

COMPETITION RULES – JUNIORS

62 TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

62.1 Club Secretaries will advise the Association of the names and addresses of all Team Managers.

62.2 Any person approved by the Board will have complete charge of all players during the progress of games and whilst they are on the grounds.

62.3 All coaches of junior teams from under 10 to under 17 must hold Cricket Australia Coaching Certificate to at least level 1 standard or commit to undertake the course.

63 NOMINATIONS OF PLAYERS

63.1 (LAW 1.1) In the Junior Stage 3 Competitions twelve (12) players may be named in each team. However, only eleven (11) of these players will be permitted to participate as batters and only eleven (11) will be permitted to field or bowl in any innings of a match. Any of the original 12 nominated players will be permitted to keep wickets.

63.2 In Stage 2 Competitions eleven (11) may be named in each team. However, only nine (9) of these players will be permitted to participate as batters and only nine (9) will be permitted to field at one time, up to eleven (11) may bowl in any innings of a match. Any of the original 11 nominated players will be permitted to keep wickets.

63.3 In Stage 1 Competitions nine (9) may be named in each team.

64 SUBSTITUTES (Law 24)

64.1 In Junior Competitions a fielder may be substituted at any time (injury or illness is not a pre-requisite), but this law must be complied with in all other respects. The substitute must be qualified by age. The substitute is permitted to keep wickets.

65 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

65.1 All players must be under the age of the Competition in which they wish to play, as of midnight on 31 August of the current season. On application, the Board may, at its sole discretion and based upon performance in prior years or after three (3) matches, permit girls or disabled children to participate in a lower age group.

65.2 Proof of the birth dates of all players will be in the hands of the Executive Officer no later than 8 weeks after the start of the Competition.

65.3 Any team playing a person before registration, disqualified or otherwise unqualified, will lose the match(s) in which the person played. Their opposition

will receive maximum numbers of points gained by any team in that division, or the points gained by themselves (whichever is the greater), in that particular round. The offending team will receive no points.

65.4 Any junior player having played Shires or Premier cricket will only qualify for their club's highest division in their nominated age.

66 TRANSFER TO DIFFERENT AGE GROUP

66.1 A player may be transferred, without clearance, from the team with which he was originally registered, to a team in a higher age group within the same Club, except as limited by Rule 66.3.

66.2 Should this player play for more than three (3) matches in a higher age group, he cannot return to the original team without application to, and permission from, the Board.

66.3 A player wishing to transfer to a higher age group, but a lower division, will require application to, and permission from, the Board. This Rule will apply to a player who:

- was originally registered in a higher age division, and
- is eligible, by age, to play in a lower division, and
- wishes to play in the lower age group, and
- has played more than three (3) matches in the higher age group.

67 TRANSFER TO SIMILAR AGE GROUPS

67.1 A player may transfer from one group to a similar age group team within the same club on application to, and after permission from, the Board.

68 BALLS

68.1 Plastic coated balls are to be used in all Under 10, 11 (Stage 1) and under 12, Stage 2 (**except Division 1**) competition matches irrespective of the pitch surface. The balls must be manufactured by AG Thompson (Kookaburra) and weigh 142 grams. In **Under 12 Division 1**, Under 13 (Stage 2), **Girls Stage 2 & Stage 3**, a 142g leather ball is used.

68.2 In all other Junior Age groups the ball must be manufactured by AG Thompson (Kookaburra) and weigh 156 grams.

69 TROPHIES

69.1 Individual trophies will be awarded for the best batting average, highest aggregate, highest individual score, bowling average, most wickets except in Stage 2 Competition where trophies will be awarded for the highest aggregate and most wickets only.

69.2 Qualifications attached to individual trophy winners will be:

Bowling A bowler must have bowled at least forty (40) overs or obtained 20 wickets and played in at least half of the Competition matches his team played.

Batting A batter must have played in at least half the Competition matches his team played and have scored a minimum of two hundred runs.

69.3 The best performances will be recorded in the Annual Report each year.

70 REPORTING LATE STARTS AND CLAIMS FOR FORFEITS

70.1 This rule relates to the Junior Competition and should be read in conjunction with Rule 35. If play does not commence on time, the offending team or teams may be fined an amount of \$20.00 for the first instance and up to \$40.00 for any subsequent offence, at the discretion of the Board.

70.2 The Coach/Manager will report all cases of late starts to the Board following the completion of the match.

71 BOWLING, FIELDING & BATTING RESTRICTIONS

The following fielding restrictions will apply;

71.1 **Bowlers; P.D.C.A. Senior Rule 51 applies**, as well as following:

(a) As part of the 'Bowler Injury Prevention' plan, there will be a limitation on Pace Bowlers as follows: (a pace bowler is a bowler who would be broadly defined, by one or both umpires, as one to whom the wicketkeeper normally stand back).

(b) Following any spell of bowling, as detailed below, the pace bowler must be rested for the double the number of overs that they bowled.

When a player bowls less than their 'maximum allowable overs in a spell', and then wishes to resume bowling, before completing their minimum rest period, they are entitled to do so but this will be considered as part of the same spell and the limit of overs in total will still apply.

Age	Maximum overs per spell	Maximum overs per day
U17	6	16
U16	6	16
U15	5	12
U14	5	12
U13	4	8
U12	4	8
U11	4	8

71.3 **Fielding;**

(a) No player under 17 years of age as at midnight 31 August shall field within a ten metre circle at the striker's end, with the exception of the wicketkeeper off side slip and gully fielder.

(b) If a fielder is in breach of 71.3(a) above, prior to the ball striking the batter, passing the stumps or being hit by the batter either umpire shall call and signal "dead ball".

(c) In all Junior Competitions no player may field in the position of **Back-Stop**. Fielders behind the stumps at the batting end, with the exception of the wicketkeeper and slips, must be placed at a minimum of 5 metres to the side of the stumps. The prohibited area is to be marked on the field and at the boundary with markers or paint to assist enforcement.

71.4 **Wicketkeepers:**

All Wicketkeepers under 17 years of age at midnight 31 August are to wear, **whilst keeping wicket**, a specifically designed properly fitting cricket helmet with face guard in all matches.

71.5 **Batters:**

All batters under 17 years of age at midnight 31 August are to wear, whilst batting, a specifically designed properly fitting cricket helmet with face guard in all matches.