



**MACKAY
CRICKET**
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HARRUP PARK

COVERING THE PITCH - COVERS DUTY

PURPOSE	To establish and maintain a system for the applying and removal of wicket covers for fields at Harrup Park.	
RESPONSIBILITIES	BY WHOM	
<p>It is the responsibility of each club to apply covers and remove covers for MCA fixture matches played at Harrup Park. This will take place on a weekly roster determined by Mackay Cricket Administration.</p> <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA Senior Cricket Competition By Laws – Relevant season. • Covers Duty Roster – Distributed annually. 	All Clubs	
<u>PROCEDURE</u>		
1. Covers, peg buckets and one hessian covering will be applied to each field, fixtured for play that round , as per the 2022/23 Junior and Senior Season Draws.		
2. Covers should be applied on the evening prior to the weekend play, no earlier than 4:00pm. Minimum 3 people to lay covers in ideal conditions. Minimum of 5 – 6 to lay safely if covers are waterlogged or if wind is present.	All Clubs	
3. Covers shall be pinned downed securely by pins supplied by the HPCC Grounds staff. When there is excessive wind additional pins shall be placed to secure sufficiently to ensure covers do not lift overnight.	All Clubs	
4. Care shall be taken when handling the covers in high and very high winds. If wind exceeds 20 knots per hour as per the Bureau of Meteorology website in the South Mackay Locality covers shall NOT be applied due to safety reasons.		
5. Removal of the covers shall be done on the morning of the nominated game (s) no later than 7:00 am provided that it is not raining and/or there is little likelihood of rain falling prior to the commencement of play. In the event of moderate rain, covers will only be removed under the direction of the Curator or Grounds Manager.	All Clubs / Head Curator	
6. When removing covers, it shall be done in a manner as to not allow any water to drain from the covers on the wicket square/block. The covers shall be removed so that any water or condensation is drained to the outfield.	All Clubs	
7. All covers and hessians shall be dragged to the boundary with covers folded short end corner to corner to produce a 2m wide x 25m (length of cover) long strip, with hessians hung on the fence and kept in a tidy manner to allow easy access of both if required during the days play.		
8. At the conclusion of the match the covers and hessians must be applied by both playing teams if there is a fixture on that field the following day.		
9. If no matches are scheduled for the following day the covers and hessians for that field must be neatly rolled and placed on the pallet so Grounds Staff can remove on the Monday morning. The hessian must also be dry and rolled up neatly and placed on top of the covers for removal.	All Clubs	
10. If while working on the covers and your club damages the hessian or covers, please report this to the Sports Operations Manager. Please take care with covers especially on game day with wearing spikes.		
REMINDER: There are penalties and fines if covers duty is neglected by the club on Duty.		