

# Boys T20 Smash U10 Playing Conditions

**IF ANY TEAM ATTEMPTS TO CONVINC ANOTHER TEAM TO NOT PLAY BY THESE PLAYING CONDITIONS, IF REPORTED TO ACA, THAT TEAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE GAME. SHOULD BOTH TEAMS COLLUDE TO PLAY THEIR GAME CONTRARY TO THE PLAYING CONDITIONS, BOTH TEAMS WILL FORFEIT THE GAME WITH NO COMPETITION POINTS AWARDED TO EITHER TEAM.**

| <b>Quick Summary</b>    |  |
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| Number of Players       | Maximum 9 players are allowed in a squad with 8 players allowed to bat and 8 players can bowl/wicket keep with no more than 8 players on the field. One player is allowed to bat only and one can bowl only. The non-bowler is permitted to field as a substitute fielder. No player can bat only or bowl only more than twice in the season.  |
| Maximum Innings Length  | 20 overs   |
| Pitch Length            | 16m stump to stump.  |
| Boundary Size           | Maximum 30m circle from the batter's stumps.   |
| Exclusion Zone          | "Ice Cream Cone" shaped with 20m semi-circle behind stumps and triangle from umpire at bowler's end to the 20m points square both sides of the batter's end stumps.  |
| Bowlers Run Up          | 10m from stumps at bowler's end.   |
| Spin/Slow Bowling Overs | 2 overs of spin/slow - wicket keeper must be standing up to stumps and umpire must be satisfied that the bowler is bowling spin/slow.  |
| Maximum Overs Bowling   | 3 overs a game.  |
| Minimum Overs Bowling   | 2 overs unless a designated wicketkeeper. If the wicketkeeper is changed, both wicketkeepers must bowl minimum overs.  |
| Maximum Balls Batting   | 15 balls including any wides/no balls  |
| Batting Grace Period    | 15 balls. No player can get "out" before returning from retirement.  |
| Maximum Balls Per Over  | 6 good balls, with 6 balls maximum except last over which is unlimited.  |
| No Balls                | Yes with Free Hits   |
| LBW, Stumping           | No   |
| Bowling from one end    | Yes, with compulsory fielders rotating.  |
| Drinks Breaks           | No official drinks break, however if innings is progressing quickly enough a 3-minute maximum break can be taken.  |
| When Result Occurs      | The team batting second wins when they score more runs than first innings and all batters have passed their grace period (no batter can be retired early) or the overs are completed. The team fielding second wins when they bowl out the team batting second for less runs than they scored, or the overs are completed with the team batting second scoring less runs.                                  |
| Who can Umpire          | Umpires ideally should have completed basic free NZC online qualifications. Umpires are not allowed to give game advice to players during the game.  |
| Coaching during games   | No supporters shall communicate with any player or players on the field of play. Coaches/Managers are recommended to deliver any messages directly to the captain either with drinks at an appropriate moment, or by substituting a player temporarily to deliver the message, however, this must not slow the game down. No "yelling/delivering" instructions to players from the sidelines should occur. |

**CricHQ Match Type: Age & Stage (Under 10 T20) – ACA**



## 1. Team Composition

Maximum 9 players are allowed in a squad with 8 players allowed to bat and 8 players can bowl/wicket keep, with no more than 8 players on the field. One player is allowed to bat only and one can bowl only. The non-bowler is permitted to field as a substitute fielder. No player can bat only or bowl only more than twice in the season. Players should be Under 10 on 1 April 2019. 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.

- Players who are older, who are better suited to learning in B or lower grades do not require a dispensation to play in this grade. ACA reserves the right to ask older players to move up a grade if they develop significantly during the season and ACA believes they should be playing in a higher grade.

## 2. Toss

For this grade there will be no toss and the home team will always field first. If a team is not available to start a match on time, they will be deemed to have lost the match. **All players must be entered into CricHQ prior to the match.**

## 3. Hours of Play & Over Rate

- **Saturday Morning Open A, B and C Grades 9.30am – 12.00pm (Games may be scheduled for 12.30pm starts if there are ground availability issues).** This is a full season competition lasting 14 weeks.
- Maximum of 5 minutes between innings. No official drinks break during innings, however, if the pace of play is fast enough, a no more than 3-minute break is permitted.
- The first innings should conclude no more than 1 hour from the start time. Should the first innings not be completed in 1 hour and 5 minutes, the second innings will be reduced by 2 overs.
- The second innings should conclude no more than 1 hour from the start time. Should the second innings not be completed in 1 hour and 5 minutes, 12 runs will be added to the score 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.*

## 4. Players, Officials & Spectators Conduct

This competition is played in accordance with the ACA code of conduct which embodies the spirit of cricket as set out in the Laws of Cricket 2017. In addition, the following provisions shall apply for coaches, managers and spectators.

