

JUNIOR LEAGUES PLAYING CONDITIONS

GRADE: FUTURE HEARTS | UNDER 14

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1 Team composition	Each team shall be composed of 9 players but teams may play with no less than 7 players. Teams may play up to 11 players if both teams agree.	Each team shall be composed of 9 players but teams may play with no less than 7 players. Teams may play up to 11 players if both teams agree.
2 Boys/Girls	Girls only	Girls only
3 Graded	Yes. Grading of teams to be determined by each Club.	Yes. Grading of teams to be determined by each Club.
4 Toss	Made at 8.15am. If a team is not available to toss at 8.15am, they will be deemed to have lost the toss.	Made at 8.15am. If a team is not available to toss at 8.15am, they will be deemed to have lost the toss.
5 Hours of Play & Over Rate	8.30pm – 11.45am but allowance for time may be made until 12 noon at the latest. Coaches are to ensure that their side aims to maintain a bowling rate of 18 overs per hour.	8.30pm – 11.45am but allowance for time may be made until 12 noon at the latest. Coaches are to ensure that their side aims to maintain a bowling rate of 18 overs per hour.
6 Length of innings	Maximum 28 overs. The first innings must conclude at the end of the over in progress at 10.10am, which should allow for 28 overs to be bowled. The second innings shall consist of the same number of overs bowled in the first innings (or 28 overs if the team batting first has been dismissed in less than 28 overs), providing that a result is not reached beforehand.	Maximum 28 overs. The first innings must conclude at the end of the over in progress at 10.10am, which should allow for 28 overs to be bowled. The second innings shall consist of the same number of overs bowled in the first innings (or 28 overs if the team batting first has been dismissed in less than 28 overs), providing that a result is not reached beforehand.
7 Pitch Length	Full length - 22 yards.	Full length - 22 yards.
8 Boundaries	Yes and marked by cones or flags approximately 40 metres.	Yes and marked by cones or flags approximately 40 metres.
9 Ball	Kookaburra Crown 142gm, 2 piece. The match ball does not have to be new, but umpires must agree that it is fit for play. A new ball can only be taken at the beginning of each innings.	Kookaburra Crown 142gm, 2 piece. The match ball does not have to be new, but umpires must agree that it is fit for play. A new ball can only be taken at the beginning of each innings.
10 Replacement players	A max of 3 players can be used as replacements during a game. Batting 9 must be named in the scorebook before the start of play. Replacement players may bowl and field only, but cannot keep wickets.	A max of 3 players can be used as replacements during a game. Batting 9 must be named in the scorebook before the start of play. Replacement players may bowl and field only, but cannot keep wickets.
11 Declarations	Not allowed.	Not allowed.

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12	Weather affected matches	Declared a draw if 15 overs in each innings is not possible due to weather conditions. If weather interferes with play, the number of overs in the match shall be reduced by one over for each complete four minutes of playing time lost, counting back from 28. If an interruption occurs in the innings of the team batting second, its target score shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs available to be played by the average runs per over scored by the team batting first.
13	Intervals	Maximum of 10 minutes between innings. One drinks break, not exceeding 5 minutes, may be taken midway through each innings. Players should not leave the field of play during a drinks break.
14	Dismissals	Batsman is out when dismissed. All batsmen should face a minimum of 3 fair deliveries before they depart the wicket. Any batsman dismissed once in her first 3 should remain at the crease until she has been dismissed for a second time then depart the wicket. However, any batsman dismissed a second time in her first 3 must depart the wicket after her second dismissal irrespective of number of deliveries faced. Regardless of above, once a batsman has scored a run and is dismissed, she must depart the wicket.
15	Stumpings	Yes.
16	LBW	The LBW Law applies but the batsman cannot be out LBW when playing forward, providing they are offering a shot. See LBW guidelines for definition of playing forward. All umpires should have a good understanding of the LBW rule - refer attached guidelines.
17	Uneven team numbers	Where a team has less than 9 players, its innings concludes when there is one undismissed batsman remaining.
18	No balls/Wides	Normal cricket Laws apply. Any delivery which, after bouncing, passes (or would have passed) above the batsman's shoulder, or any full-toss which passes (or would have passed) above the batsman's waist, shall be called a no-ball. A wide shall be called on the off side if the ball passes the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a "normal cricket stroke" from where she would normally be standing at the crease. A wide shall be called on the leg side if it is outside ¾ of the width of the crease from the stumps to the return crease on the leg side. Umpires should agree wide-lines by drawing a chalk line on either side of the stumps before the start of play. There shall be no restriction on the number of wides or no balls which may be called in an over but maximum 8 deliveries per over. If a player bowls two deliveries on the full over waist height, they are to end their spell immediately. They are permitted to come back at any time when a further two full overs in total have been bowled.
19	Double Bounce Rule	Normal cricket Law applies. Called a no ball if the ball, without having touched the bat or person of the striker, bounces more than twice , or rolls along the ground, before reaching the popping crease.
20	Length of Overs	Maximum 8 deliveries (including wides/no balls).

