

Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for umpires and captains to informally discuss important matters arising from each **Shires First Grade** matches only.
- To improve the subsequent performances of those umpires, and the captains and their teams, as well as relationships between those persons
- To improve those persons' understanding of each other's roles, including their responsibility to uphold the Spirit of the Game

General

- These procedures must be read in conjunction with Law 1 (Games 1, 2 & 3) of the Playing Conditions.
- These procedures are based on those that Cricket Australia currently applies to the conduct of similar meetings following Interstate matches. This is also replicated in all Premier First and Second Grade matches
- Team captains and SCA-appointed umpires must still submit match reports to the SCA following each match- and if considered appropriate, those reports should incorporate matters discussed during the post-match meeting

Facilitator

- The facilitator's role is to lead and manage each post-match meeting
- Each Shires club must appoint a suitably-skilled senior club official to act as facilitator for each Shires First Grade home match
- If the Shires Home Club is unable to provide a facilitator, the Away Club may do so if a suitably-skilled senior club official is available
- A facilitator may be a member of the clubs committee, SCA delegate, Club Life member, Legend of Shires or Shires Sub-Committee member
- It is not necessary for the same person to act as facilitator for every home match during a season
- The facilitator must not have been an umpire or player in the same match

Post-Match Meeting

- These meetings shall only apply to preliminary round matches in Shires First Grade. No post match meeting shall be held for any finals series fixtures.
- If a facilitator from both the home and away club is not available the meeting shall not proceed.
- Each team captain must attend the post-match meeting
- The meeting should be informal in nature - it should not be confrontational
- The meeting must take place within 20 minutes following the conclusion of the match
- No meeting is required on any day other than the last day of a match
- Matters for discussion may include - umpiring and captaincy performances generally; specific umpiring decisions; player behaviour; and ground and off-field issues
- Criticism of umpires' or captains' performances will not constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct if it is balanced and constructive, and is confined to the post-match meeting.
- The meeting should last no longer than 15 minutes