



CJCC

**COMMUNITY JUNIOR
CRICKET COUNCIL**

Formats and Playing Conditions – Perth Scorchers Girls League U15s



CJCC refers to the Community Junior Cricket Council, which is the Peak Body responsible for Junior Community Cricket made up of Associations/Councils in the Greater Metropolitan Area.
Association / Associations refers to the Association/Council that runs the competition that is being played.

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1.1 Key General Principles

Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains, and in Community Junior Cricket, the Coaches.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's coach and captain, and instruct the coach to take action.

Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the coach and/or captain to take action where required.

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball.
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- Both Coaches
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire or coach
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - (a) to appeal knowing that the batter is not out
 - (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

Players

Captains, coaches and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.

Progression

The CJCC cricket formats outlined in this document are a clear attempt to present the game in a manner that takes into account the development level of players from age approximately 5 years to 17 years old. These formats apply to all CJCC Member Associations/Councils.

Guaranteed Participation

The cricket structure is set out in Rule 1.3 and seeks to progress and allow the more skilful players increasing opportunities to display their talents as they grow, however, even at the Under 17s level of community cricket the CJCC wants to see every player have the opportunity to participate either to bat or bowl in every game. The CJCC strongly recommends that in all age groups, Coaches endeavour to ensure that all the overs are bowled and that all the allocated time is used (taking into account the exceptions in the individual rules), for example in one day matches a second innings can be played (though this would be rare).

Safety

Duty of care is a prime consideration with all junior sport. The CJCC endorses the current guidelines for Player safety outlined in the Cricket Australia's Well Played document. Consideration was given to the physical, mental and social development of players in formulating appropriate game formats. Particular reference is made in these rules in relation to equipment, facilities and game formats.

Enjoyment

The CJCC recognises that a strong link exists between the levels of enjoyment and satisfaction gained through the team sport of cricket and the extent to which players develop their skills and remain in the game over many years. In junior cricket, these experiences are developed by providing high levels of participation within a positive, enthusiastic and competitive environment.

The Rules and Policies that follow in this document are to be used by all Metropolitan Perth Associations/ Councils and Clubs in the process of providing Junior Community Cricket in the area of their responsibility. No Association/Council/Club may make Policy or Rules that are in addition or contradictory to the following Rules and Policies. Explanations and permission for additions to the Rules and Policies must be sought from the Community Junior Cricket Council Inc.

Apart from the following CJCC General Rules of Play and CJCC age variations rules, the MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 shall apply.

The players, umpires and scorers in a game of cricket may be of either gender and the Laws and Rules apply equally to both. The use, throughout the text, of pronouns indicating the either gender is purely for brevity. Except where specifically stated otherwise, every provision of the Laws and Rules is to be read as applying to girls equally as to boys.

1.2 Eligibility to Play

Each player is to be registered with the Association before they can play

- a) Each player must be entered on the team list in MyCricket on the Friday before play is to start. Player's names may be added/ deleted after the Friday up to the start of the match if players become available/ unavailable. This is for the purpose of using the MyCricket Scoring App when required.
- b) The team list is to be handed to the opposition coach before start of play, on day one of all matches
- c) All players on the team list that are in attendance must participate in the match unless sick or injured.
- d) In U15 when a team is short of players the opposition must provide them for the purpose of fielding.

1.3 Player's Age Restrictions

Each age competition shall be restricted to players no more than 2 years under that age as at 30 June in the year the season commenced. See table below. It is important to note that players should be able to play and complete the skills required of the competition before playing in that competition.

Age as of 30 th June	School Year Group Suitable for Boys / Mixed Competition	School Year Group Suitable for Girls Competition	Competition	Alternatives (based on ability / experience)
5 & 6	Year PP & 1	Year PP & 1	Junior Blaster	
7 & 8	Year 2 & 3	Year 2 & 3	Master Blaster	Junior Blaster
9	Year 4		U10	Master Blaster
10	Year 5	Year 4 & 5	U11	
11	Year 6		U12	
12	Year 7	Year 6 & 7	U13	
13	Year 8		U14	
14	Year 9	Year 8 & 9	U15	
15			U16	
16	Year 10 & 11		U17	
17	N/A	Year 10, 11 & 12	U18 Girls	

Note: Players may be enrolled in Junior Blasters before their fifth birthday but they must be five years of age at the commencement of the program.

