



# Heathcote Williams Shield

## Playing Conditions as at 20 January 2020

The Heathcote Williams shield (HWS) is under the jurisdiction of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and is played between New Zealand based secondary school 1<sup>st</sup> XI's only.

1. Players must be in the school that the 1st XI represents. i.e. "Composite Schools Teams" as defined by School Sport New Zealand (formerly NZSSSC), are ineligible to challenge for the shield.
2. NZC's position is that within the challenge requirements, the shield will be played for in as many games as possible in a season – see notes 6 and 9 below.
3. All Games will be played under New Zealand Cricket rules and any Under 19 domestic variations of them as they apply to 50 over cricket and any multiple innings games.
4. To win the trophy, the challenger must beat the holder outright.
5. The winner of any challenge match should advise NZC the match result/score by email within 48 hours of the match.
6. **Eligibility**  
All players in a team must be Under 19 as at 1 January in the year in which any games are played and be current bona fide students at the school they represent and met all the Schools Sport NZ eligibility criteria as they apply in that year. This includes adherence to the quota.
7. **Current Shield Holder**  
It is required that a school holding the HWS at the start of any calendar year, advises the shield coordinator no later than 20 January (or before if they have matches prior to that date), a schedule of their home matches in the coming half season. At least two of those, of the holder's choice, shall be against a team from outside of the holder's province, as those boundaries exist at the time. No out of province school shall have their application to challenge declined in consecutive seasons.
8. This schedule shall include as mandatory challenges, all 'home' matches including 'traditional' or matches played at another venue but where the holder is deemed to be the home team.
9. Where the holder does not at 20 January nominate a challenge from an out of Province school, then any match by the holder be 'home' or 'away' shall automatically become a mandatory challenge match.
10. **New Shield Holder**  
When there is a change in holder during the season, the new holder must within one week, provide the shield coordinator with:
  - (i) their schedule of remaining 'home' games (as defined in Rule 7) which all then become mandatory challenges.
  - (ii) nominated 'out of Province' game(s) where applicable (as defined in Rule 7)
  - (iii) if the shield is won after the commencement of the term 4 part of the season, then the out of province game requirement will be discussed between the school and NZC for that year, but all home matches (as in Rule 7) become mandatory challenges.
11. If the school holding the HWS is a participant in the NZC Secondary School Boys First XI Gillette Cup finals, then the shield must be contested as part of that tournament where the holder is the designated home team.
12. NZC will not be responsible for any of the costs incurred in staging fixtures for the HWS

13. Any complaint should be directed to NZC's appointed coordinator whose decision will be final.
14. The shield shall at all times remain the property of the New Zealand Cricket Museum. In the event that any damage occurs to the Shield or it is deemed in need of cleaning, the Museum must be contacted before any repairs or cleaning is undertaken.
15. No school shall make any alterations to the shield, including the engraving of its name, without the express consent of the New Zealand Cricket Museum. Should any school make alterations to the shield, that school will be liable for any cost associated with returning the shield to its previous state.
16. Before a school takes possession of the shield, a New Zealand Cricket Museum Loan Form must be completed and signed by the school's 1st XI manager or coach and the school principal and sent through to NZC.
17. Only the holder of the shield at the end of any given season (March/April) is entitled to have their name engraved on the shield.
18. All challenge games must be scored on PlayHQ

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