

SUNRAYSIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED A0009413A  
COOMEALLA CLUB SUNRAYSIA CRICKET  
Rules for Junior Girls Matches

These rules are to be read in conjunction with Sunraysia Cricket By-Laws and the MCC Laws of Cricket

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**1. AGE GROUPS**

a. Players age

<b>U/14 girls</b>	<b>U/17 girls</b>
Players are to be under the age of 14 years on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September of each year to play in the U14 competition.	Players are to be under the age of 17 years on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of September of each year to play in the U17 Girls competition.
Player's reaching the age of 14 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> September WILL BE ELIGIBLE to play for the current season.	Player's reaching the age of 17 on 1 <sup>st</sup> September WILL BE ELIGIBLE to play for the current season.

- b. Should a dispute regarding a player's age arise, the date of birth as registered at the last school attended is acceptable or a copy of his Birth Certificate should be presented should the My-Cricket date of birth be deemed incorrect.
- c. Overage Player exemptions
  - i. Any player that is older than the designated age group may be approved by the SCA to play in that grade providing that player is of a standard suitable for that grade. Clubs are required to submit an application for an overage player via email to the SCA Administration Manager and wait for its approval prior to that player commencing with the team.
  - ii. Permits for handicapped players to play below their age group may be granted by the SCA Board. Clubs must submit an application to the SCA prior to that players first match for approval.
  - iii. All approved Overage Exemptions will be subject to review and may be revoked at any time by the Sunraysia Cricket Board.
  - iv. Teams will be fined \$100 and loss of match points for every game found to have over-age players without an approved exemption

**2. DURATION OF MATCHES AND DAYS OF PLAY**

- a. All matches to be at the discretion of the SCA draw committee.
- b. Match times:

<b>U/14 girls</b>	<b>U/17 girls</b>
commence at 9:00am on Sundays and be concluded by 12:00pm  Matches shall commence at 8:00am on a day deemed to be an “Extreme Weather Day”	commence at 1:00pm on Sundays and be concluded by 4:00pm

- i. The SCA Adverse Conditions Committee may cancel a day’s play due to heat related policies and advice.
- c. Time lost
  - i. If any time is lost due to adverse weather or any other legitimate reason during the first innings of the match, then the number of balls to be bowled shall be reduced by two per minute from the schedule overs for the match, with the remaining overs to be divided equally between the two teams.
  - ii. Bowling restrictions shall be reduced in proportion to the maximum overs available.
  - iii. Any time lost, up to 30 minutes occur during the second innings, then the time lost can be made up by playing beyond the scheduled finish time.
  - iv. If time does not permit a minimum of 5 overs per side to be bowled, then the match shall be abandoned as a draw.
- d. MyCricket
  - i. A \$50 fine may occur if teams are not entered into MyCricket prior to the start of play
  - ii. The match must be updated by the host club by 8pm on the day of play

**3. JUNIOR GIRLS PLAYING CONDITIONS**

- a. Junior girls cricket will be conducted under the “laws of cricket” with the following local additions in all match types:
  - i. The 2-piece 142g Kookaburra Colt Balls (white) are to be used in all Junior girls matches.  
  
(Pink balls will be phased out. They can only be used if both teams have pink balls)
  - ii. All junior girls matches are to be twenty overs per side
  - iii. Ten (10) consecutive overs shall be bowled from the same end to save time
  - iv. The pitch shall be marked with a wide line both off & leg stump

v. Player numbers

U/14 girls	U/17 girls
<p>Teams shall consist of a maximum of <b>eleven</b> players with only <b>nine</b> players on the field at any given time. There is no requirement to nominate batters or bowlers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only <b>nine</b> players may bat in any one innings.</li> <li>2. A maximum of <b>nine</b> players are permitted to bowl in any one innings. Teams should aim to ensure that every player in the match squad bats or bowls.</li> </ol>	<p>Teams shall consist of a maximum of <b>thirteen</b> players with only <b>eleven</b> players on the field at any given time. There is no requirement to nominate batters or bowlers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only <b>eleven</b> players may bat in any one innings.</li> <li>2. A maximum of <b>nine</b> players are permitted to bowl in any one innings. Teams should aim to ensure that every player in the match squad bats or bowls.</li> </ol>

vi. Boundaries

U/14 girls	U/17 girls
<p>Maximum of 40m from the centre of the stumps at either end of the pitch and continue in a straight line parallel with the centre pitch.</p>	<p>Maximum of 50m from the centre of the stumps at either end of the pitch and continue in a straight line parallel with the centre pitch.</p>

vii. Bowling

U/14 girls	U/17 girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone excluding the wicket keeper must bowl at least one over.</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 overs can be bowled by any one player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of 4 overs per bowler</li> </ul>

