

## Junior - Stage 3 Format Rules



### Application

- a) Cricket Illawarra Junior Competition – Stage 3 Format
  - Level 2 – Under 15A & 15B
  - Level 4 – Under 17A
- b) Game Conduct – played in accordance with the Association Competition Administration rules (PCA-000), the Junior General Competition rules (PC-J0GC) and the Codes & Policies.
- c) Document Structure – basis from the [MCC Laws of Cricket](#). Unless conditions are specified differently in this document, the MCC Laws of Cricket should always be adhered to.
- d) Reference documents – see association website [cricketillawarra.org.au](http://cricketillawarra.org.au)
- e) Age Category Team Nominations – should numbers entering a specific Level be deemed not viable and a combined age category competition is formed, the higher Level denote rules will apply.

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## The Laws of Cricket: The Preamble - The Spirit of Cricket

(see PC-J0GC-The Preamble - The Spirit of Cricket)

The Preamble applies to all members of the Association affiliates, and makes team captains, coaches & managers responsible always for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

### Law 1 – The Players

Law 1 shall apply.

#### A. Players Age

1. Age category – at the start of the season
  - ✓ (Levels 1 & 2) – Under 15 – players aged 14, 13, 12 years old.
  - ✓ (Levels 3 & 4) – Under 17 – players aged 16, 15, 14 & 13 years old.

#### B. Nomination of Team

1. Ideal team number = 11 players.
2. Minimum team number = 7 players for a game to commence. (see PC-J0GC-Forfeit)
3. Greater than Ideal team number – is allowed, noting player participation opportunities will be affected.
4. Team Line-up
  1. Exchanged prior to the toss containing the player names participating in the game.
  2. Non batter & Non bowler naming is prohibited. (see Player Participation Opportunities)
  3. Failure to exchange lists may result in no points being awarded to either side.

#### C. Player Participation Opportunities

1. All nominated players can bat and bowl.
  1. Batting – see Law 25-Batter's Innings (especially teams with Greater than Ideal team number)
  2. Bowling – see Law 13(E)-Bowling & Maximum Overs.
2. (All Levels) – First 4 batters in batting innings cannot be the first 4 bowlers in the fielding innings (& vice versa), unless having only 7 players, then only 1 player after others.
3. Team Breach of Player Participation rule –will be handled by the PC-J0GC-Players rule.

#### D. Clothing

1. Dress standard – players are required to always observe the dress standards, wearing predominately white attire (long pants, shirt, socks, enclosed footwear) with a Club coloured cap or white hat.
2. Playing shirts (20 over game) – approved coloured shirts are optional; provided all players in the team are wearing the same shirt design.

#### E. Safety Equipment

1. Helmet requirement
  1. Worn always whilst batting & wicket-keeping.
  2. Minimum Australian Standard – must display label approval (BS7928:2013) or greater year.
2. Protective Items – although taken for granted, it is essential
  1. when batting and wicket-keeping, all participants use correct leg pads, gloves and protectors when playing with cricket balls.
  2. Wearing additional protection – optional based on game conditions and/or personal preference.

## Law 2 – The Umpires

Law 2 shall apply. (also see PC-J0GC-The Umpires)

### A. Operation

1. Bowler End Officiating – umpires alternate after every 5 completed overs. Bowling team umpire has first over.
2. Starting New over – umpires should only permit starting, having confirmed the scorers are ready for play.