1.4 Overage and Underage Players

- a) Upon application to the Association the Executive may grant permission for a player to play in an age group one year lower than she would qualify to play, based on age. A report will be provided by the association to the CJCC listing these players both pre and post season. All dispensations to play in a lower age group are for one season only and new approvals are required each year. Approvals must meet the criteria located in CJCC Policies.

1.5 Dress Standard

It is expected that players will be dressed in normal cricket attire. This generally means white or cream shorts or long pants; white or cream shirts preferably with collars. Shirts that are coloured or with logos are also acceptable, however they must be approved by the Competition Association; caps or hats to be white or club coloured.

No Hat-No Play: All players must wear a hat or cap during play. The Association strongly recommends that this be a white broad brim hat, with the possibility of the wicketkeeper using a cap. Players who do not wear hats will be asked to put one on or to leave the field. If they refuse the umpires must report them to the Association.

1.6 Bowler/Fielder Leaving the Field

In the event of a bowler being injured during an over, another player shall complete the over. (The normal bowling restrictions shall apply to both players).

1.7 Match Results and Players Scores

MyCricket is to be used for match reporting.

- a) In Under 15s, match scores including team scores (runs and wickets) and extras (by type) conceded in each innings are to be entered
- b) Individual player scores are to be entered into MyCricket for this age group
- c) Results are determined by runs scored by each team

1.8 Duty Team

The home team or duty team - mentioned first on the fixture list - is responsible for providing both sets of stumps and bails, for marking the wicket and for marking the boundary with plastic cones (20 cones minimum).

1.9 Forfeits

- a) Any team with fewer than seven (7) players shall forfeit the game.
- b) Any team that is more than 30 minutes late for the scheduled start of play on any day shall forfeit the match.
- c) In either of these circumstances a scratch match **can** be played.

1.10 Play Lost Through Inclement Weather

The aim of this rule is to ensure that a fair game of cricket is played; i.e., there is sufficient time for both teams to bat for a meaningful time, and one team is not significantly disadvantaged by the delay. Common sense and the spirit of cricket must be applied.

In the event of a match starting late owing to the weather or the state of the ground, the following will apply:-

The minimum number of overs to be played is 10 overs each team

- a) Play lost due to rain will be reduced by one (1) over of play for every four (4) minutes of play lost.
- b) If play has not started within one hour of the scheduled start of play there will be no play on that day.
- c) To determine a result - if all available time for a match has been played and both teams have bowled the minimum overs, a result can be determined by the score at the same number of overs for both teams. E.g. if the first batting team faced 20 overs and the team batting second faced only 15, then the team that was ahead at the end of the 15th over will be declared the winner.
- d) If either team does not bowl the minimum overs the match will be declared a draw.

1.11 Umpires and Scorers

Each team will provide two Adult supervisors to be responsible for umpiring and scoring. The Association may allocate an accredited umpire for the match.

Umpires

- a) Umpires must dress to an acceptable standard, which sets a good example to young cricketers. E.g. Singlets and thongs are not acceptable dress.
- b) Umpires must wear a hat (preferably broad brim) and light coloured Shirt/Top, preferably white.
- c) Umpires who are 17 years old or younger may only umpire matches with the approval of the Association.
- d) Where one independent umpire is provided for in a match:
 - i) In U15s the bowling team will provide the square leg umpire.

Scorers have an important role in recording the progress of the game, and to assist the coaches in the management of the game where this relates to:

- a) The rules, and
- b) The recording of the match.
- c) Scorers must avail themselves of the rules of the age group that they are scoring for.
- d) Scorers **must** interrupt play to advise umpires when players have or are about to breach bowling and batting rules
 - i) If a breach occurs in the **Bowling**; play must immediately stop, the over is to be completed by another bowler who will not breach any of the Bowling Rules
 - ii) If a breach occurs in the **Batting**; batters must retire immediately.
- e) Both scorers must agree to the result and details of the game before scorers can leave.
- f) Scorers may use Association approved electronic scoring applications for CJCC matches.