- i) 6 ball overs with no balls and wides to be rebowled to a maximum 8 balls. The final over must contain 6 legal deliveries (could be longer than 8 balls)
- ii) Pitch length may be shortened by 1.22 m (J2 Length) or shorter for bowlers who are new to the game (umpire/coach discretion)
- iii) No ball will be called if
  - the ball bounces MORE than twice before reaching the batter
  - the ball does not pitch on the playing surface
  - the ball passes the striker above their batting waist height on the full.
  - the ball passes the striker above their batting shoulder height

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- iv) In matches played on hard wickets (including matting), any ball pitching off, on the edge of (inc strap or hem of matting), or where an overgrowth of grass exists on the pitch, shall be called 'NO BALL' with all normal provisions for scoring and dismissal to apply.

viii. Batting:

i. Retirement

U/14 girls	U/17 girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players to retire after reaching 30 or facing 20 balls, whichever occurs first.</li> <li>• Retired batters may return in order that they retired once the last batter has been dismissed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players to retire after reaching 30</li> <li>• The first retired batter may resume their innings once all other members of the team have been dismissed. Only the one retired batter may return to the crease at the fall of the last wicket regardless of the number of players in the team.</li> </ul>

- ii. The use of helmets for all batters is compulsory

ix. Fielding

U/14 girls	U/17 girls
<p>i) Fielders to start within 10m of the boundary, to encourage running between the wickets.</p> <p>ii) Field to rotate after every over in a clockwise direction to ensure every player stays involved in the game</p>	<p>i) A maximum of three (3) fielders are allowed outside the 23m circle for the first 5 overs. A maximum of five (5) fielders are allowed outside the 23m circle for the remaining 15 overs.</p> <p>ii) A maximum of five (5) fielders are allowed on the leg side</p>

- x. Compulsory substitutes are to be provided to the opposition teams in SCA Junior cricket providing, that the substitute player is eligible to play under the age limits set out in Part 1 (Age groups), for the first hour of each days play with a maximum of Two (2) substitutes being provided.

No compulsory substitutes will apply in finals matches. Any person, player or unofficial umpire whilst he is officiating as an umpire, has the same control over the game and players as the official appointed umpire

b) A club fielding two teams in the same grade

- i. Any Club which fields two teams in the same grade in this Association may use any of its players in either team for up to five (5) days of cricket in each season. When a player has played six (6) days with either team he/she shall be tied to that team for the remainder of the season.

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- c) A player is eligible to play in final matches only with the team he/she has played the greater number of games with during the season.

Any player competing in multiple teams for which he/she is not qualified, shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Rule 3 (c-xiv) - Playing Unqualified Player

- d) Playing unqualified player

- i. Any Club playing a Player not possessing the requisite qualifications will lose all points and percentages for each match in which such player takes part.
- ii. In finals series matches, the defaulting team shall lose the game, however, in the event that opposing teams' default, the SCA Board shall decide penalties and match result.

- e) Finals

- i. No player shall play for a club in the semi-finals or finals matches unless that player has played with their club during the current season in at least 4 days of cricket.
- ii. The 4 days of cricket will be reduced pro rata on days lost for heat/adverse weather over the whole season. For example if the season is projected as 16 days of cricket & 4 days are lost then the 4 days are then reduced by 25%. (3 days) This will be clarified by the SCA Board prior to the commencement of finals.
- iii. Any junior player can play "up" for finals matches e.g. U/14 can play in U/17.

- f) All turf pitches will be covered for home and away finals series matches in accordance with club rules for use of covers

## APPENDIX

### 1. LOOKING AFTER OUR KIDS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Australian Cricket's *Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour* details the expectations of acceptable behaviour of all persons who are responsible for the care and wellbeing of Children and Young People in our sport.