### B. Law 2.7 Fitness for play (2.7) shall apply subject to

1. Weather Conditions
  1. Unless games have been cancelled (Association or by Team official agreement prior to start) all teams must attend the allocated venue (see PC-J0GC-Wet Weather).
  2. Teams to remain at venue for at least 1 hour (from scheduled start time) to evaluate the possibility of play starting and continuing (see PC-J0GC-Fitness for Play).
2. Changing ground conditions
  1. Teams can work on the pitch or ground prior to the scheduled starting time on any day. All work done after the scheduled starting time must be done under the supervision of the umpires.
  2. No sand, sawdust or other foreign material is to be used on the field or wicket unless under the direction of the groundsman
3. Synthetic Pitch Surface  
Pitch surface may be swept during the game at the captains or umpires' discretion
4. Lightning – (see PC-J0GC- Junior Lightning Safety Code)

## Law 3 – Scorers

Law 3 shall apply. (also see PC-J0GC-Scorers & Scoring)

### A. Game Day Scoring

1. Complete game & player information to be recorded and maintained.
2. Starting New over – scorers signal the umpires confirming ready for play to continue.

### B. Online System Detail Requirement

1. After each game – complete game & player information must be entered (see Law 16)
2. Mandatory system information
  1. Game summary detail – all types of extras itemised
  2. Player batting
    - full score card with dismissal detail
    - total runs, itemised 4s & 6s, FOW, balls faced, (time optional)
  3. Player bowling – itemised; overs, maidens, wickets, runs (wides & no-balls optional)
  4. Player fielding – itemised; number of catches, wicket-keeper catches, stumping, (run outs optional)

## Law 4 – The Ball

Law 4 shall apply.

### A. Approved Brand & Type

- Kookaburra balls of suitable quality (156 grams)
- (Level 2) – Red colour 2-piece – Red King or Practice
- (Level 4) – Red colour 2-piece – Tuff Pitch or Red King

### B. New Ball

- New ball compulsory at start of each innings

### C. Ball Condition (Optional Exchange)

1. (All Levels) – Ball damaged by moisture (dew or weather) – may be replaced with a used second-hand ball of similar age.
2. How? – at the request & option of the fielding team
3. When? – applies to all game lengths – after the completion of the first
  - (30 Over game) = 15 overs & prior to start next over (= ball 15.1),
  - (20 Over game) = 10 overs & prior to start next over (= ball 10.1),
  - (Interrupted Innings) = mid innings overs & prior to start next over
  - **Otherwise the option will be forfeited.**
4. Ball Exchange Process
  1. Prior to the bowling innings – proposed ball is displayed & shown to the opposition / umpire for agreement on condition
  2. Ball then left with the scorers / umpires until required for use

## Law 5 – The Bat

Law 5 shall apply.

- a) Recommended Bat size – Size 6 (weight <2.2lb or <1000g)

## Law 6 – The Pitch

Law 6 shall apply subject to games are scheduled on synthetic surface pitch.

### A. Area of pitch (6.1) – artificial covered pitch

Pitch width – determined by the width of the artificial covering

### B. Fitness of pitch for play (6.2) – artificial covered pitch

Pitch surface may be swept during the game at the captain or umpire discretion.

## Law 7 – The Creases

Law 7 shall apply.

### A. Return Creases (7.4) – Synthetic pitch

In determining a bowler's back foot placement, the edge of a synthetic pitch will be regarded as the inside edge of a return crease.

### B. Additional Crease Marking

As a guideline to the umpires for the calling of Wides, the crease markings detailed in Law 22 – Wides shall be marked at each end of the pitch.

## Law 8 – The Wickets

Law 8 shall apply.

## Law 9 – Preparation and Maintenance of the Playing Area

Law 9 shall apply.

## Law 10 – Covering the Pitch

Law 10 shall apply.

## Law 11 – Intervals

Law 11 shall apply except 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 shall NOT apply.

### A. Drinks (11.8)

1. (30 Over game) – drinks break not exceeding 4 minutes may be taken after every uninterrupted 15 overs in a session.
2. (20 Over game) – No drinks break in either session.
3. Extreme heat conditions – an extra drinks break can be taken by agreement.
4. Irregular playing times – the drink breaks should occur mid-way through the session by agreement.

*Note:*

- All drinks breaks are included as part of the allocated batting time.
- Overs must not be reduced because of any longer than normal or unscheduled drink breaks otherwise slow play penalties may apply.