1.12 Clarification of Rules

Umpires/Scorers must avail themselves of the rules of play and the rules that apply to the age group competition that they are umpiring prior to the match and to discuss these rules with the opposition Coach/Umpire/Scorers (e.g. the LBW Rules).

1.13 “No Ball”

A “No Ball” shall be called on delivery when:

- a) Part of the bowler’s front foot on landing, whether grounded or not, is not behind the popping crease.
- b) Part of the bowler’s back foot is grounded on landing on, or outside, the line of the return crease.
In the event that the bowler is having obvious continued difficulties in bowling such that the ball reaches the batter fairly, the umpire at the bowler’s end, (with the agreement of the other umpire) may allow the bowler to bowl from forward of the bowler’s popping crease without penalty.
- c) A ball passes, or would have passed, above the waist on the full, in the batter’s normal stance. Either or both umpires may call “No Ball”.
- d) There are more than two (2) fielders behind square leg. Umpires should be alert to this inadvertently occurring during fielding rotations and movement. Umpires should advise the fielders to move when they become aware of the situation thereby avoiding the call of no ball.
- e) A ball delivered by the bowler comes to rest in front of the line of the striker’s wicket, without having previously touched the bat or person of the striker. The umpire shall call and signal No ball and immediately call and signal Dead ball.
- f) A fielder stands within the 10 metres zone. Umpires should be alert to this inadvertently occurring during fielding rotations and movement. Umpires should advise the fielders to move when they become aware of the situation thereby avoiding the call of no ball.
Slips, gullies and wicket keeper may field within ½ pitch length. In addition to this, no fielder may stand within 2 metres of the playing surface in front of the striker’s wicket.
Note: See rule 1.31 – 4.1 for diagram of fielding zones.
- g) The ball lands off the pitch, rolls off the pitch, or hits the edge of the pitch (this includes balls that start off the pitch but roll back on).
- h) A ball bounces more than twice, or rolls along the ground, before reaching the popping crease.
- i) In Under 15s any delivery which, after pitching, passes or would have passed above the batter’s shoulder in their normal batting stance is a no ball. Either or both umpires may call “No Ball”. If the bowler makes another unfair delivery in the over then the umpire shall call and signal “No Ball” and warn the bowler that any further repetition in that over will result in the bowler being removed from the attack and they will be unable to bowl again in that innings. A designated spin bowler is exempt unless the ball is a full pitched (beam ball) delivery above waist height.

1.14 “Wide Ball”

A wide is as defined in the laws of cricket in respect of being out of reach of the batter. As a rule of thumb, on the wider pitches, a wide is apparent when the ball, having landed on the pitch, moves off the pitch as it passes the batter. Any ball that pitches on the wicket, or passes the batter, that is outside the batter’s reach standing in their normal batting position is a ‘Wide’. A batter may be given out ‘Stumped’ or ‘Run Out’ on a wide.

Note: If the batter strikes or makes contact with the ball then it is not a wide.

1.15 Lost or Damaged Ball

If a ball is damaged or lost, it may be replaced by a ball of similar wear, subject to the agreement of the opposition Coach/Umpire.

1.16 Coaching

Limited constructive on-field coaching by Coaches and Umpires is encouraged in this age groups between overs. It is important to keep the game flowing and allow players to learn by doing. Training sessions are where players can receive more direct coaching and feedback on in-game performance.

As players get older, the aim is to progressively have the captain and vice-captains provide leadership, with the Coach having less and less on-field input. Over-coaching (usually associated with winning-orientated coaches) is discouraged. A PSGL U15 player who receives technical advice after every shot or delivery will quickly become confused and flustered.

1.17 Match Points

In competitions with match points, the following table shall apply.

