



# Girls U15 Cricket Playing Conditions

## 1. Team Composition

Maximum 9 on the field. Players should be under 15 on 1 September of the current season. ACA is very lenient on granting dispensations for older girls.

## 2. Girls

Girls teams only allowed.

## 3. Graded

Grading of teams to be determined by each Club/School when they enter teams in various grades – Pink and White Grade.

## 4. Toss

Made no later than 15 minutes before play starts. If a team is not available, they will be deemed to have lost the toss.

## 5. Hours of Play & Over Rate

- **T20 (Before Christmas) 9.30am – 12.30pm.** The first innings should conclude by 10.50am. If not completed by 2pm no break will be taken between innings and the second innings will be reduced by 1 over for every 4 minutes required to complete the innings. If the second innings is not concluded by 12.40pm, the number of full overs not completed will be multiplied by 6 runs and added to the second innings score i.e. if innings is in 17th over at 12.40pm, 12 runs will be added to the score (2 complete overs multiplied by 6) and if possible, the remaining overs will be completed.
- **Limited Overs (After Christmas): 8.20am – 12.30pm.** The first innings should conclude by 10.20am. If not completed by 10.30am no break will be taken between innings and the second innings will be reduced by 1 over for every 4 minutes required to complete the innings. If the second innings is not concluded by 12.40pm, the number of full overs not completed will be multiplied by 6 runs and added to the second innings score i.e. if innings is in 17th over at 12.40pm, 12 runs will be added to the score (2 complete overs multiplied by 6) and if possible, the remaining overs will be completed.

Times are to be recorded and agreed by the two scorers at the start and end of each innings. Scorers to also consider any delays for injury or scoring problems at the time they occur and jointly agree to add extra minutes before penalties are imposed. Should a penalty be required in either innings, scorers are to advise the umpires/coaches at the point where the penalties begin to be incurred and at the completion of the innings apply the appropriate penalties.

## 6. Coaches

All Coaches are to have completed the [Advanced Foundations Coaching Course](#).

## 7. Length of Innings

**T20 (Before Christmas).** Maximum 20 overs. The second innings shall consist of the same number of overs bowled in the first innings (or 20 overs if the team batting first has been dismissed in less than 20 overs), providing that a result is not reached beforehand.

**Limited Overs (After Christmas).** Maximum 30 overs. The second innings shall consist of the same number of overs bowled in the first innings (or 30 overs if the team batting first has been dismissed in less than 30 overs), providing that a result is not reached beforehand.

**ACA recommends** that should the team batting second win the game prior to the

completion of the full allowable overs, that both teams continue to play to ensure all batters in the second innings have an opportunity to bat. If teams decide to continue, the result needs to be submitted at that point and any play following will continue without being scored on CricHQ.

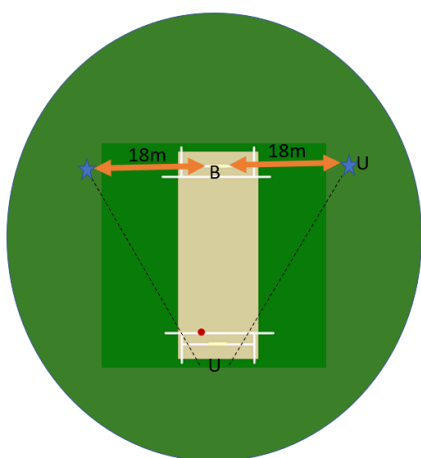
Please Note: Umpires should remind teams about pace of play as the innings progresses. If required umpires can require shorter run ups and other measures to speed up play.

**8. Pitch Length**

Full pitch.

**9. Boundaries**

40m circle from the middle of the pitch and marked by cones or flags.



Fielding Exclusion Zone

Markers are placed 18m square either side of the stumps at both ends. The square leg umpire is to position at the 18m marker. The fielding exclusion zone is deemed to be from the umpire behind the stumps at the bowler's end, to the markers either side of the stumps at the batter's end. Excluding the bowler, fielders may only enter the exclusion zone after the batter has played their shot. If players encroach early, the umpire will signal and call a 'no ball'.

*Fielders should field in proper cricket fielding positions outside of the fielding exclusion zone. The exclusion zone exists to encourage quick singles and active fielding.*

**10. Ball**

- **Pink Grade (Restricted):** A 142gm ball is to be used. Hardball Kookaburra Crown Water Resistant Pink Ball or equivalent. 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.
- **Soft Ball Grade (Open):** Any colour Kookaburra Star Junior soft ball or equivalent. The match ball does not have to be new, but umpires must agree that it is fit for play.

**11. Replacement Players**

A max of 2 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.

**12. Declarations**

Not allowed.

**13. Weather Affected Matches**

Declared a draw if 5 overs for T20 and 15 overs for Limited 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 20 or 30 depending on the format.

If an interruption occurs in the innings of the team batting second, its target score shall be calculated by using the D/L method.

