

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
BOYS & GIRLS 12 YEARS & UNDER CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP RULES
Boys - The Ricky Ponting Cup [formerly "The Challenge Cup" - Donated by Lew Cooper (Qld)]
Girls - The Grahame Barrett Shield

To be held annually during the first two weeks of the January school vacation

Note: These rules are to be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia 12 years and under General Rules and should be reprinted in the Championship program.

1.0. Competition Rules.

1.1. Rules of the Game.

Unless otherwise stated hereunder, "Cricket Australia Rules" shall be followed. Failing this, the decision of a conference of team officials shall be final.

1.2. Championship Duration

The Championship shall extend over a minimum of six (6) days and a maximum of eight (8) days. A rest day and an Excursion Day should be programmed during the Championship usually following two consecutive days of cricket. The Excursion Day is to involve a half day Educational Excursion.

1.3. Match Conditions

1.3.1. Hours of Play

The starting time of all matches, and the duration of the adjournments shall be determined by the host state before the commencement of the Championship and shall thereafter be unalterable without the approval of the host state.

At the pre-carnival meeting, the Host State/ Territory hand out hours of play and provide these to the umpires. e.g.

20 overs - 9.00 - 10.30, Break - 10.30 – 10.45, 2nd session 10:45 – 12.15

40 overs - 9.00 – 11.45, Lunch – 11.45 – 12.25, 2nd session 12.25 – 3.10

Amended March 2019

Teams shall arrive at the ground where they are to play at least forty five (45) minutes prior to the time set for the commencement of play.

Amended February 2018

Coin toss to be held at minimum 40-60 minutes before the start of play.

Amended March 2017

Matches shall consist of two (2) sessions of play, each of either twenty (20) overs or forty (40) overs duration. An adjournment of forty (40) minutes for lunch shall be taken.

In the event of cessation of play due to rain, bad light, etc, which extends to within thirty (30) minutes of a break the break can be taken immediately, at the discretion of the umpires.

Drinks shall be taken after ten (10) overs in a 20 over match and 20 overs in a 40 over match unless varied at the Pre Championship Meeting, provided that players have not left the field for any reason during the session, prior to the time set. Should a wicket fall within five (5) minutes of the time set for taking drinks, the drinks shall be taken immediately.

Amended March 2019

In the event of cessation of play due to rain, bad light, etc, which extends to within thirty (30) minutes of a break the break can be taken immediately, at the discretion of the umpires.

1.3.2. Divided Overs

Each team shall have its innings compulsorily closed at the conclusion of the allocated overs. In the event of both teams concluding their innings, whether compulsorily or otherwise, before the time set for the close of play (40 or 80 overs), the match shall continue under normal conditions until that time. It shall be permissible for the side batting second (2nd) to bat for up to two (2) hours beyond the time set for the close of play should this be necessary for it to receive its full quota of overs provided carnival organisation enables this to take place. This shall be determined by the Championship Convenor prior to the commencement of the Championship. For calculation purposes, the proposed finishing time shall be set at six (6) hours after the set starting time of all matches.

Amended March 2019

If the side batting second is unable to receive its entitled number of overs within the specified period of extension, then the match shall be declared drawn.

The scorers shall notify the umpires by clear signal of the end of the fifteenth (15) and thirty fifth (35) over, and the umpires, in turn, shall notify the batsmen and the captain of the fielding side.

Amended March 2019

If a bowler is unable, for any reason to complete an over, the remaining balls of that over shall be bowled immediately by any other bowler, provided that such part of an over shall be counted as an over for the purpose of Law 24 of the "Laws of Cricket".

1.3.3. Late Starts

In the event of a match not being able to start on time owing to weather or the state of the ground and it not being possible for each side to receive its full quota of twenty (20) or forty (40) overs, the number of overs to be bowled in the innings of each team will be reduced at the discretion of the Championship Convenor. If a match cannot commence within sixty (60) minutes of the set

starting time the number of overs shall be reduced by the formula of a reduction of one over per team for every six (6) minutes of time lost. A match shall not commence unless it is possible for each side to receive at least fifteen (15) overs in its innings. Sessions of play for matches starting late will be determined by the Host State. Upon commencement of a match the number of overs remains unalterable.

Amended March 2019

1.3.4. Change of Innings.

Should an innings close within twenty (20) minutes of the time set for an adjournment, that adjournment shall be taken immediately at the close of the innings, and the normal ten (10) minutes interval between innings shall not then be allowed. Play will recommence following the 40 minute lunch break.

Amended March, 2017

1.3.5. Fielding Restrictions.

No fieldsman shall be allowed to field within ten metres of the batsman on strike except those fielding within an arc from point to wicketkeeper in the off side of the wicket.

