

Boys T20 Smash Under 14 Playing Conditions

Quick Summary	
Number of Players	Maximum 9 players in the game. If a team has an extra player, the two coaches must agree before the match starts how this will be managed.
Maximum Innings Length	20 overs
Pitch Length	Full Pitch.
Boundary Size	Maximum 45m circle from the middle of the pitch and marked by cones or flags.
Exclusion Zone	No player can be within 10m of the batter except for the wicket-keeper and regulation slips fielding positions. Fielding restrictions apply. At all times 1-2 players must be on the boundary behind square and 2-3 players must be on the boundary in front of square. At no time can more than 5 players be on the boundary. Additionally, at least 1 player must be in a slip fielding position for the innings.
Bowlers Run Up	20m from stumps at bowler's end.
Spin/Slow Bowling Overs	3 overs of spin/slow - wicket-keeper must be standing up to the stumps and umpire must be satisfied that the bowler is bowling spin/slow.
Maximum Overs Bowling	4 overs a game, 2 over spells after all minimum overs are bowled, prior to that maximum 2 overs per player.
Minimum Overs Bowling	1 over unless a designated wicket-keeper. If the wicket-keeper is changed, both wicket-keepers must bowl minimum overs.
Maximum Balls Batting	24 balls including any wides/no balls
Batting Grace Period	3 balls. Batters who get out during grace period cannot return after they retire.
Maximum Balls Per Over	6 balls maximum except last over which is unlimited.
No Balls	Yes with Free Hits.
LBW, Stumping	Yes
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 the 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	Coaches can umpire if there are no other options. Umpires must not give game advice to players; however, they should provide basic guidance to both sides to assist with game development and speed of play.
Coaching during games	No supporters shall communicate with any player or players on the field of play other than to cheer them on. Coaches/Managers are recommended to deliver any messages directly to players at an appropriate moment, however, this must not slow the game down. No "yelling" instructions to players from the sidelines should occur.

CricHQ Match Type: Age & Stage Boys HB (Under 14 T20) - ACA

1. Team Composition

Maximum 9 players in the game. If a team has an extra player, the two coaches must agree before the match starts how this will be managed.

- Players should be Under 14 on 1 April 2019. ACA may grant dispensation upon request.
- For all dispensation requirements and the application process please visit the Junior and Youth General Playing Conditions via our website.
- If in doubt, please talk to your Club Manager and request that they contact the Junior and Youth Coordinator at ACA.

2. Toss

Made no later than 10 minutes before play starts. If a team is not available, they will be deemed to have lost the toss and will automatically be batting 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

- **Thursday Night T20:** 5pm – 7.30pm (Games can start earlier or later right up until 6pm with prior agreement from coaches/managers from both sides).
- **Saturday T20** (Blue, White and Red Grades):
 - Priority 1 time-slot: 12.30pm – 3.00pm
 - Priority 2 time-slot: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- Both grades above will consist of two separate half season competitions (pre and post-Christmas).
- ACA plans to schedule all games in their priority 1 time-slot, only if, due to no ground availability or both teams request will ACA action the 2nd time-slot. If this is actioned, ACA endeavor to give the teams as much notice as possible.
- 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 and 5 minutes from the start time. Should the first innings not be completed in 1 hour and 15 minutes, the second innings will be reduced by 2 overs.
- The second innings should conclude no more than 1 hour and 5 minutes from the start time. Should the second innings not be completed in 1 hour and 15 minutes, 12 runs will be added to the score and if possible, the remaining overs will be completed.

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 Game Managers** are to have registered and completed the online vulnerable persons module including police vetting.
- **All Coaches** are to have registered and completed the [Advanced Foundations Coaching](#)

[Course](#) including police vetting.

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

Full pitch.

7. Boundaries

Maximum 45m circle from the middle of the pitch and marked by cones or flags.

8. 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 unless bowlers are bowling in 2 over spells as outlined under bowling rules above. 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 onside 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 a fixed position for example at first slip or mid-off and not have to rotate other than when bowling.

Fielding Restrictions

- No player can be within 10m of the batter except for the wicketkeeper and regulation slips fielding positions.
- At all times 1-2 players must be on the boundary behind square and 2-3 players must be on the boundary in front of square. At no time can more than 5 players be on the boundary. To be considered on the boundary, the players must be within 4m of the boundary at the time of the bowler releasing the ball.
- At least 1 player must be in a slip fielding position for the innings.
If fielding restrictions are not met, 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.

9. Ball

A 156gm Kookaburra Water Resistant Crown Pink Ball is to be used. The match ball does not

have to be new, but umpires must agree that it is fit for play.

10. Dismissals

All batters cannot be dismissed within their first 3 balls. If a batter is dismissed after facing at least 3 deliveries (i.e. the 4th ball is the first ball that if they get out on they leave the field), they are out and the next batter will enter. Batters swap ends after each dismissal within these 3 balls and the wicket delivery is treated as plus 3 for the other team and the bowler gets credited.

11. Stumpings, 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.

12. 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 batters cannot be retired a 2nd time once returning to the crease. Batters who were out during their grace period cannot return even if they retired.

13. 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.

14. 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. 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.*

N.B. For the avoidance of doubt, a free hit will only apply to the first 5 balls of the over. If a no ball is bowled on the 6th ball there will be no re bowl, 2 runs will apply.
The last over of the innings will continue until a legitimate delivery is bowled to the batter.

15. **Bowling Restrictions**

- Maximum 4 overs per player. Maximum 2 over spells. Bowler A may bowl 1 over, then swap places with Bowler B at Mid On when Bowler B bowls 1 over, then they can swap again for Bowler A to bowl their second over. Once Bowler A and Bowler B have bowled 2 overs the whole field must rotate. This can continue with the remaining bowlers.
- All players must bowl minimum 1 over. Any player who bowls minimum or less overs must bat higher than bowlers who bowl additional overs – this is for both innings, therefore if batting first, batters who are expected to bowl extra overs must bat after those that are going to bowl minimum or less overs.
- A minimum of 3 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.
- No player may bowl their third over until all players have bowled one over.

16. **Wicket-keeper**

A designated wicket keeper is permitted but not required. 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.

17. **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 should provide basic guidance to both sides to assist with game development and speed of play.
- Coaches/Managers are recommended to deliver any messages directly to players at an appropriate moment, however, this must not slow the game down.
- No “yelling” instructions to players from the sidelines should occur.

18. **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 encouraged 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.

19. **Grades**

There will be multiple grades for the Midweek T20 and for the Saturday T20 competitions. ACA will divide entered teams into multiple regional competitions for this grade. Note, ACA will try to schedule games to minimise travel and may not be traditional home grounds for either team.

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 (e.g. Quarter Final or Semi Final) please refer to the Junior and Youth General Playing Conditions via the ACA website.

20. Points:

Win = 3 points Tie or Match Abandoned = 1.5 points Loss = 0 points

21. Wet Weather Interruptions

Overs cannot be reduced, if there is any time lost due to weather interruptions and the full allotment of overs (unless a team is bowled out before) cannot be completed the game will be declared abandoned.

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

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