First innings win	10 Points
Tie on first innings - each team	5 Points
Forfeit on a one day fixtured game	12 Points
Drawn match - each team	5 Points

- a) In competitions where byes are fixtured throughout the season, the following formula is used to determine the position on the ladder of all teams at the end of competition rounds. **Team points divided by number of games played multiplied by the highest number of games played by Team/Teams in this competition.**
- b) If teams pull out of a competition after it has commenced and this creates a bye, The Association will determine what should be done with regard to points gained and the allocation of points.
- c) No outright results are to apply to PSGL competitions.

INCENTIVE POINTS:

These additional points for batting and bowling are added to the match result points above and will operate in all innings.

Batting: 0.01 points per run. (I.e. 1 point for 100 runs.)

Bowling: 0.20 points per wicket (i.e. 2 points for 10 wickets.)

1.18 Finals

The four leading teams in Under 15s at the end of the qualifying matches will play finals matches to decide the premiership, or as determined by the Association.

The team that finished first (minor premiers), will play the fourth placed team and the second placed team will play the third placed team in the semi finals.

Finals shall be fixtures in the normal format unless otherwise determined by the Association.

- a) Where semi finals cannot reach a result due to loss of time, fitness of the ground, weather or bad light, the teams finishing the qualifying matches in the higher place shall play in the Grand Final. In the event of a tie or a drawn game in the semi final, the higher placed team (points or quotient system) shall progress to the final.
 - i) If a Grand Final is drawn, the higher placed team (points or quotient system) shall be declared Premiers.
 - ii) If a Grand Final is tied, this will result in dual premiership
- b) Subject to availability of grounds, all finals will be played at the home ground of the team finishing in the higher position at the end of the qualifying matches, or at a ground specified by the Association.
- c) All grand finals are determined by first innings results only.

1.19 Eligibility for Finals

- a) A player must have participated in at least four playing days of fixtured games for that team, or a team in a lower age group to be eligible to play finals in that team.
- b) In the event of the team being short through injury or illness (or another legitimate absence acknowledged in writing by the Association), an eligible player from a younger age group team (not more than two years younger

than the team) from the same club is exempt from the above rule provided that she has played at least four (4) days at their own age level.

1.20 Umpires for the Finals

Clubs will provide a minimum of one umpire for the duration of semi-finals and grand finals. The Association will endeavor to supplement these and appoint independent umpires for finals.

1.21 Complaints and Protests

Each Association is responsible for the resolution of its own complaints and protests. Decisions are to be forwarded to the CJCC Administrator upon conclusion.

It is a requirement that all offences not dealt with on the day must be reported to the Competition Association.

Note: for further information on this rule, refer the CJCC Protests and Disputes Policy

1.22 Drinks Breaks

Drinks breaks must be taken after 10 overs,

- a) Drinks may be taken more frequently if called for by mutual consent of the supervising officials. This is to be considered especially on hot days as a safety precaution.
- b) Batters may ask the umpire for a drink; this may take place on the ground and between overs so as to not hold up play.
- c) Drinks breaks are limited to 5 minutes and may be taken in the shade when appropriate.
- d) Extra drinks breaks if taken must be completed within 2 minutes.

1.23 Two teams in the same grade

Where a club has two or more teams in the same grade then a player can play only for one of those teams following the fourth fixture of the season unless the prior consent of the Association is obtained.

1.24 Times of Play

Each Association may alter the start time of play to any other time if this is for the sole purpose of addressing the issue of ground availability.

Note: The time allocated and the overs for a day's play may not be altered and must be strictly adhered to.

1.25 Boundaries

- a) The following boundaries will apply, with the distance measured from the batter's end. Games may be fixtured on grounds which are smaller than these; if Associations do this the boundary is to be as large as the ground will allow.

Age Group	Boundary Size
PSGL 15s	45 metres from batter's end

- b) Any association may, at its own discretion, stipulate that "No-Go" zones be enforced. Where these zones are enforced by the association:
 - i) They must be clearly marked with cones or similar
 - ii) Spectators are not permitted to enter the zones, except to move through the zones without disrupting the game.