## Law 12 – Start of Play; Cessation of Play

### A. Playing Times (12.1, 12.2)

Details	30 Over Game			20 Over Game		
	Start	Finish	Minutes	Start	Finish	Minutes
Game	8:00	11:30	210	8:00	10:30	150
Session 1	8:00	9:40	100	8:00	9:10	70
Break (innings change)			10			10
Session 2	9:50	11:30	100	9:20	10:30	70
Cut-off / Add-on Time		11:30	0		11:00	30
Game (mid-week)				4:30	7:00	150
Session 1				4:30	5:40	70
Break (innings change)						10
Session 2				5:50	7:00	70
Cut-off / Add-on Time					7:00	0

1. Scheduled Times
  1. Subject to interruptions
  2. Laws 12.6, 12.7, 12.8 shall NOT apply.
2. Session Times
  - Duration – time from its commencement
  - Next Session – commences immediately after the previous session concludes.
  - Team batting first – bats during session 1.
  - Team fielding first – bats during session 2.

### 3. Cut-off / Add-on Time

Time is added to the end of each day to the maximum Cut-off time should

1. Lost ball or injury occurs.
2. Interruptions and Lost time occur.

## B. Lost Time

### 1. Objective

1. Rearrange the time remaining and overs, so both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same duration and number of overs.
2. All Add-on time available on day to be utilised before any reduction in time and overs occurs.
3. Cut Off time on day not to be exceeded.

### 2. Calculation of the lost time, overs per team and Player opportunities

1. Time & Overs = follow Appendix-Lost Time Guide.
2. New Session times = remaining game time is divided equally between both teams with new session cut off times determined and advised.
3. Player opportunities = Batting (balls faced) and Bowling (overs bowled) is proportionally reduced to revised overs per team. (see Appendix-Player Participation guides)

## C. Final Series Time

(see Law 16(E)-Final Series Structure & Law 13(F)-Final Series Conditions)

### 1. Semi-final

1. Date & Day
  - Scheduled play – weekend 1 on Saturday.
  - Nominated reserve day – weekend 1 on Sunday
2. Lost Time – overs reduce as per (B)-Lost Time (No Add-on time available).

### 2. Final

1. Date & Day
  - Scheduled play – weekend 2 on Saturday
  - Nominated reserve day – weekend 3 played on the Saturday.
2. Lost Time – overs reduce as per (B)-Lost Time (No Add-on time available).

## Law 13 – Innings

### A. Number of Innings (13.1)

1. Both teams will each receive 1 innings, limited to a maximum batting time & quota of overs.
  - Maximum batting time = see Law 12-Playing Times table
  - Game length =
    - Draw will highlight over quota
    - (30 Over game) = 30 overs maximum
    - (20 Over game) = 20 overs maximum
2. Constitute a game – both teams must each receive a minimum number of overs.
  - Re-calculated maximum batting time = see Law 12-(B) Lost Time
  - (30 Over game) = 10 overs minimum
  - (20 Over game) = 5 overs minimum

### B. Completed Innings (13.3)

1. A team innings will be deemed completed (whichever occurs sooner)
  1. is dismissed (All out) based on team number of wickets fallen

- < 11 player team = nominated players - 1
  - 11 player team = 10 wickets
  - > 11 player team = first 10 wickets (after any compulsory retiring batter), or
2. at the end of its designated batting session time (not All out) or
  3. after the agreed allotted overs have been bowled (not All out)
2. Law 13.3.3, 13.3.4 shall not apply.
  3. A completed innings will be deemed a team has received its maximum quota of overs.

### C. The Toss (13.4)

1. How – the captains shall toss for the choice of innings,
  - on the field of play and in the presence of the umpires.
  - Home captain to toss, Away captain to call
2. When –
  - No later than 15 minutes (or earlier than 30 minutes), before the scheduled or rescheduled game start time.
  - Not until the minimum number of players per team are in attendance.
3. Notification – captain winning the toss must immediately notify the opposing captain and umpires of the decision to bat or bowl. Note the provision of Law 1.3 (Captain).

