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CGL Veterans League 2026/27

Club Briefing

Good day,

The following outlines the plans for the 2026/27 CGL Veterans season.

There will be two leagues;

- A 35 over Saturday league. This has been introduced to better prepare players for Over-40s and 50s provincial selection. Matches at IPTs and international level are played over 45 overs. A Saturday league also gives more scope for growth as it is not reliant in clubs that have invested in floodlights.
- A T20 league that will be played predominantly on weekday evenings at facilities with floodlights.

35 Over League (Saturdays)

- Currently there 7 teams registered. The plan is to have one round of matches. The top 4 will play semi-finals and a final to determine the league winners. The bottom 3 will play a round robin to determine the plate winners. This gives each team a minimum of 7 matches, a maximum of 8.
- Matches will be played under the regular CGL 35 Over Saturday playing conditions – with the exceptions listed under General Conditions.
- CGL have committed to providing balls (pink 4-piece), scorer and one umpire per match. The budget is being reviewed to see if there is scope for a second umpire. If not, the cost will be shared by the teams and invoiced directly by the Umpires' Association. The provision of officials for veterans matches is a non-negotiable – it is the reason most cited as to why players give up the game.
- The first-round matches will take place on Saturday 10th October.

T20 League (Midweek)

- There are 15 teams that have indicated interest in taking part in the T20 league. They will be divided into 2 groups, one of 8, the other 7. There will be one round of matches, with the top 2 in each group qualifying for the semi-finals.
- Fixtures are currently being drafted, but some matches between teams that don't have access to facilities with floodlights will have to be played on Saturdays. Matches will commence week beginning 12th October.
- Games will be played in regular T20 format and playing conditions, with the exceptions listed below.
- CGL will provide the balls (4-piece white for evening matches, pink for daytime). However, the cost of umpires and scorers is for the clubs. This is mandatory. Clubs will be invoiced directly by the Umpires' and Scorers' associations

General Conditions (applies to both leagues)

- Veterans cricket permits 12 players per team with rolling substitutions, but only 11 can bat and bowl.
- As per international playing conditions, runners are permitted should a player be injured during the course of a match.
- Timings in the event of interrupted evening games will be changed in order to cater for hard stop finishes. For example, overs will be lost immediately, there will be no extension in finishing time.
- In order to broaden the pool of players available for selection for the next Over-40s IPT (2027) and World Cup (2028), players turning 40 years of age on or before the 31st December 2027 shall be permitted to play in the 2026/27 CGL Veterans Leagues. There is no restriction on the number of players under 40 years of age that fulfil the above criteria, or what they can do during the match.
- If a club doesn't have a veterans team in either league, players from that club can play for one that does. Approval should be sought from the CGL Veterans Steering Committee prior to that player playing. No player will be permitted to play for more than one team in the same league without CGL Veterans Steering Committee permission.
- In the event a competition reverts to a knock-out format after a league or group phase, a player must have played a minimum of 1 game in the league or group phase to be eligible to play in a knock-out game.
- All players are required to complete the VCASA Registration Form for the 2026/27 season (the link will be circulated). Players will be requested to nominate the province they want to be considered for

provincial selection. This also determines their primary club for Club Championships purposes. Only 2 players that are not registered with the Lions shall be permitted to play for a team in any given match.

- It is the responsibility of the clubs participating in the CGL Veterans leagues to ensure that the player eligibility criteria are met at all times. In the event eligibility rules are found to be broken, the immediate sanction will be the forfeit of points for any game during which the transgression took place. The CGL Veterans Steering Committee reserves the right to issue further sanction should it see fit.
- All clubs participating in the 2026/27 CGL Veterans leagues shall be required to pay the VCASA affiliation fee of R1,500. Invoices will be issued at the start of the leagues. As per current VCASA policy, clubs that have more than one team in the league or play in multiple competitions only need to pay one affiliation fee.
- Captains will be required to complete the umpires' assessment after each match.
- All matches will be scored on the VCASA CricClubs platform.

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