the pitch and/or playing field dry and/or playable before and/or during a Match, or not (sufficiently) deploying the tools and equipment that are present.*
- *The Board may grant dispensation to a Club if the Club gives notice when registering a Team or Teams for the Competitions that its ground may not meet all the requirements for reasons wholly or partly beyond its control. The application for dispensation must be in writing (by email to the Competition Manager), clear, complete and, if necessary, verifiable.]*

[POLICY:

If the requested dispensation is not granted, the relevant Club must itself arrange for a ground that does meet the requirements.]