1.26 End of game – or Time

Both teams are entitled to face the same number of overs.

If time is called and the second team has faced fewer overs than the first team faced for its first innings, a result will be determined by the scores at the same number of overs that the second team faced.

- a) Deliberate time wasting is a mandatory reportable offence, which may change the result of a match.

1.27 CJCC Policies

The CJCC has implemented a number of policies for the playing of junior community cricket which coaches and parents may need to be aware of. It is recommended that these be read in conjunction with these rules. CJCC

- a) Lightning Policy
- b) Blood Policy
- c) Social Media Policy
- d) Remedial Bowling Action
- e) Helmet
- f) Concussion
- g) Clearances
- h) Dispensation

Policies can be read [here](#).

(<http://cjcc.wa.cricket.com.au/files/16158/files/Policies%20and%20Procedures/CJCC%20Policies%20and%20Procedures.pdf>)

1.28 Extreme Weather Conditions

Associations or coaches, if both agree, can determine if games will proceed in extreme heat or other extreme weather conditions.

Drinks may be taken more frequently if called for by mutual consent of the supervising officials. This is to be considered especially on hot days as a safety precaution

1.29 Batting Rules for Retired, Hurt and Absent Players

Retired Batters:

- a) **Retired batters may return to bat only after all other members of the team, on the team list, that are present have batted.**
- b) Retired batters may only resume their innings in their order of retirement.
- c) A previously retired batter must be retired again when that batter has faced the maximum number of compulsory balls again (as per **1.31 Match Details - 2.2**) except in the event that no other retired batters are remaining. For the avoidance of doubt, a previously retired batter begins from 0 balls faced when she returns.
 - i) Returned Batters may not otherwise be retired again unless HURT.
- d) Retired batters at the end of a match are recorded **Retired Not Out**

Retired Hurt Batters

- a) If a batter retires because of illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause, they are entitled to resume their innings subject to **b)** below. If for any reason they do not resume their innings, they are to be recorded **Retired Not Out**
- b) A retired Batter may only resume their innings at the fall of a wicket or at the retirement of another batter.

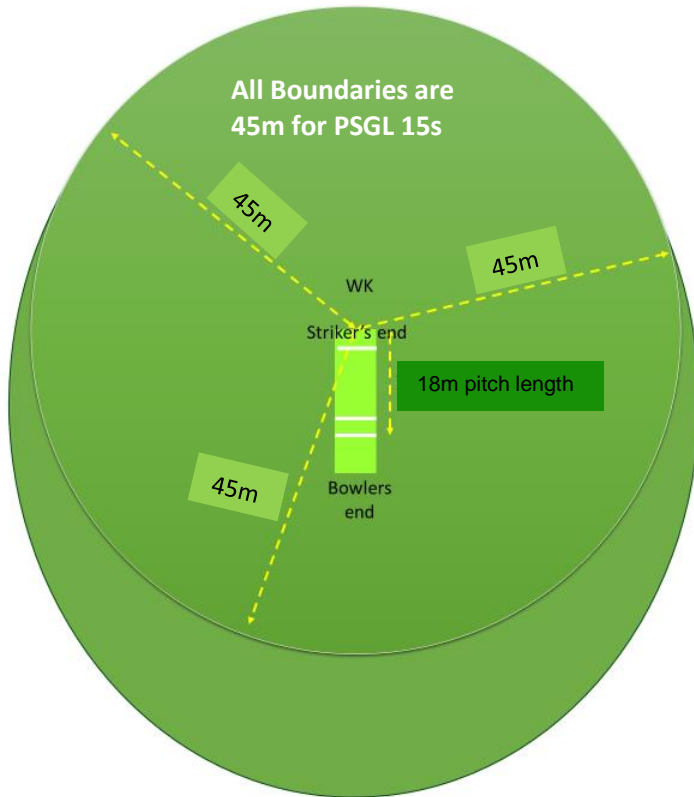
Absent Batters

- a) If a batter is not present to resume their innings after a break or previous day's play and was not retired before the break or the end of the previous day's play, they will be recorded as **Not Out**.