### D. Length of Innings

1. Each team will bat for a maximum length of time or quota of overs (whichever occurs sooner), unless dismissed earlier.
2. Where the team batting first innings is deemed completed under (B), the team batting second is entitled to bat for its allotted session time and receive its maximum quota of overs.
3. Lost Time
  1. Team batting second shall not bat for a greater time or overs than the team batting first, unless the team batting first innings is completed under (B).
  2. Constitute a Game – an opportunity for the minimum quota of overs to both teams unless the innings is completed under (B).
4. Fielding team failure to bowl overs by scheduled session finish time
  1. Play ceases after the over in progress at scheduled finish time and **NO FURTHER OVERS ARE BOWLED**.
  2. Slow Over Rate rule is applied – see (F).

### E. Bowling & Maximum Overs

1. Bowling Opportunities
  1. Any nominated player may bowl.
  2. First 4 bowlers in fielding innings cannot be the first 4 batters from or in batting innings, unless having only 7 players, then only 1 player after others.
2. Maximum overs per bowler
  1. No bowler shall bowl more than a specific proportion (divisor) of the total overs allowed in an innings
    - (30 Over game) – 5 overs      Divisor = 1/6<sup>th</sup>    minimum 6 bowlers
    - (20 Over game) – 4 overs      Divisor = 1/5<sup>th</sup>    minimum 5 bowlers
  2. Development – coaches are encouraged to rotate the opportunity for players to bowl the stated maximum overs in a game.
3. Lost Time & Team overs are reduced
  1. Maximum overs per bowler – to be adjusted according to the Appendix-Player Participation guides.
  2. Limit Reached or Exceeded – no further deliveries allowed when reached or exceeded a re-calculated limit, except to complete an over previously commenced.

**F. Final Series Conditions**

1. Playing Conditions – as per normal rounds within one day, including Slow Over Rate penalties. Divided time applies.
2. Lost Time
  1. Nominated Reserve day – only used should initial Scheduled day be a total washout or game started and not constituted (with initial game figures & stats cleared & restarted)
  2. Game Result – overs have been reduced, determined by Law 16 (A)-Determining the Result.
3. Game Result Achieved – once a team records 1 run past the opposition, game will conclude immediately.

**G. Slow Over Rates**

*Definition of Slow Play – time wasting by the fielding, bowling and or batting team causing slow over rates. The average over rate of 3.3 minutes per over (including all drinks breaks) must be maintained over the course of the innings.*

*Note: Umpires are expected to discourage time wasting by either the batting or fielding team. Incoming and outgoing batters are required to cross on the field of play. Batters must be in position when the fielding team is ready to bowl.*

Unless determined otherwise by the Umpires, in each innings, should the fielding team fail to bowl the allotted overs within the session batting time (including any games with lost time), the following applies.

1. Definition – Over Considered Completed
  - At the end of the over in progress at the required session finishing time.
  - **Innings is now deemed completed.**
  - **NO further overs are bowled in that innings.**
2. Session 1 – Team Fielding First expectation
  - Typically, will determine length of each innings (& game duration) through its game time management, especially in certain weather conditions.
  1. Granted Minimum Overs (Leeway) = within 2 overs of maximum allotted overs (or as Lost time determines); **no penalty** will apply (see 3-Session 2)
  2. Breach of Leeway = for each over short of the Granted Minimum Overs; **penalty runs** will apply (see 4-Penalty Runs)

*Example: 30 Over game, overs considered completed*

- 28 overs bowled = no penalty
- 27 overs bowled = 28 (Leeway target) – 27 (actual bowled) = 1 over short with penalty runs now incurred