**No supporters shall communicate with any player or players on the field of play.**

Any difference of opinion with a player or official shall not be discussed publicly nor without due regard for the feelings of the other.

Under no circumstance shall team officials remonstrate with umpires.

Team officials and spectators should recognise that the participation and enjoyment of the players is paramount at all times. Their behaviour around the players should reflect this.

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

## 5. Length of Innings

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.

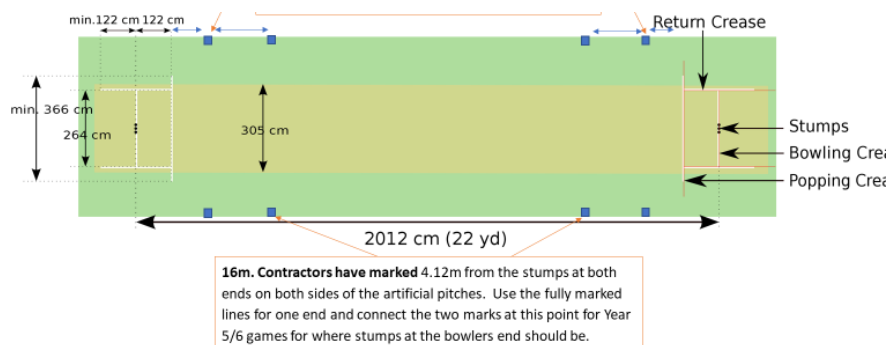
### Determination of Result:

- When the team batting second passes the total of the team that batted first and all batters in the second innings passed their grace period (batters cannot be retired early) or the full allotment of available overs is completed, whichever comes first, the team batting second will at that point be determined to be the winner of the game.
- Should the team that is bowling in the second innings dismiss the team batting second or the full allotment of available overs is completed and the second innings score is less than the first innings score, whichever comes first, the team bowling second will at that point be determined to be the winner of the game.

**If CricHQ says the game is over when the team batting second passes the score of the first team, IGNORE THIS AND CONTINUE AS THE RESULT IS ONLY DETERMINED AS ABOVE.**

## 6. Pitch Length

**16m.** Use marked lines at one end and connect the two marks provided by contractors at the other end for the bowlers' end stumps and a further 1.22m for the popping crease.

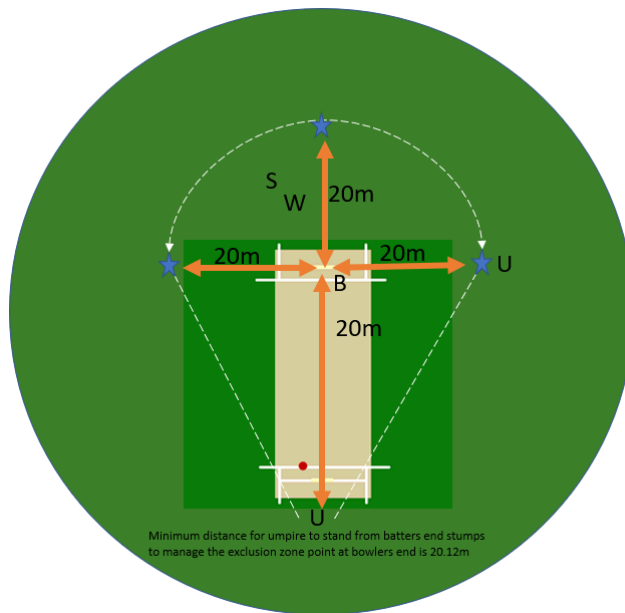


*It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the pitch length and boundaries are marked accurately. The two sides are not permitted under any circumstances to agree to different pitch lengths and boundaries. If these are not followed, the home team is subject to losing the game by default.*

## 7. Boundaries

Maximum 30m circle to be marked by cones. The boundary must be measured from the batter's end.

## Fielding Exclusion Zone



Markers are placed 20m square either side of the stumps at both ends. The square leg umpire is to position at the 20m 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 20m 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. The next delivery will also be a Free Hit.**

*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.*

### 8. Ball

A 142gm ball is to be used. Kookaburra Commander White Ball. The match ball does not have to be new, but umpires must agree that it is fit for play.

### 9. Dismissals

**All batters cannot be dismissed within their first 15 balls.** If a batter is dismissed after facing at least 15 deliveries (i.e. the 16<sup>th</sup> ball if they return to bat is the first ball that if they get out they leave the field), they are out and the next batter will enter. Batters swap ends after each wicket within these 15 balls and the wicket delivery is treated as a penalty -1 and the bowler gets credited for each wicket.