1.30 Ground and Pitch Setup and Format Summary

This format is designed for those kids who have completed the U13 competition and are continuing the pathway of junior club competition. Designed to stimulate action and test game sense and skills whether batting, bowling or fielding.

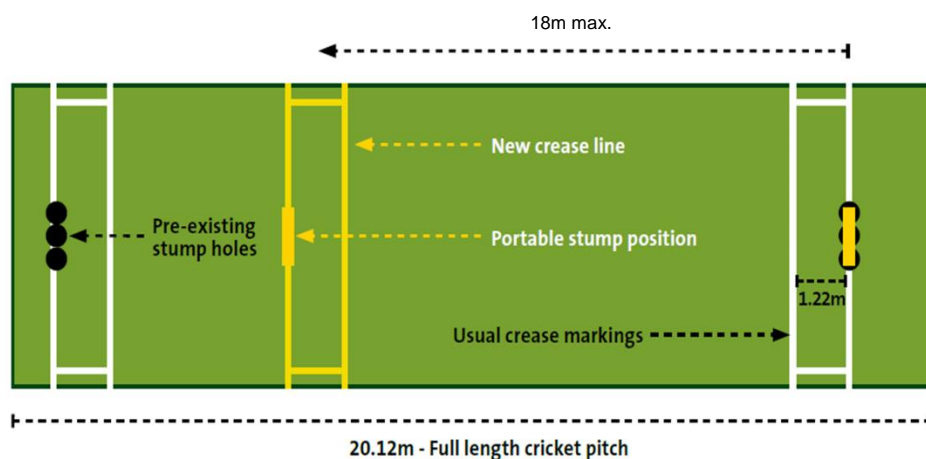
PSGL U15s



- Format: 20 Overs per innings
- Time: 120 mins
- Players: 9
- Pitch: 18m
- Boundary: 45m measured from the batter's end stumps
- Stumps: Portable at bowlers end
- Batters: Retire at 20 balls
- Bowlers: Max 8 ball over
All overs are bowled from the same end
- Fielding: No fielder permitted within 10m of the batter except the wicket-keeper



STAGE 2-PSGL 15S (AGE INDICATIVE) PITCH SET-UP



1.31 Match Details

1.1 Teams shall consist of 9 players per team (it is understood that teams often contain additional players to cater for holidays, illness or other commitments)

7 players per team minimum are required to play the game

11 players per team maximum are to be allocated to a team (only 9 on field at any given time).

Only 9 players can be on the field at any given time

When evening out teams, the intent is for both teams to field the same number of players. The players from the donating team are not required to bowl or keep. The donating team is to rotate the donated players such that the fielding duties are shared and that all donating team players bat irrespective of their time as a substitute fielder

The number of players impact the players' opportunity to develop skills in the game, for example;

- 7 player team – 3 players x 4 overs, 2 players x 3 overs, 2 players x 1 over (WK). Batting retirement 20 balls
- 8 player team – 6 players x 3 overs, 2 players x 1 overs (WK). Batting retirement 20 balls
- 9 player team – 4 players x 3 overs, 3 players x 2 overs, 2 players x 1 overs (WK), Batting retirement 20 balls
- 10 player team – 10 players x 2 overs (WK). Batting retirement 20 balls.
- 11 player team – 9 players x 2 overs, 2 players x 1 over (WK). Batting retirement 20 balls.

1.2 Innings shall be 20 overs.

1.3 The pitch shall be 18 metres in length (stump to stump)

1.4 The boundary shall be 45 metres measured from the batter's end.

1.6 A standard 142g cricket ball shall be used. Each team provides a ball for their bowling innings.

1.7 There must be a 5 minute change-over period between innings and an on field drinks break may be taken after each 10 overs in each innings.

1.8 Batting, bowling and fielding roles must be shared equitably amongst team players.

2 Batting

2.1 All batters must wear cricket pads, batting gloves and a helmet with a grill. Other protective equipment such as thigh pads, protectors, chest and arm guards should be considered.