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21	Bowling Restrictions	Maximum 5 overs per player. Every player (with the exception of a wicket keeper who keeps for the entire innings) must bowl 2 overs. No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled 2 overs.	Maximum 5 overs per player. Every player (with the exception of a wicket keeper who keeps for the entire innings) must bowl 2 overs. No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled 2 overs.
22	Retirement/ Batsman returning	Compulsory retirement of batsmen at the delivery where she reaches 50, not at the end of the over. Retired batsmen may only return at the end of the innings once all players in the team have batted and must return in the order of lowest to the highest scoring batsmen. Rule 14 - Dismissals, does not apply to a returning batsman. Voluntary retirement of any batsman who has faced a minimum of 12 fair deliveries is allowed.	Compulsory retirement of batsmen at the delivery where she reaches 50, not at the end of the over. Retired batsmen may only return at the end of the innings once all players in the team have batted and must return in the order of lowest to the highest scoring batsmen. Rule 14 - Dismissals, does not apply to a returning batsman. Voluntary retirement of any batsman who has faced a minimum of 12 fair deliveries is allowed.
23	Fielding	No player may field within 10 metres of the bat between 'point' and the wicket keeper. A maximum of 4 players may field on Leg side.	No player may field within 10 metres of the bat between 'point' and the wicket keeper. A maximum of 4 players may field on Leg side.
24	Wicket Keeper	No more than two wicket keepers are to be used during an innings to ensure that the match is not unduly delayed. Wicket keepers can only be changed during a scheduled drinks break. If a wicket keeper fields, then she must also bowl the minimum number of overs. ACA strongly encourages girls at U12 and U14 grades to wear a helmet while wicket keeping.	No more than two wicket keepers are to be used during an innings to ensure that the match is not unduly delayed. Wicket keepers can only be changed during a scheduled drinks break. If a wicket keeper fields, then she must also bowl the minimum number of overs. ACA strongly encourages girls at U12 and U14 grades to wear a helmet while wicket keeping.
25	Appointment of Umpires	Coaches are encouraged not to umpire.	Coaches are encouraged not to umpire.
26	Exchange of Umpires	Allowed but umpires must umpire a full innings to ensure some consistency for the players.	Allowed but umpires must umpire a full innings to ensure some consistency for the players.
27	On-field Coaching	Not Allowed. At no stage during the match should the coach be on the field, unless he/she is umpiring. In the interests of player development, coaches should direct their advice to the captain.	Allowed but coaches may only provide advice between overs to ensure that the match is not unduly delayed. At no stage during the match should the coach be on the field, unless he/she is umpiring. In the interests of player development, coaches should direct their advice to the captain.
28	Championship Grades	Championship grade. Teams play for the Future Hearts Cup. Match Points: Win = 3 points Tie, No Result or Bye = 1.5 points Loss = 0 points	Championship grade. Match Points: Win = 3 points Tie, No Result or Bye = 1.5 points Loss = 0 points
29	Age Eligibility	A player must be under the age of 14 as at 1 September in the year the competition commences. As a general guideline Future Hearts Under 14 involves Year 8 - 10 girls, however clubs may apply to ACA for dispensation. Applications for exemption must be made in writing by the players club to the ACA Club Cricket Administrator. Applications must detail the special circumstances which lead to an exemption being sought. No team shall field more than 2 exempt players in any one 9-a-side game. If a player fills in for a higher grade in 3 or more games, she must apply in writing to the ACA Club Cricket Administrator for dispensation to continue to play in her original grade.	A player must be under the age of 14 as at 1 September in the year the competition commences. As a general guideline Future Hearts Under 14 involves Year 8 - 10 girls, however clubs may apply to ACA for dispensation. Applications for exemption must be made in writing by the players club to the ACA Club Cricket Administrator. Applications must detail the special circumstances which lead to an exemption being sought. No team shall field more than 2 exempt players in any one 9-a-side game. If a player fills in for a higher grade in 3 or more games, she must apply in writing to the ACA Club Cricket Administrator for dispensation to continue to play in her original grade.

