

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
PRIMARY
GIRLS 12 YRS & UNDER CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

“ The Grahame Barrett Shield ”

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

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

1.0 Competition Rules.

1.1 Rules of the Game.

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

1.2. Championship Format.

1.2.1 Duration.

The Championship shall extend over a minimum of six (6) days and a maximum of eight (8) days. A rest day and Excursion/Mixed Activity Day should be programmed during the Championship usually following two consecutive days of cricket.

The Excursion/Mixed Activity Day is to involve a half day Educational Excursion and a half day mixed teams cricket based activity of either Super “8’s” or similar modified cricket game, coaching session or skills program.

1.2.2 Post Event Meeting.

At all Primary Combined Cricket Championships, the Post-Event Meetings shall be held separately following the conclusion of each event. Any matters raised at the Girls meeting referring to the Combined Championship shall become part of the agenda for the Boys Championship meeting. Any variation to this can only occur if agreed upon by a majority of delegates at the Pre-Event meeting.

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.

Teams are to arrive at the ground where they are to play at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the time set for play.

All matches shall consist of two (2) sessions of play, each of **thirty-five (35)** overs duration, except as hereinafter provided. A lunch adjournment of **up to forty (40)** minutes between innings shall be taken.

Drinks shall be taken after **twelve (12) and twenty four (24)** overs of play in each session or 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.

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, unless previously dismissed, shall have its first innings compulsorily closed at the conclusion of the **thirty-fifth (35)** over. In the event of both teams concluding their first (1st) innings, whether

compulsorily or otherwise, before the time set for the close of play (**70** 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.

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.

In the first (1st) innings of each team, the scorers shall notify the umpires by clear signal of the end of the **thirtieth (30)** over, and the umpires, in turn, shall notify the batsmen and the captain of the fielding side.

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 **thirty-five (35)** overs, the number of overs to be bowled in the first (1st) 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 first (1st) 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.

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.

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 on the off side of the wicket.

1.3.6 Bowling Restrictions.

In all School Sport Australia Cricket Championship programs, a maximum innings allocation of **seven (7)** overs per bowler will be allowed. These must be bowled in no less than two (2) spells which cannot be more than four (4) overs duration. A break of at least the equivalent number of overs from the same end must occur between each bowling spell.

1.3.7 Batting Restrictions.

A batter must retire on reaching a personal score of fifty (50) runs (or total they achieve if their last scoring shot takes them beyond this point).

1.3.8 No Ball.

Any short pitched delivery passing above shoulder height of a batsman when in her normal stance shall be called a NO BALL regardless of whether the batsman attempts a shot.

A full pitched delivery from a fast/medium 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, not withstanding that any ball delivered above shoulder height on the full shall be call a NO BALL.

1.4 Team Size.

Teams shall be limited to a maximum of thirteen (13) players.

Before the commencement of play in all matches, teams will nominate a squad of (12) to play in the match with one player designated not to bat. The name of this player will be noted on team sheets and in the scorebook.

The interchange of 12th and 13th players shall be allowed as fieldsmen at any time up until the thirtieth (30) over provided this not cause any interruption to the flow of play. (This does not refer to injury where a replacement can occur at any time.)

2.0 Competition Structure.

2.1 Draw.

The host State/Territory shall prepare the draw based on the previous year's results which shall thereafter remain unaltered, except that 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 and 4 teams participating, teams will play two rounds and for 5 or more teams, one round 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 requested to do so.

2.2 Invitation/Composite Team.

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

In the event of an invitational School Sport Australia team participating in the Girls Cricket 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.

First innings lead 6 points

First innings loss 1 point

First innings tie 3 points

Drawn match (i.e. no first innings results) 3 points

Bye 0 points

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-Championship Conference, 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.

3.0 Facilities, Equipment.

3.1 Wickets.

All matches are to be played on either turf or concrete wickets with a suitable synthetic covering. **Boundaries are to be set at forty-five (45) metres.** When played on synthetic covered wickets, any ball pitching off or on the edge of the wicket will be declared a no ball.

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 Cricket Australia Junior Cricket Policy November 2002.

All matches shall be played in cricket shoes, sandshoes or suitable predominantly white footwear. Shorts or trousers, T-shirts and jumpers in either white or state/territory colours can be worn. Headwear may be a white or team coloured hat, helmet or cap.

3.3 The Ball.

Two piece 142gm leather balls as approved by the host state's senior cricket body shall be used in all matches.

3.4 Scoring.

Each team shall provide a competent scorer and score book.

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, signal, or any other method while the game is in progress. Team officials only permitted to speak to fielding side or batsmen during scheduled breaks. (Scheduled breaks i.e. adjournments, lunch, change innings, drinks breaks, cessation in play due to weather and/or injury.)

4.2 Umpires.

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

5.0 Age Dispensation for SA Girls Team.

South Australia Girls Cricket Team be given an age dispensation up to 6 months for a maximum of six players who turn 13 years in the year of competition.

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