

14 OVER DETAILED MATCH DAY RULES

Early Stage 1 – U9 Junior Cricket (Mixed)

DESCRIPTION	<p>This format is designed for those kids who have completed Cricket Australia's Entry Level Programs and are ready for their first taste of junior club competition. Designed to be quick and stimulate action and test game sense and skills whether batting, bowling or fielding. This Early Stage 1 community cricket format is structured so that all players have the opportunity across the course of the season to participate in the match on an equal basis to their teammates.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Boundary Setup Document for further information on the boundary setup process.
INDICATIVE AGE	<p>Mixed Junior Cricket: U9</p>	PITCH TYPE AND LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outfield or hard wicket surface.
COACH	<p>Accredited Community (Level 1) Coach</p>	OVERS	<p>14 overs per team (84 balls)</p>
GAME TYPE	<p>14 over (maximum) game</p>	TEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 players per team 5 players per team is the minimum required to play the game. 9 players is the maximum to be allocated to a team (maximum 7 players on field at any given time).
BALL	<p>Kookastar 142g semi-soft cricket ball - RED</p>	INNINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 innings of 14 overs per team
TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday morning Toss: 20 mins before game start Game to start at 8.30am, or earlier by prior mutual arrangement between both teams, unless otherwise required by the draw (when two matches are held back to back on the same ground on the same morning) 120 mins (2hrs) Please refer to NJCA Playing Conditions document for time saving strategies, and adjustments required for match interruptions Guidance from coaches should consider the age and experience of the team. It is important to ensure that skill development is not inhibited by 'over-coaching'. Time management is crucial to player experience, so coaches need to consider this and avoid slowing the pace of the game. As the season progresses, coaches are expected to be providing opportunities for the players to think and learn for themselves, wherever possible, while the match is in progress. The next two batters should always be padded up and ready to head to the crease, to ensure the timely completion of matches 	BATTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count. Batter to swap ends following a dismissal. If there is a run out the not out batter is required to face the next delivery. As there is allowances for varying team size, the following retirement rules apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 player team – 4 batters retire at 17 balls, with 1 player retiring at 16 balls. 6 player team – batters retire at 14 balls 7 player team – batters retire at 12 balls 8 player team – 4 batters retire at 11 balls, 4 batters retire at 10 balls. 9 player team – 4 batters retire at 10 balls, 4 batters retire at 9 balls, 1 batter retires at 8 balls Batters are to retire as soon as they face their allotted balls, not at the end of the over. Coaches are to rotate the opportunity for their players to face the maximum balls from week to week. At the end of the season, all players should have faced, on average, a similar number of balls in relation to games played as each other. Coaches are to strongly discourage players from marking the centre by scraping marks with their shoes and/or bat as this damages the playing surface. Centre can be marked with chalk as needed.
EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmets must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. Pads Gloves Protector (males) Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions and/or personal preference. 2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required. Bat size: Size 3 or 4 (<1.8lb or <800gm) is recommended, or as appropriate for player height Modified ball (as per specifications above). Measuring tape or string to measure pitch length and boundary. Boundary markers Chalk or tape to mark crease line as well as crease centre. 	BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 balls per over maximum. No Balls and Wides are NOT re-bowled in ANY overs. All players are to bowl (where there are uneven overs, each Wicket-Keeper is to bowl minimum overs each) Maximum overs bowled by a player are 3 overs Bowlers are to bowl from the one end for entire game Coaches to rotate the opportunity for their players to bowl the maximum overs from week to week. This requires the coach to consider fielding placement prior to the start of every game. At the end of the season, all players should have bowled, on average, a similar number of overs as each other.
BOUNDARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30m (maximum) Boundary is to be measured from the batter's end stumps. 		

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DISMISSALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited dismissals (each player will face the nominated number of balls each) • 4 runs per wicket will be added to the opposition (bowling teams) total at the end of the innings. • The following dismissals apply in this format: Bowled, Caught, Caught & Bowled, Run Out, Stumped, Hit Wicket. LBW does not apply.
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Stage 1 (U9) Junior Cricketers are NOT eligible to play Summer Smash. Summer Smash is designed as an entry level competition for players who are new to cricket. It is not provided as an additional offering for players participating in Saturday morning junior cricket.
UMPIRES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each match should have a Game Manager who will act as the official umpire. The provision of a square leg umpire is the responsibility of the fielding team. • When no official umpire or game manager are in attendance, the square leg umpire shall be a responsible representative of the fielding team.