



## **2018 SEASON – DOUBLE HEADERS IN 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

### **GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS, OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS.**

- Double headers will be played on consecutive days on a weekend; 1<sup>st</sup> game on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> game on Sunday.
- On both days each game will be of 7 innings duration, with the game on Saturday restricted to 2 hours.
- The mercy rule of 10 runs ahead will apply after completing 5 innings or 4 and a half when the home side is ahead.
- All four (4) Clubs scheduled to play on the double header weekend will participate; there will be 2 games on a Saturday.
- On the Saturday the first game will commence at 12.25pm and the second game will commence at 2.45pm. The host Club will be the home team in the last scheduled game.
- Each Club will host a Saturday double header.
- Double headers are scheduled for only 5 alternate weekends; commencing on 13 May 2018 and the last being scheduled for 13 July 2018. This means one complete weekend of double header games between 4 Clubs, then the next weekend a normal round. This will eliminate the need for Clubs to play double headers two (2) weeks in a row.
- For participation purposes to qualify for the Finals Series only one (1) game per weekend can be utilised.
- For grading purposes any player playing in a higher grade for the Saturday game will not receive a 1<sup>st</sup> grade grading. Therefore the Saturday game is a free grading day and will not affect lower graded players when filling in.
- Players graded lower than 1<sup>st</sup> grade who participate on a Saturday double header game may play in their normal grade on the Sunday.
- Players graded 1<sup>st</sup> grade can only play in the one (1) grade for the entire scheduled double header weekend.
- All games will count towards the Minor Premiership.

