



# Girls T20 Smash U16 Playing Conditions

## 1. Team Composition

Maximum 9 on the field. Players should be Under 16 on 1 September of the current season. ACA is lenient on granting dispensations to allow players to play at the right level for their developmental age, this includes moving up or down a competition grade to suit a player's current development.

## 2. Girls

Girls teams only allowed.

## 3. Graded

Grading of teams to be determined by each Club.

## 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. If a team is not available to start the game they will be deemed to have lost the game. **All players must be entered into CricHQ prior to the toss.**

## 5. Hours of Play & Over Rate

- **Saturday T20: 9.30am – 12.00pm.** The first innings should conclude by 10.40am at the latest.

## 6. Coaches

All Coaches are to have completed the [Advanced Foundations Coaching Course](#). All on field coaching should be done quickly to ensure no delays. Only umpires, coaches or managers can provide on field coaching.

## 7. Length of Innings

**T20.** 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.

*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.*

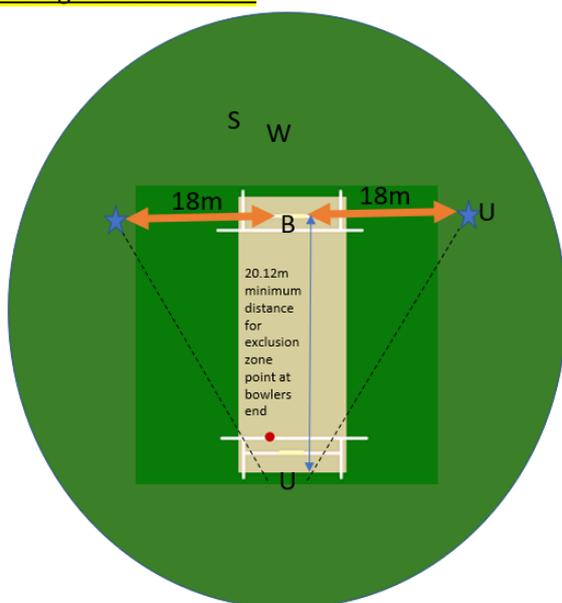
## 8. Pitch Length

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 or 20.12m from the batter's end stumps, whichever is further, to the markers either side of the stumps at the batter's end. Further, behind square on either side of the stumps, no fielder can be within 18m except for the wicketkeeper and one slip fielder positioned no closer than in line with the wicketkeeper. 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' that the batter cannot get called out on, including for a run out – the batter cannot continue to run**

**once the bails are dislodged.**

*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

A 142gm ball is to be used. Hardball Kookaburra Crown Water Resistant Pink Ball. 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.

### 11. Declarations

Not allowed.

### 12. Weather Affected Matches

Declared a draw if 20 overs for T20 in each innings is not possible due to weather conditions.

### 13. Intervals

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

### 14. Dismissals

Batter is out when out.

### 15. Stumpings

Yes.

### 16. LBWs

Yes. Umpires are to always give the batter the benefit of the doubt and only give an LBW if they are completely satisfied the ball would have hit and stumps and pitched correctly. **Any doubt at all should result in a not out decision.**

### 17. Uneven Team Numbers

- A team may bat 1 player twice if they have less than 9 players, but the returning batter must be the lowest scoring batter (dismissed).
- 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 9 players who bat. These players may be rotated as the need arises.

**18. 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.
- Any delivery that bounces outside of the pitch will automatically be deemed 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 6 deliveries per over. **The last over has no maximum deliveries.**
- **No Balls and Wides are worth 2 runs.**

**19. 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.

**20. Length of Overs**

A maximum of 6 deliveries per over (including wides/no balls). **The last over has no maximum deliveries.**

**21. Bowling Restrictions**

- Maximum 4 overs per player.
- All players must bowl minimum 1 over.
- A minimum of 3 overs of spin/slow bowling per innings. Spin bowling is defined as bowling off a short run up at a slow pace.
- No player may bowl their third over until all players other than the wicket keeper have bowled one over.

**22. Retirement/Batters Returning**

Compulsory retirement of batters after 24 balls faced i.e. wides and no balls are counted. 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.

**23. Fielding**

- **To speed up games and manage overlapping boundaries, bowling is from one end for the entire match.**
- **No player may enter the fielding exclusion zone before the batter has played their shot.**

**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 [Umpires 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 in CricHQ.

**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 must 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**

Players from any Saturday Pink Grade cannot play for Saturday Soft Ball Grade teams without a dispensation from ACA.

ACA will divide entered teams into one competition for this grade. Note, ACA will try to schedule games to minimise travel and may not be traditional home grounds for either team. Players cannot play in finals for any team they have not played at least 4 games for previously without ACA dispensation.

**Grading rounds**

- Round 1 - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Round 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- Round 3 - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

Championship Rounds (split into two pools, top 6/ bottom 5, until Christmas. Points do not carry over from grading rounds)

- Round 1 - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Round 2 - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Round 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Dec



- Round 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Round 5 - 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

This creates a complete round robin – winner on points at the end of the championship rounds. The draw will stay as is for this Saturday then be updated from Monday next week.

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

Note Regarding Finals Series Games

Please note due to time constraints it is not possible to have a Bowl Off or Super Over for these grades in the event of a tied game. In an elimination match where a winner must be found (Quarter Final or Semi Final) if the game is tied at the end of the match the result will be awarded to the team with the highest seeding from pool/league play going into the match.

E.g. If 3<sup>rd</sup> is playing 5<sup>th</sup> and the match is tied the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team shall progress.

This rule would also take affect if the game was abandoned or washed out.

For the Final game if abandoned or tied the trophy shall be shared between the 2 teams.

### **31. Weather Cancellations**

ACA will cancel all junior and youth morning cricket should there be an Auckland weather advisory from the MetService advising that it is unsafe to travel to games. ACA checks for advisories constantly and will communicate through the ACA website, Facebook and email to all Club Managers. Coaches / managers if you are unsure if the game is on we encourage you to use the contact list your club should have provided you to call the opposition team coach/manager to discuss this. If a mutual agreement cannot be made the home team manager has final say on pitch condition and playability. If a game is abandoned, the home team coach/manager must enter the game as abandoned on CricHQ immediately.

If contact cannot be made with opposition team coach/manager or club manager, contact ACA. If ACA receives a call from an away team advising they cannot contact the home team coach/manager or club manager at 7am or later, ACA has the ability to deem the fixture as abandoned if ACA believes the weather will not allow a fixture to be played.

If in any doubt, please ensure you arrive at the ground on time to avoid a default.

### **32. Defaults**

If a Team defaults a match for any reason the following penalties shall be incurred:

(i) First default: The Team and Club to which the defaulting Team belongs shall receive a warning of the consequences of a further default.

(ii) Second default: The Team defaulting shall forfeit 3 Competition points, will be fined \$100 and its Club shall receive a final warning.

(iii) Third default: The Team defaulting shall be debarred from participating in the remainder of the Competition. The match fees already paid for that Team to the Association shall not be refunded to its Club or, alternatively, if the match fees have not been paid, they shall remain payable by the Club to the Association.