

## **Attachment 6**

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### **ATTIRE POLICY**

Discussions among the BHRDCA CoM regarding a policy to be adopted for on field attire (Junior & Senior grades only) took place prior to the 2014/15 season, when the Junior Section Manager was approached by EDCC to request permission for their Junior teams to play in an all coloured playing top.

It was recognised by the BHRDCA CoM that this would be a request likely to grow in volume as clubs became accustomed to the mix of clothing being worn at the highest levels, with a particular emphasis on clothing worn in the shortened forms of the game i.e. National & State T 20, Big Bash derivatives etc.

This document seeks to establish guidelines for the BHRDCA such that the CoM retains control as the final approving body for such attire change requests, as well as to spell out clearly the obligations for the clubs in seeking a change and the rules approved by the association should a team or club seek to wear coloured clothing in either Junior or Senior ranks.

Cricket is a game of traditions, one of which is “to play like a cricketer, you must look like a cricketer”...

Traditionally this has meant players who take the field do so in attire that is predominantly white (or cream, which is mostly associated with first class or turf based competition clothing). With the prevalence of television promoted cricket events established alongside the shortened form of the game i.e. National and State Big Bash, T20 competitions et al, the traditions of predominantly white attire and shoes have been challenged, and in many cases completely overhauled.

Increasingly questions regarding traditional clothing and footwear have been raised at local cricket levels and the BHRDCA itself has seen the advent of coloured clothing and footwear in Representative cricket and to some extent in Junior Carnival and dedicated under aged competitions in more recent seasons.

In order to accommodate this shift from the traditions of predominantly white attire to that which is more a hybrid of coloured and white clothing or all coloured clothing and footwear it has been necessary to review the Attire Rules of the competition – specifically BHRDCA Senior Rule [10 (b) (IV)] ATTIRE and BHRDCA Junior Rule [10] ATTIRE.

The following Policy is proposed to replace both the Senior & Junior Rules as recorded above and become the policy under which the BHRDCA will accept playing attire, deal with change requests and maintain an appropriate standard across all senior and junior competitions.

## **ATTIRE**

### **CLOTHING**

- Players should wear predominantly white shirts, white pullover, white (cream) trousers, white socks and predominantly white shoes (In Junior matches players may wear white shorts or alternate clothing approved by the BHRDCA CoM)
- Club or Sponsorship/Promotional logos must not exceed community standards of appropriateness as displayed for Senior and Junior sport
- Any such designed clothing or advertising display that may reasonably be considered a distraction to the batsman, when worn by a bowler will not be approved by the CoM
- Names (specifically first names and/or Surnames) and numbers are permitted on clothing
- Nick names are not permitted

### **COLOURED CLOTHING**

- Teams wishing to wear coloured clothing for shortened forms of the game, i.e. T20, One Day matches, Junior matches etc., may do so only after the proposed clothing is approved by the BHRDCA CoM
- A design (Front & back) of any proposed coloured clothing must be approved by the CoM before a club or team can take the field in any such proposed clothing
- All team members must be attired in the same or similar styled clothing i.e. a few players in 'whites' and the rest in coloured clothing is not permitted

**NOTE:** Juniors who play in coloured clothing must not wear this clothing when playing in senior matches if the senior attire standard is white clothing

### **ADVERTISING**

- Permissible advertising on player's shirts is of minimal size with no more than five displays allowed
- No more than one (1) of these is to be located on each sleeve and/or breast pocket position (Additional advertising is permitted across the back of the shirt describing a panel at shoulder level, no more than 10 cm high and 30 cm wide)
- Where an unobtrusive manufacturer's logo is normally included on the shirt (as purchased), it shall not be considered a component of the advertising allowance
- A Club logo or promotional display shall constitute advertising
- The dimensions of each sleeve/breast pocket display shall not exceed 65 square cm in area, nor 10 cm in height (sleeve) or width (sleeve & breast pocket position)
- Design and dimensions for additional advertising/sized display will only be approved by the CoM as it sees fit

### **SHOES**

- It is recommended that shoes shall be predominantly white
- No player shall wear metal spikes or similar protrusions in his footwear

### **HEADWEAR**

- Players in Shield grades wishing to use headwear excluding protective helmets must wear either their recognised club cap, BHRDCA Representative cap or an approved white/club coloured hat. Players in all other senior grades wishing to use headwear excluding protective helmets must wear their recognised club cap, BHRDCA cap, approved white hat or baseball style club cap. (Superseded Club caps are also permissible)
- The BHRDCA recommends that, in extreme conditions, all players must wear a cap or hat.
- Any player eligible to play Junior cricket must wear a helmet with a face grille when batting in Senior teams.

### **BREACHES**

- No player is permitted to take the field in incorrect attire. The Club responsible shall be fined in accordance with Rule 16 for each player incorrectly attired and on each occasion on which a player offends (except as recommended in the Umpires report).