# **NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

# **MERGED TEAMS POLICY**

To manage our competitions across our region, the following general procedures are applied:

* A club applies annually to have its membership of the NWMCA renewed (NWMCA by-law 2.1
* A Club enters a team or teams in NWMCA Grades via PlayHQ
* A club applies to Council to use a ground for home matches for each team in each grade
* Players register with a club, and are placed in a team by that club
* Player insurance is by registration with a club
* The NWMCA determines the final grade in which each team will play for the season.

From time to time, a club cannot form a standalone team, and looks to merge with another club to ensure that there are enough players to form a team.

The NWMCA will generally support an application for a merged team. It is however expected that the merging of teams is an interim measure, and clubs should work towards forming standalone teams as soon as possible. Clubs applying to submit a merge team into a NWMCA competition must demonstrate that they have attempted to field a standalone team in the relevant competition.

Clubs who want to enter a merged team in any competition must make application to the NWMCA for that merged team. The application must outline:

* The two clubs that will form the merged team
* Which club will administer the team in PlayHQ
* How many players each club will provide to form the merged team
* Which ground will be used by the merged team for home games.

It is not recommended that two grounds are used by a merged team, as that will mean a greater cost for ground rental, and is not best use of grounds (ground will not be used all weeks during the season).

Players from the club that is NOT managing the merged team will need to apply for season permit before playing in their first game.