3. Session 2 – Team Fielding Second expectation
  - Innings will commence at scheduled start time and by inference has the same time duration as session 1.
  1. Innings 2 Overs Required = higher value based on actual overs bowled in Session 1, either
    1. No penalty applied = actual overs bowled.
    2. Penalty applied = granted minimum overs (or value as Lost time determines)
  2. Granted Leeway = does not apply as same time is available with potentially less overs.
  3. Breach of Overs Required = for each over short of the Overs required; **penalty runs** (see 4) will apply

*Example: 30 Over game, Session 1 overs considered completed*

<i>Innings 1 overs bowled</i>	<i>Innings 2 Maximum Overs Required</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 overs = no penalty</li> <li>• 27 overs = penalty runs applied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 overs</li> <li>• 28 overs</li> </ul>



#### 4. Penalty Runs

1. All penalties shall be imposed at the end of the over considered completed. **No further overs are bowled in that innings.**
2. **10 runs per over** shall be awarded to the batting side for each over short of the over considered completed.
3. If the team batting second is credited with runs in this way and this takes its score past that of the team batting first, then the game shall be deemed won by the team batting second.

### Law 14 – The Follow-On

Law 14 shall not apply. No follow-on in Stage 3 Junior Format.

### Law 15 – Declaration and Forfeiture

Law 15 shall not apply. No declaration in Stage 3 Junior Format.

### Law 16 – The Result

#### A. Determining the Result

1. Winning Team
  1. scored more runs than the opposition when each team has received the designated number of overs.
  2. Interrupted constituted game – where the team batting second does not receive the designated number of overs – determined via Revised Target Score Calculation.
2. Game status & result
  1. 'Abandoned' (no result or Draw) – game commenced, either one or both teams is prevented from receiving its allocated number of overs and a result has not been achieved. (Game not constituted)
  2. 'Cancelled' – game did not commence from an interruption (no delivery bowled, total wash out)
  3. 'Tie' – at the completion of the game; both teams have scored the same number of runs (as per Laws of Cricket).
3. Final Series result
  - Abandoned (N/R), Cancelled, Tie – higher ranked team at that point of final series, declared the winner.

#### B. Revised Target Score Calculation

1. Calculation method – Duckworth Lewis system
  - PlayHQ Electronic Scoring Application while live scoring.
2. Calculation responsibility – scorers / team officials (both teams) to perform & compare and AGREE on calculation values
  - Overs at start of innings = Game length dependant 30 or 20 (uninterrupted game)
  - Interruptions – include in either session
  - How? – see Website-How to Guide-Duckworth/Lewis method
3. Target score
  - will always be a whole number & one run less will constitute a Tie.
  - Team officials then advise umpires of target score.
4. Non-agreements – umpires to arbitrate and review data entry.

#### C. Entering Results in Cloud System

1. Game results and player statistics
  - must be submitted after the completion of each game (including washouts) by the stipulated time.
  - minimum information required – see Law 3

2. Game team line-up
  - must only contain the players who physically attended and participated.
  - All other players must be removed.
3. Details & timing required – see PC-J0GC-Submission of Cloud System Results

**D. Competition Points**

<i>System Result Code</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Win (Bonus Point)	6	30 Over game only - see Bonus Point Victory
Loss (Bonus Point)	0	Association only manual update
Win	5	
Lost	1	
Forfeit Win	5	
Forfeit Loss	0	
Tie	3	
Cancelled	2	game not started (or total wash out)
Abandoned or N/R		game started & abandoned with no result
DLS Outcome	Win value	Result determined by D/L
Bye	0	
Bye (uneven rounds)	X	Association only manual update average points

1. Bonus Point Victory (30 Over Games only)
  1. To gain one bonus point, victory must be achieved (after both team innings are completed)
    - (i) Batting first – with a run-rate 1.5 times that of the opposition.
    - (ii) Batting Second – has scored 1.5 times more runs than that of the opposition.