2.2 All batters retire at 20 balls (with the assumption that some players will be dismissed). All balls (regardless of whether wides/ no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.

2.3 A maximum of 9 wickets constitutes an innings. Last batter stands rule applies i.e. If a team has nine (9) or less players, and eight (8) wickets fall, the not out batter may continue batting (last batter stands rule) with a designated runner at the non-strikers end. If the non-striker gets run out it will be deemed the end of the innings.

2.4 The striker changes end if:
a) The over is complete.

2.5 Retired Batters

- a) Retired Batters can return to bat only after all other members of the team on the team list that are present have batted,
- b) A retired batter can only resume her innings on the fall of a wicket, when another batter retires hurt or when another batter has faced the required balls as per rule 2.2.
- c) Retired batters will resume their innings in the order of retirement.
- d) A previously retired batter must be retired again after they returns to bat when the batter has faced the number of balls as per rule 2.2.

e) Retired batters at the end of a match are recorded, **Retired Not Out**

2.6 In this competition the batting order shall be rotated on a weekly basis.

The rotation is –

a) Players must be rotated every game for the duration of the home and away season.

b) Batting positions 1 & 2 are treated as one position.

c) Any player who did not bat in the first innings must bat in the next game they play.

d) Players must bat in a minimum of 5 different positions throughout the season.

(This must be strictly adhered to).

2.7 No LBW decisions shall be given. However, Coaches/Umpires are to discourage (in a positive way) the deliberate use by batters of pads to protect their wicket. All other forms of dismissal apply.

2.8 Runs are scored in the normal manner.

3 Bowling

3.1 Bowlers shall bowl from a pre-selected end throughout the match.

3.2 In this competition the bowling order must be rotated on a weekly basis (this must be strictly adhered to).

Rotation must be 1-9+.

a) All players in the team must have bowled at least once in all bowling positions from **1-9+** before they may bowl again in any of the previous positions.

For example, after the first game, 1 moves to 9+ with each position 2-9+ moving up one position for the next game. This is to be repeated each game for the entire season.

3.3 There are a maximum eight (8) balls per over

3.4 In this competition a “No Ball” is re-bowled. **Refer 1.13 No Balls** (Maximum 8 balls per over)

3.5 In this competition a “Wide Ball” is re-bowled. **Refer 1.14 Wides** (Maximum 8 balls per over)

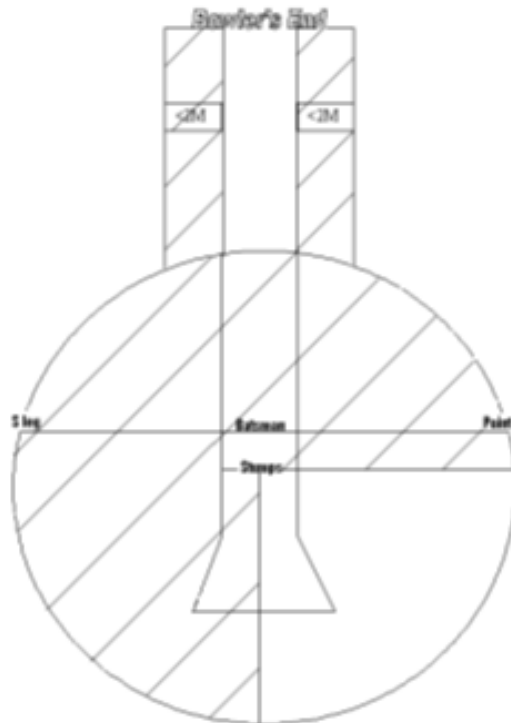
4 Fielding

4.1 Rotation of fielders is required to ensure all players experience all positions.

Fielding restrictions

a) Slips, gullies and the wicket-keeper may field within 10 metres of the batters; no other fielder may do so.

b) In addition to this no fielder may stand within 2 metres of the playing surface in front of the striker's wicket.



- 4.2 The wicket-keeper must wear gloves, pads, and a helmet with a grill.
- 4.3 Each team must use a minimum of two (2) wicket-keepers per match (Max two sessions).