**14. Intervals**

Maximum of 10 minutes between innings. One drinks break, not exceeding 2 minutes, may be taken midway through each innings.

**15. Dismissals**

Batter is out when out.

**16. Stumpings**

Yes.

**17. LBWs**

Yes.

**18. Uneven Team Numbers**

- A team may bat players twice if they have less than 9 players but returning batters must be returned in ascending order i.e. the lowest scoring batter (dismissed) must return first and so on.
- A dismissed batter may only return after any retired batters have returned.
- The batting team must provide up to 2 players to assist with fielding only if the opposition team has less than 8 players who bat. These players may be rotated as the need arises.

**19. No balls / Wides**

- Normal cricket laws apply.
- Any delivery which passes (or would have passed) above the batter's shoulder, or any full-toss which passes (or would have passed) above the batter's waist, shall be called a no-ball.
- Umpires must agree wide-lines 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.

**20. Double Bounce Rule**

Called a no ball if the ball, without having touched the bat or person of the striker, bounces more than once, or rolls along the ground, before reaching the popping crease.

**21. Length of Overs**

6 fair deliveries or a maximum of 8 deliveries per over (including wides/no balls).

**22. Bowling Restrictions**

**T20 (Before Christmas)**

- Maximum 4 overs per player.
- All players must bowl minimum 2 overs.
- A minimum of 5 overs of spin bowling per innings.
- No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled two overs.
- Where there are more than 9 players, any player who is not named in the batting 9 must bowl 2 overs.

**Limited Overs (After Christmas):**

- Maximum 6 overs per player.
- All players must bowl minimum 2 overs.
- A minimum of 7 overs of spin bowling per innings.
- No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled two overs.
- Where there are more than 9 players, any player who does not bat must bowl 2

overs.

**23. Retirement/Batters Returning**

**T20 Competition (Before Christmas)**

Compulsory retirement of batters after 24 balls faced. Retired batters may only return at the end of the innings in the order they first retired (i.e. first retired batter returns first, next retired batter returns next and so on). Batters cannot be retired early unless injured. Returning batter cannot be retired a 2nd time once returned to the crease.

**Limited Overs (After Christmas):**

Compulsory retirement of batters after 42 balls faced. Retired batters may only return at the end of the innings in the order they first retired (i.e. first retired batter returns first, next retired batter returns next and so on). Batters cannot be retired early unless injured. Returning batter cannot be retired a 2nd time once returned to the crease.

**Note:** Manipulating batting so that batters deliberately get out (batting side) to bring back “better” batters or deliberately not getting batters out (bowling side) to stop “better” batters coming back, are both against the spirit of cricket.

**24. Fielding**

- To speed up games in T20 matches, bowling is permitted from one end. This must be agreed before the match starts by both team coaches and cannot be changed again during the match.
- No player may enter the fielding exclusion zone before the batter has played their shot. Between ‘point’ and the wicketkeeper slip fielders are permitted.

**24. Wicketkeeper**

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. Wicket keepers must wear helmets.

**25. Umpiring**

Umpires are required to have completed the free online [Foundations Coaching Course](#). We encourage the same umpires remain throughout the game to ensure consistency. Umpires should provide guidance to both sides to assist with game development. All on field coaching should be done quickly to ensure no delays of games.

**26. Exchange of Umpires**

Allowed but umpires must umpire at least half an innings to ensure some consistency for the players, unless agreement to do otherwise has been reached between the coaches.

**27. Music**

The batting side is permitted to play music for the batters to walk on and off the field and during any breaks of play e.g. drinks break, innings break. This should not delay the game.

**28. Spirit of Cricket Rating**

Both sides must complete a spirit of cricket rating for the opposition.

**29. Separation of Players and Supporters Areas Before and During Games**

All supporters are encouraged to attend games, however, to aid with development of players, supporters viewing areas are to be setup at least 20m away from the players area.



Before and during games, all supporters, are encouraged to stay away from the players area where only players/coaches/managers/umpires/scorers can enter. Only umpires, coaches or managers should provide any before or during game advice.

**30. Grades**

There will be multiple grades, Pink and Soft Ball. Only one team per club can be entered into the Pink Grade. Should some clubs not enter a team into Pink Grade, consideration will be given to allowing extra teams from other clubs to fill the vacant team places. Players from Pink Grade cannot play for Soft Ball Grade teams without a dispensation from ACA. There are no limits on the Soft Ball Grade. ACA will divide entered teams into regional pools for each grade. The T20 competition will be used to determine a top 8 from each grade that will play each other in limited overs competition. The top 8 limited overs season will end with a final series. Players cannot play in finals for any team they have not played at least 4 games for previously without ACA dispensation. All other teams will continue to play matches in a plate competition with a plate final.

**Pool Points:**    Win = 3 points                      Tie or No Result = 1.5 points                      Loss = 0 points