Amended February 2018

20 over innings

Over	Fielding Restrictions
0-6	Must have 2 fielders on the boundary ¹
7-20	Must have 4 impacted players ²

Added March 2019

35 over innings

Over	Fielding Restrictions
0-10	Must have 2 fielders on the boundary ¹
11-35	Must have 4 impacted players ²

Added January 2020

40 over innings

Over	Fielding Restrictions
0-10	Must have 2 fielders on the boundary ¹
11-40	Must have 4 impacted players ²

Added March 2019

Note: The Umpire is to signal a no-ball for those deliveries where these fielding restrictions are deemed to be breached.

¹ Boundary fielders must be within 4 metres of the boundary at the bowler's point of release. This also applies to any player fielding on the boundary as an impacted player.

² Total number of players either fielding on the boundary or in the slips cordon. Slips cordon is inclusive of slips & gully only. Coaches/captains can use any combination of boundary & slips cordon fielding positions at their discretion i.e. 2 boundary & 2 slips cordon, 1 boundary & 3 slips cordon; however, they must total 4 during the period those restrictions are in play.

Added March 2019

1.3.6. Bowling Restrictions.

20 overs - A maximum innings allocation of four (4) overs per bowler will be allowed. 40 overs - A maximum innings allocation of eight (8) overs per bowler will be allowed. These must be bowled in no more than four (4) over spells for fast/medium bowlers. A break of at least the same number of overs from one end must occur between each bowling spell. Should a fast/ medium bowler complete a spell of less than four (4) overs she should not be entitled to bowl again until the completion of an equivalent number of overs to that of their last spell from the end from which the last over of the spell was bowled.

Amended March 2019

Former rule 1.3.7 removed February 2018

1.3.7. No Ball.

One (1) short pitched delivery passing between shoulders and top of the head be allowed per over. Any other short pitched delivery passing above shoulder height of a batsman when in his normal stance shall be called a NO BALL regardless of whether the batsman attempts a shot.

A full pitched delivery from a bowler which passes above waist height of a batsman when in his normal stance shall be called a NO BALL regardless of whether the batsman attempts the shot, notwithstanding that any ball delivered above shoulder height on the full shall be call a NO BALL.

Amended January 2020

1.3.8. Free

Batsman will be allowed a "free-hit" following a no ball. This applies to all no-balls except for Impacted Player infringements.

Amended January 2020

1.4. Team Size

Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 13 players.

All players may participate in all matches as long as no more than 11 players bat and no more than 11 players bowl.

The interchange of the 12th and 13th players shall be allowed as fieldsman at any time up until the fifteenth (15) or thirty fifth (35) over provided this does not cause any interruption to the flow of play (this does not refer to injury where a replacement can occur at any time.)

Amended March 2019

1.5. Access to Field

Parents and supporters are not permitted on the field of play or in the dressing/change rooms at any time during the match. This includes prior to the commencement of the match unless invited by team officials to assist team with match warmup.

Added January 2020

2.0. Competition Structure

2.1. Draw.

Girls: The host state shall prepare the draw based on the previous year's results which shall thereafter remain unaltered, except in the event of a team competing as an unofficial team or a non-competitive team, the home state shall be empowered to rearrange the draw so that the competitive or official game or games be played on the better of the available facilities. The Championship shall be played on a Round Robin basis, regardless of the number of teams participating, with no finals to be played. For 3 or 4 teams participating, teams will play two round robins and for 5 or more teams, one round robin will be played. For a 5 or 7 team competition an invitational team made up of representatives from all competing states will be asked to fill the bye. If this is not possible the host state will be asked to do so. Should the girl's competition become an 8 team competition the competition format be changed to a pools structure as for the boy's competition.

Amended March 2017

Boys: If there are six (6) or less teams participating, the Championship will be played on a round robin basis with no finals being played.

For four (4) teams participating, teams will play two rounds and for five (5) or six (6) teams, one round only will be played.

For seven (7) or eight (8) teams, the Championship shall be conducted in two Pools (A and B). Each team will play the others in the pool once. At the conclusion of these preliminary rounds, the teams will again be divided into two Pools based on points.

The two teams with the highest number of points in each pool will form Pool C and the other teams in each pool will form Pool D.

Should teams be equal on points, the team that won the previous encounter will be placed higher on the ladder. In the event of a draw in the previous encounter the positions will be determined as follows:

- a) Divide the total number of runs scored by a team by the total number of wickets lost by it.
- b) Divide the total number of runs scored against a team by the total number of wickets taken by it
- c) Divide the former (a) by the latter (b). The team having the higher quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.

In Pool C teams will cross-over to play 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B and 2nd Pool A v 1st Pool B games. Winning teams will play off for 1st and 2nd and losing teams will play for 3rd and 4th on the last day.

In Pool D each team will play the two teams in their Pool that they have not previously played to complete the Championship.

The winner shall be the team(s) in Pool C with the highest number points.