*Examples:*

*Calculation - End of team batting first innings*

*Team batting first scores 150 off its 30 overs, it must dismiss or restrict its opposition to less than  $(150/1.5) = 100$ , to obtain one bonus point.*

*Calculation - End of game*

*Team batting first is dismissed for 121 (=innings completed 30 overs) and the team batting second scores 180 (when its innings is completed).*

*Run-rate ratio =  $180/121 = 1.48$ . Therefore, is less than 1.5 and NO bonus point is awarded.*

2. Where games are shortened and targets revised through the Duckworth/Lewis method, bonus run rates and bonus defensive targets are derived as a function of the revised target score and maximum overs.
2. Duckworth/Lewis Result Adjustment
  1. Where a game is abandoned, but a result is achieved under Result Adjustment Duckworth/Lewis, for quotients purposes Team 1 will be accredited with Team 2’s Par Score on abandonment off the same number of overs faced by Team 2.
  2. Where a game is concluded but with Duckworth/Lewis having been applied at an earlier point in the game, Team 1 will be accredited with 1 run less than the final Target Score for Team 2 off the total number of overs allocated to Team 2 to reach the target.

## E. Final Series Structure

(All Levels)

1. Final Ladder position ranking – ordered by Total Ladder Points > Separator = Quotient
2. Game Length = 30 Over game format
3. Number of Contesting Teams = top 4
4. Structure Type = 2-Stage Series Type
  - Semi-finals – Teams 1v4, 2v3
  - Final – SF winners

## Law 17 – The Over

Law 17 shall apply subject to;

### A. Operation

1. Overs will be bowled from one end consecutively.
2. Over Ball Limit – 6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over) except when;
  - Dead ball is called – this ball will be re-bowled.
  - Last over in each innings – 6 legal deliveries must be bowled.
3. Over End Change
  1. Bowlers – after every 5 completed overs.
  2. Batters – end of each over; except when the bowlers change end.

### B. Restrictions on Underage Bowlers

Adherence & Application – all pace bowler restrictions (overs; in a spell, daily limit, and rest periods) for their own age must be adhered too.

Conditions & process – see PC-J0GC-Restrictions on Underage Bowlers.

## Law 18 – Scoring Runs

Law 18 shall apply.

## Law 19 – Boundaries

Law 19 shall apply. (also see Appendix-Boundary Setup)

- a) Boundary size
  - (Levels 1 & 2) – 50 metres (maximum & recommended), 45 metres (minimum).
  - (Levels 3 & 4) – 55 metres (recommended & minimum), 60 metres (maximum).
- b) Boundary measured from the middle of the pitch.

## Law 20 – Dead Ball

Law 20 shall apply.

- a) Dead Ball is called, if the ball deviates from the edge of the wicket-matting, concrete, or a raised turf pitch, with the ball being re-bowled.

## Law 21 – No Ball

Law 21 shall apply subject to; general guides listed below (MCC Law)

- a) No-ball is called, with one penalty run being added to the team score when:
  1. part of the bowler front foot is not behind the popping crease (21.5)
  2. should the bowler break the wicket in delivering ball (21.6)
  3. any ball that bounces more than twice before reaching the batting crease (21.7)
  4. any ball that lands or bounces off the pitch (21.7)
  5. any ball comes to rest in front of striker's wicket (21.8)
  6. any ball after pitching, passes or would have passed over head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease (21.10)
  7. the ball is above shoulder height of the batter, in an upright standing position, from a short-pitched ball (41.6)
  8. the ball is above waist high of the batter in a standing position for a full toss (41.7)
- b) Re-bowling a No-ball – number is limited (see Law 17-The Over)

Note: additional completed runs

1. Ball hit by bat – batter also gets credited with any completed runs.
2. Ball misses' bat – any completed runs are scored as byes.
3. Ball strikes batter body & misses' bat – any completed runs are scored as leg byes.
4. Team running total – add the penalty plus all additional completed runs