All persons must:

- a) ensure all Children and Young People participating in cricket feel safe, included, encouraged and supported.
- b) use positive guidance strategies to ensure that Children and Young People are respected and treated fairly, giving positive and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism. If an individual is required to discipline a Child or Young Person, they must ensure that appropriate techniques are used with the safety and wellbeing of the Child or Young Person being considered.
- c) put the welfare of Children and Young People first by encouraging a constructive environment where healthy competition, skill development, fun and achievement are promoted.
- d) promote good sportsmanship by encouraging Children and Young People to be considerate of players, officials and volunteers.
- e) ensure that physical contact with a Child or Young Person is appropriate for delivery of the program or services such as skill development or correction, fitting equipment or to provide comfort or support.
- f) use appropriate language and communication techniques when dealing with Children and Young People, providing clear direction, guidance and avoiding language that is: a. discriminatory, racist or sexist; b. derogatory, belittling, negative, sexual, profane or offensive; or c. intended to threaten or be harmful to the Child or Young Person.
- g) avoid one-on-one unsupervised contact with Children and Young People at all times.
- h) ensure change room and accommodation arrangements are appropriately considered to allow for suitable supervision while recognising the privacy of Children and Young People.
- i) not take photos, videos or other recordings (including livestreaming) of Children and Young People without the prior consent of their parent or guardian. Any photos, videos or other recordings must be in connection with the Child or Young Person's participation in our sport.
- j) not seek to or contact Children or Young People outside contact that is required as part of the scope of the individual's role in our sport.
- k) not engage in inappropriate conversations in the presence of Children and Young People, including communication on social media, email or mobile phone.
- l) not supply alcohol or drugs to Children or Young People or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs when in the presence of Children and Young People

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**2. JUNIOR PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- a) Abide by the rules of the game and rules set down by your coach, club and Association.
- b) Never argue with an Official or umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or at the end of play.
- c) Control your temper – Verbal or physical abuse of officials, umpires, spectators or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opposition player is not acceptable or permitted.
- d) Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- e) Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your own or opposition team players. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and never involve yourself in an argument with opposition team players, umpires or officials.
- f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Your involvement to play is for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it.
- g) Co-operate with your coach and team mates, and respect the ability of your opposition team players – without them there would be no game.
- h) Play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.
- i) Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

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**3. JUNIOR COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

The environment created by a coach is integral to the overall experience of all players involved in cricket. See below some foundational expectations of coaches within the community. They are by no means exhaustive, but are a great starting point:

- a) Be familiar with the Laws of Cricket and abide by the Association's Sunraysia Junior Cricket Rules for Junior Matches and Integration Cricket.
- b) Remember that many players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun;
- c) Never ridicule or yell at a player (particularly young players) for making a mistake or not coming first;
- d) Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
- e) Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same;
- f) Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience;
- g) Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;
- h) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players;
- i) Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same;
- j) Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;
- k) Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people;
- l) Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development;
- m) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



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**4. PARENTS & SPECTATORS OF JUNIOR CRICKET CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- a) Encourage children to participate if they are interested; however, if a child is not willing do not force them.
- b) Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- c) Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- d) Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
- e) Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game or competition.
- f) Remember your child should be involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- g) Remember your child learns best by example. Applaud good plays whether they be by your own or opposition team players.
- h) If you disagree with an official or umpire, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials, give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- i) Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
- j) Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.
- k) Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the Association and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
- l) Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

## **5. SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

The SCA recognises that Social Media tools are an efficient and effective communication method and hold a large role in advertising sponsors and promoting achievements, however, the use of Social Media may have negative impacts on the association, its clubs and their members.

The SCA does not discourage the use of Social Media, however, its members must abide by all codes of conduct in person as well as online.

SCA Members & Parents must not:

- a) Post material that is or might be construed as offensive, obscene, defamatory, threatening, discriminatory, hateful, racist, homophobic or sexist.
- ii. Make statements which are misleading, false or defame the reputation of any members, fellow clubs or associations.
- iii. Bring the SCA, Cricket Victoria, Cricket Australia, or the DDCA into disrepute.
- iv. Offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully any member, club or association.
- v. Imply that you are authorised to speak on behalf of or as a representative of SCA or one of its clubs
- vi. Give the impression that the views you express are those of SCA or one of its clubs.
- vii. Use the SCA logo or name in any format without the clubs consent.
- viii. Use the identity or likeness of another member of the SCA without their permission
- ix. Use or disclose any confidential information or personal information obtained in your capacity as a member of SCA
- x. Engage in inappropriate interactions with young people on social media or mobile phone
- xi. Take photos, videos or other recordings (including livestreaming) of Children and Young People without the prior consent of their parent or guardian. Any photos, videos or other recordings must be in connection with the Child or Young Person's participation in our sport.