Boys Rules

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Cricket Match Conditions

The matches shall be played under the current Laws of Cricket and in accordance with the SACA By-Laws and the new Cricket Australia Junior Format Level 2 unless otherwise stated here.

Teams

11 players on the field

Team size 12 players all players given the opportunity to bat and bowl in each game Players can be substituted on and off the field at the end of any over as long as it does not delay play.

Match Balls

2-piece 142gm ball (supplied)

Equipment

Each team must bring:

a set of stumps (rubber based or spring-loaded) 50m tape measure marker cones

Field/Pitch Setup

Pitch length - 18m (stump to stump). There are 2 options for marking out the pitch:

Option 1 - stumps are set up on the popping/batting crease at each end and a new popping/batting crease marked 1.22m in front of the stumps at each end or

Option 2 stumps and crease at one end are used as per normal pitch markings and the stumps at the other end are moved 2.44m forward and crease line marked 1.22m in front of the new stump position.

Boundaries maximum 50m measured from middle of the pitch



Competition structure

Divisions of 8 teams split into pools of 4

	Day 1 (T20 matches)		Day 2 (T20 matches)		Day 3 (36 over
					matches)
Game 1	1 v 2	5v6	1 v 3	5v7	
	3 v 4	7 v 8	2 v 4	6 v 8	Winner G1 v Winner G2
Game 2	2 v 3	6v7	G1: 1 st pool A v 2 nd pool B G2: 1 st pool B v 2 nd pool A G3: 3 rd pool A v 4 th pool B G4: 4 th pool A v 3 rd pool B		
	4 v 1	8v5			Loser G1 v Loser G2
					Winner G3 v Winner G4
					Loser G3 v Loser G4

Length of Matches

T20 matches

Morning matches: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Afternoon matches: 12:45pm to 3:45pm

Each innings is a maximum of 1 hour 20 minutes or 20 overs, whichever comes first

Maximum 20-minute innings change over

Innings concludes when the 11th wicket falls

When the team batting second passes the opposition score, the game shall continue for the allotted overs

40 minutes break between matches

36 over matches

9:00am start

Each innings is a maximum of 2 hours and 15 minutes or 36 overs, whichever comes first 10-minute innings change over if not leading into lunch break 30-minute lunch

Drinks

Drinks breaks should not be taken during an innings for T20. One drinks break per innings can be taken during 36-Over matches. Teams may negotiate to take additional drinks breaks on hot days if required.

Oothing

All players shall wear cricket attire. Umpires and players are requested not to wear red coloured dothing on the field.

Safety Equipment / Helmets

ALL batters MUST wear a helmet while batting. The wicket keeper must wear a helmet at all times. ALL appropriate safety equipment is to be worn.



Supervisor/Umpire

Each team must have a supervisor/umpire.

The umpire's objective should always be to ensure that both teams have equal opportunity to score the required runs. All umpiring decisions are to be accepted without question in keeping with the spirit of the game.

Retiring Batters

Coaches should aim to involve <u>ALL</u> their players in the game. It is permissible for coaches to retire batters at any score with the option of permitting them to return after all other batters have had an innings. 12th player must be given the opportunity to bat prior to the retired batters resuming their innings. Retired batters are to return in order from the lowest score to the highest. T20 matches

Compulsory retirement at 20 (as soon as batter reaches 20 - not at end of the over) 36 over matches

Compulsory retirement at 30 (as soon as batter reaches 30)

Bowling Restrictions

T20 matches

The designated wicket keeper may be exempted from bowling if required to keep for all 20 overs Maximum of 2 overs per bowler per match

Maximum 8 ball overs

36 over matches

3 players maximum 4 overs Remaining players maximum 3 overs Maximum 8 ball overs

No-Balls

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Any short-pitched delivery that is deemed by the umpire as dangerous shall be called a no-ball No balls count as one run plus whatever is scored off the ball

LBW

A batter should not be adjudged LBW if they have played forward to the ball and attempted a shot Batters will only be and the ball is deemed to be hitting the stumps

Fielding Restrictions

T20 matches

Overs 0 to 6 at least two (2) fielders on the boundary

Overs 7 to 20 at least 4 impacted players

36 over matches

Overs 0 10 must have at least two (2) fielders on the boundary

Overs 11 36 must have at least 4 impacted players

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