### 10. Stumpings, LBWs and Mankads

No Stumpings, LBWs or Mankads. Umpires can insist that batters take stance on middle. **Umpires are to ensure backing up batters do not leave early. Dead ball can be called by umpires.**

### 11. Uneven Team Numbers

- A team may bat 1 player twice if they have less than 8 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 1 player if asked to assist with fielding only if the opposition team has less than 8 players who bat.

### 12. 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 when standing in batting stance, shall be called a no-ball.
- Any delivery that bounces outside of the pitch will automatically be deemed a no ball.

- If a bowler, in the two umpire's opinions, bowls two dangerous deliveries within an over, the umpires can instruct the bowler to finish the over bowling slower deliveries.
- 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.

### **Free Hit**

*The delivery following a No Ball called (all modes of no ball) shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No Ball or a Wide Ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. This will continue until a legitimate delivery is bowled for the batter, regardless of the bowler i.e. if the over ends the first ball of the next bowlers over will be required to be a Free Hit.*

*For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No Ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called a Wide Ball.*

*Neither field changes nor the exchange of individuals between fielding positions are permitted for free hit deliveries unless:*

- a. There is a change of striker; or*
- b. The No Ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach in which case the field may be changed to the extent of correcting the breach.*

### **13. Length of Overs**

One over consists of 6 balls including any wides and/or no balls bowled. **The last over has no maximum deliveries.**

### **14. Bowling Restrictions**

- Maximum 3 overs per player. Once the bowler has bowled their over the whole field must rotate.
- All players must bowl minimum 2 overs. Any player who bowls minimum or less overs must bat higher than bowlers who bowl additional overs.
- A minimum of 2 overs of spin/slow bowling per innings - wicket keeper must be standing up to stumps and umpire must be satisfied that the bowler is bowling spin/slow.
- A cone should be placed **10m** behind the wickets at the bowler's end, which is the longest run up permitted. **Any bowler that starts their run up beyond the cone will be deemed to have bowled a no ball.**
- No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled two overs.
- Bowlers must not wear hats while bowling.

### **15. Retirement/Batters Returning**

Compulsory retirement of batters after 15 balls faced i.e. wides and no balls are counted for retirement purposes. 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.

### **16. Fielding**

- **To speed up games and manage overlapping boundaries, bowling is from one end for the entire match.**



- Teams **must** rotate in the field i.e. each player moves clockwise after each over. Bowlers will bowl in the order of rotation until minimum overs are bowled by all players other than first wicket keeper (i.e. player fielding next to bowler on the outside will be the next bowler always and then after bowling will move to the next fielding position on the offside). Once minimum bowling overs are completed, rotation/bowling order is determined by the Captain.
- Should the designated Captain not be the wicket keeper or bowling, they may stand in one position, for example at first slip or mid off and not have to rotate other than when bowling.
- **No player may enter the fielding exclusion zone before the batter has played their shot.**

### 17. Wicketkeeper

No more than two wicket keepers are to be used during an innings to ensure that the match is not unduly delayed. If a wicket keeper fields then he/she must also bowl the minimum number of overs. Wicket keepers must wear ACA approved proper helmets.

### 18. Umpiring

- **Coaches are permitted to umpire, however, it is best practice for coaches not to Umpire unless there are no other alternatives.**
- Umpires are to stay in position at the bowlers end and square leg for a minimum of 5 overs before swapping positions. We encourage the same umpires remain throughout the game to ensure consistency.
- All umpires should have completed minimum free online [Umpiring Coaching Modules](#).
- Umpires **must not** give game advice to players; however, they can provide basic guidance to both sides to assist with game development.
- **Coaches/Managers are recommended to deliver any messages directly to the captain either with drinks at an appropriate moment, or by substituting a player temporarily to deliver the message, however, this must not slow the game down.**
- **No “yelling/delivering” instructions to players from the sidelines should occur.**

### 19. Spirit of Cricket Rating

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

### 20. Grading

ACA will divide entered teams into multiple competitions for this grade. Note, ACA will try to schedule games to minimise travel and may not be traditional home grounds for either team.

- Pools will be formed where each team within the pool will play each other in an incomplete round robin prior to Christmas.
- After initial pool play, each competition may be reconfigured based on performances to complete the season.

**Pool Points:** Win = 3 points      Tie or No Result = 1 point      Loss = 0 points

Note, for the last playing date of the season teams will play the following years formats.

### 21. Music

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

### 22. Girls, Weather Cancellations, Defaults, Helmet Policy and Other General Conditions

Girls may play in any boy's grades. Please refer to the ACA Playing Conditions Webpage for information on Weather Cancellations, Defaults, Helmet Policies and other General Conditions.