### A. Free Hit after a No-Ball

1. The delivery following any No-ball shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.
2. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No-ball or Wide), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.
3. For any free hit, the striker can only be dismissed under the circumstances that apply for a No-ball even if the delivery for the free hit is called a Wide.
4. Changes to fielding positions are only permitted if a different batter is on strike for the free hit delivery.
5. The bowler's end Umpire shall signal a free hit by (after the normal No-ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

## Law 22 – Wide Ball

Law 22 shall apply subject to;

### A. Judging a Wide (22.1)

1. Umpires to apply a consistent interpretation to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

*Definition: Any Off-side or high or Leg-side delivery that, in the opinion of the Umpire, does not give the batter a reasonable opportunity to score.*

2. Guidelines (strictly as a guide only)
  - Guideline agreement – umpires / coaches prior to game are to meet and 'agree' on both Off-side and Leg-side distances.
  - Off-side – any delivery passing the striker at a point wider than 'agreed' from off stump (~900 mm).
  - Leg-side – a delivery that passes behind the legs of the batter and outside the leg stump at a point wider than 'agreed' without making any contact with the striker's bat or person, unless the ball passes between the striker and the stumps (~400 - 450 mm).

3. Pitch Guide Marking
  - Pitch creases to be suitably marked (and remarked as necessary) at the 'agreed' distances to assist in the judging the guidelines
4. Reverse Sweep or Switch Hit – when played or attempted
  - Off-side guideline now applies on both sides of the stumps,
  - Leg-side guideline interpretation is no longer in play.

#### **B. Delivery not a Wide (22.4)**

Under Law 22.4 the above provisions do not apply if

- the striker by moving either causes the ball to pass wide of him/her or
- brings the ball sufficiently within reach to be able to hit it by means of a normal cricket stroke.

### Law 23 – Bye and Leg Bye

Law 23 shall apply.

### Law 24 – Fielder's Absence; Substitutes

Law 24 shall not apply.

- a) Only an eligible player may act as a sub fielder (see PC-J0GC-Substitute fielder).

### Law 25 – Batter's Innings

Law 25 shall apply subject to;

#### **A. Player Opportunities**

1. Nominated players – all have an opportunity to bat.
2. Batting order – first 4 batters in batting innings **cannot** be the first 4 bowlers from or in the fielding innings, unless having only 7 players then only 1 player after others.
3. Retirement limits – assumed that players will be dismissed.
4. Development – coaches are encouraged to rotate the batting order each game.

#### **B. General**

1. Batters change ends at the end of each over; except when the bowlers change ends.

#### **C. Batter Retiring (25.4)**

1. Batters must compulsory retire (unless dismissed beforehand) after facing;
  - (30 Over game) – 40 balls
  - (20 Over game) – 40 balls
2. Compulsorily retired batters
  1. Can return to complete their innings in the order of their retirement
  2. However **NO** retired batter can return to the crease until all nominated players have batted (ie player 12, 13, etc or injury related retirement).
3. Batter Ball Count
  - all balls faced including no-balls (wides are excluded)
  - returning batter is again limited to the same compulsory retirement value (e.g. 40 balls)

#### **D. Lost Time with Team Overs Reduced**

Player opportunities (balls faced) will be adjusted according to the Appendix-Player Participation guides.

## E. Protective Equipment – The Batter

Players while batting must wear – helmet with grille fitted, protector, leg guards & batting gloves.

## Law 26 – Practice on the Field

Law 26 shall apply.

