

Armidale District Cricket Association

2016-2017 Season

UNDER 9 YEARS

We ask those supervising games to encourage good sportsmanship and help players to improve their basic cricketing skills.

Rules are to be glued into the back of the scorebook

Unless stated otherwise, matches will be played under the rules adopted by the NSW Cricket Association.

- 1. AGE:** Players must be under 9 years old (U9) on 1st September.
- 2. ATTIRE:** Whites are to be worn and **all players are to wear hats and sunscreen.**
- 3. PLAYERS:** Teams shall comprise 8 players per side. If a team has more or less than 8 players, the coaches should agree on a formula that still gives everyone a bat.
- 4. SUPERVISION:** Teams must be supervised by a person over the age of 16 who will umpire/score as required. Coaching is allowed only during breaks of play (end of over, fall of wicket, etc).
- 5. EQUIPMENT:** Boundary markers, rubber tee. Batters and wicket-keeper shall wear pads. Abdominal protectors are also strongly recommended for male players. A moderated ball shall be used. It is not mandatory to wear a helmet.
- 6. PLAYING TIMES:** Teams are to be ready to bowl the first ball at 9.00am after tossing at 8.50am. Matches should conclude when both teams have faced 16 overs each (or as decided re clause 3 above). There is a five minute interval between innings.
- 7. INTERRUPTION OF PLAY:** In the event of loss of playing time for any reason (late start, weather, state of the ground etc) the match should be reduced in overs by one over per three minutes of lost play, eg a six minute loss of playing time would reduce the match to 30 overs, that is 15 overs per side. If, however, both teams do not receive 8 overs each, the match shall be drawn.

In a rain-interrupted match, the team batting first may have received its 16 overs but the team batting second may face less than 16 overs. In this case, provided the second team has faced 8 or more overs, the winner will be the team with the highest score at the corresponding over. If the team batting second faces less than 8 overs, the match is drawn.

- 8. FIELD AND PITCH:** The pitch shall be 18.3 metres in length from stump to stump. It is recommended that the one end be used for batting throughout the game. Boundaries should be marked out before the start of play and be a minimum of 30 metres from the wicket.

9. THE GAME:

Batting:

- 9.1 Each team will face 16 overs with each batting pair receiving 4 overs. (Both batters retired immediately after their 4 overs are completed.)
- 9.2 Batters change ends (1) when a wicket falls, (2) at the end of each over or (3) at the coach's discretion to equalise batting time.
- 9.3 If a batsman is given out, the loss of wicket is recorded on the scoresheet as a minus 3 runs from the team's score but the batsman continues batting for the full allotment of overs.
- 9.4 There is no limit to the number of times a batsman can be given out.
- 9.5 If a team is short of players, the opposing team with reserves may supply a substitute player who may bat, bowl or field for the opponents.

Fielding:

- 9.6 The fielding side shall provide a wicket keeper and seven fieldsmen.
 - 9.7 If a team has more than eight players, the reserve players may take turns fielding in place of any of the team members.
 - 9.8 Only eight players bowl in the innings. Every player must bowl a minimum of 2 overs with a maximum of 3 overs. Bowlers may bowl underarm but are not to throw the ball.
 - 9.9 No bowler shall bowl two consecutive overs.
- 10. MANKADS:** A Mankad dismissal (ie a batsman run out at the bowler's end by the bowler before he has bowled the ball) shall not be legitimate unless the offending batsman has been given one prior warning.

11. RESTRICTIONS:

- 11.1 Every player must bowl a minimum of two overs and a maximum of three overs. Bowlers may bowl underarm but are not to throw the ball.
- 11.2 No fielder is to be within 10 metres of the striker until a shot has been played. (This does not apply to the wicket-keeper or to slips.) Fielders may move into this area once a shot has been played.

12. WIDES: The umpire shall call WIDE if the ball:

1. Pitches on the edge or off the pitch and passes out of reach of the batsman
2. Pitches on the pitch and passes out of reach of the batsman

If a player makes the decision to move away from his normal guard position and actually hits a ball which is (or could be) called “wide” by the umpire, the “wide” is nullified and the player can then be out stumped, bowled, caught, run out etc.

If a WIDE is called, no additional runs will be awarded to the batting team and NO additional ball is to be bowled. However, play will be halted to enable the coach to place the ball on a rubber tee on the wicket area. Normal play will resume at this point and the batter will be free to play a shot. Any runs scored from the “free” shot will be added to the batsman’s score and the total for the team will be adjusted accordingly. If the batsman is caught off the “free” shot, or if there is a runout, then the applicable batsman shall be given out and the score sheet adjusted according to Clause 9.3.

- 13. NO-BALLS:** No-balls that are not hit score ONE RUN to the batsman on strike and NO additional ball is to be bowled. If the batsman scores any runs from a No-Ball, these runs plus 1 are credited to the batter eg, if the batsman hits a No-Ball for 4 runs, the batsman receives 5, all against the bowler.

The umpire shall call NO-BALL if the ball:

1. Pitches and passes over the height of the batsman’s shoulder
2. Is fast and passes the batsman over waist height on the full
3. Is delivered by the bowler in contravention of the front foot rule
4. Bounces wide of the pitch and then bounces back within the batsman’s reach

- 14. BYES and LEG BYES:** The number of byes run is credited to the batsman on strike.
- 15. LBW:** There will be no LBW except in blatant infringements. In such cases a warning shall be given prior to invoking the LBW rule.
- 16. SCORING:** Scorers for both teams should sit together and agree on the scores at the end of each over. In the event of a disagreement, they should clarify same with the umpire before the next over commences. If the result of the match hinges on scoresheets that do not correspond, the matter should be resolved before leaving the ground after the match. Failing this, the decision of the Association’s Vice President – Juniors will be final.

The result of the game is to be written on the score sheet for the game and signed by both team managers.

- 17. CHANGES TO FIXTURES:** Any variation to fixture times or grounds (eg completing a game during the week) must be agreed between both team managers and the Association secretary before the start of the match, and take into account the availability of the ground.
- 18. RESULTS:** The result sheet, signed by both managers, is to be completed by both teams.

The under 9s is a development competition so there will be no points table or finals played. The results may be published in the press.

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