Amended March 2017

2.2. Invitation/Composite Teams

It is strongly recommended as the preferred option, whenever a bye is to be filled by a host state, that all participating states be invited to provide players for an invitation team.

In the event of an Invitation School Sport Australia team participating in the Championship, it is to be given equal status with all other state/territory teams and is eligible to win any awards given.

2.3. Points Allocation.

Win	6 points
Loss	1 point
Tie	3 points
Drawn match (i.e. no result)	3 points
Bye	0 points

Amended May 2019

In the event of a forfeit, the team making the forfeit receives zero (0) points and the team receiving the forfeit is given the maximum number of points gained by any other team in that round.

Results of all matches shall be handed to the Championship Organiser or such other person designated at the Pre Event Meeting, on the official form provided, not later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of play.

Protests must be lodged with the Championship Organiser within 1 hour of the completion of the match and shall be dealt with by a Judiciary chaired by the Championship Convener, Host state school sport officer and the Cricket National Secretary or their delegate. The persons on the Judiciary are to be nominated at the Pre Event meeting.

Where there are four (4) or more teams participating, in the event of two (2) or more teams completing their matches with the same points, joint winners shall be declared.

In a four (4) or more team Championship, a minimum of three (3) complete rounds must be completed before a winning team(s) can be declared.

- 2.4. Combined Points Trophy
A trophy will be awarded for the state or territory who has the greatest combined points from their boys' and girls' teams.

3.0. Facilities & Equipment.

- 3.1. Wickets
All matches are to be played on turf. Concrete wickets with a suitable synthetic covering are to be used if turf wickets are unavailable due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. All arrangements for the use of these alternate wickets should be made prior to the commencement of the carnival.
When games are played on synthetic covered wickets, any ball pitching off or on the edge of the wicket will be declared a no ball.
Turf Wicket (preferred) or Hard Wicket- 18m length. * option to move stumps in at each end to the 2 crease lines (17.7m)

Amended March 2019

BOYS: Boundaries are to be set at a maximum of fifty five (55) metres – to be measured from the centre of the pitch

GIRLS: Boundaries are to be set at a maximum of forty five (45) metres – to be measured from the centre of the pitch

- 3.2. Apparel
Each team shall supply and use its own gear. The use of batting helmets will follow the "Recommendations for Use of Helmets" as set out in the current Cricket Australia's U/17s Playing Conditions.
Teams can choose to wear coloured uniforms and headwear corresponding to their State / Territory colours.
All participating teams shall have shirts numbered – 1-12/13.

Amended March, 2017

- 3.3. The Ball
BOYS: Two piece or four piece 142gm leather balls as approved by the host state's senior cricket body shall be used in all matches.
GIRLS: Two piece 142gm leather balls as approved by the host state's senior cricket body shall be used in all matches.

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- 3.4. Scoring.
Each team shall provide a competent scorer. Both score books shall be checked by a Manager from each team involved in the match at every break, and shall be signed by the umpires at the conclusion of the match.
The host state shall ensure that there is, at each match, a board displaying the numerals clearly visible to players on the field, the runs scored, wickets lost, and overs completed in the innings in progress.
The official umpires shall keep the times of play. These shall be checked with the official scorer.

- 3.5. Drinks.
Drinks shall be provided by the host state during all matches as required under Rule 1.3.1.

- 3.6. Lunches.
The host state shall be responsible for the provision of lunches for all players and officials on all playing days

4.0. Match Officials

- 4.1. Team Officials.
Team Officials may only encroach onto the field in the event of injury to a player or if called upon to do so by an umpire or Championship official.
No team official, umpire or spectator shall coach a team whether by voice or signal while the game is in progress. Team officials are permitted to speak to fielding side or batsmen during scheduled breaks. (Scheduled breaks i.e. adjournments (lunch, tea), change innings, drink breaks, cessation in play due to weather and/or injury.) Subtle coaching by 1 designated team official with boundary riders and or substitute fielders, is permitted during the game to support the captain in the transition of new rules/ impacted players etc.

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- 4.2. Umpires.
Where practicable, all available umpires, who are officiating in the Championship fixtures, should attend a rules briefing prior to the Opening Ceremony.

5.0. Sport Participation Policy

- 5.1. Please refer to the Sport Participation Policy on the School Sport Australia website for the current status of sport dispensation requests (e.g. age dispensation) for participating States or Territories.

Amended August 2017

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Grahame Barrett	NSW	2001
Graham Mattner	SA	2001
Kelly Masters	VIC	2002
Brian Pearson	NT	2006
Peter Finch	VIC	2007
Sue Knight	ACT	2010
Daniel Rankine	SA	2014
Sam Konnis	SA	2014
Jason Ellsmore	NSW	2015
Beth Hodge	NSW	2015
Kerry Cornford	SA	2015
David Gallacher	VIC	2018
Stephen Costello	NSW	2018
Sam Davis	WA	2018
Derek Woodcock	SA	2018