## Law 27 – The Wicket-Keeper

Law 27 shall apply subject to;

### A. General

1. Teams have the option to change wicket-keepers after
  - (30 Over game) – 15 overs
  - (20 Over game) – 10 overs
  - Lost time & overs are reduced – mid innings

### B. Protective Equipment – The Wicket-Keeper

1. Players while keeping must wear leg guards, protector, keeping gloves.
2. Players must wear a helmet with grille fitted, when keeping
  - (Levels 1 & 2) – at all times (i.e. in all positions)
  - (Levels 3 & 4) – up to the stumps

## Law 28 – The Fielder

Law 28 shall apply subject to;

### A. Number of Fielders

1. On field, play in progress – 11 fielders maximum, however other players may be rotated through the field (Substitutes – see Law 24)
2. Fielding position experience – player fielding rotations can be implemented at the Coach discretion

### B. Field Restrictions

1. At the instant of a delivery,
  - Maximum 5 fielders on the leg side and of which only 2 fielders, other than the wicket-keeper, behind the popping crease on the leg side.
  - A fielder is considered behind the popping crease unless the whole of the person whether grounded or in the air is in front of this line.
2. Any infringement either umpire will call a 'No-ball'.

### C. Safety – Restricted area

1. At the instant of delivery,
  - No fielders within 10 metres of the batter stumps
  - Exception – wicket-keeper, regulation off-side slips, gully
2. No player may enter this restricted area until the ball:
  1. is hit by the batter, or
  2. strikes the body, or
  3. strikes the equipment of the batter, or
  4. passes through to the wicket-keeper.

3. Umpires will be the sole judges of the restricted area and any encroachment by a fielder; the bowlers end umpire shall call and signal 'No-ball'.

## Law 29 to Law 40 – Types of Dismissals

Law 29 to Law 40 shall apply.

- Law 29 – The Wicket Is Down
- Law 30 – Batter Out Of His/Her Ground
- Law 31 – Appeals
- Law 32 – Bowled
- Law 33 – Caught
- Law 34 – Hit The Ball Twice
- Law 35 – Hit Wicket
- Law 36 – Leg Before Wicket
- Law 37 – Obstructing The Field
- Law 38 – Run Out
- Law 39 – Stumped
- Law 40 – Timed Out

## Law 41 – Unfair Play

Law 41 shall apply with the following amendments and interpretations.

(Level 1 only)

Application and use of the Unfair Play rule should follow a common sense approach considering the player skill level and junior development goals. Awarding of penalty runs shall not apply.

### A. Bowling of dangerous and unfair short-pitched deliveries (41.6) – delivery height amended

1. Law 41.6.2 – the unfair short-pitched bowling – amended to shoulder height. (Not above head height)
2. Law 41.6.3 – the umpire caution – amended to an advisory position with guidance provided. The first and final warning shall not apply.
3. Laws 41.6.4 & 41.6.5 shall not apply.

### B. Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries (41.7)

1. Law 41.7.1 – above waist height applies. The umpire caution – amended to an advisory position with guidance provided. The first and final warning shall not apply.
2. Laws 41.7.2, 41.7.3, 41.7.4 shall not apply.

(Level 2, 3, 4)

### A. Bowling of dangerous and unfair short-pitched deliveries (41.6) – delivery height amended

**41.6.1** The bowling of short-pitched deliveries is dangerous if the bowler's end umpire considers that, taking into consideration the skill of the striker, by their speed, length, height and direction they are likely to inflict physical injury on him/her. The fact that the striker is wearing protective equipment shall be disregarded.

**41.6.2** The bowler's end umpire may consider that the bowling of short-pitched deliveries, although not dangerous under 41.6.1, is unfair if they repeatedly pass ***or would have passed above***

- a) ***shoulder height (local)*** – (see any allowances below)
- b) ***head height (MCC)*** – (no allowance)

***of the striker standing upright at the crease.*** See also Law 21.10 (Ball bouncing overhead height of striker).

*Note: shoulder height allowance*

- *is between shoulder height and head height limited to*
  - ❖ *(30 Over game) – 1 delivery per over*
  - ❖ *(20 Over game) – 0 deliveries per over*
- *once any allowance is completed, above shoulder height becomes the no allowance level*

**41.6.3** As soon as the umpire decides that the bowling of short-pitched deliveries has become dangerous under 41.6.1, or unfair under 41.6.2, he/she shall call and signal No-ball.

**41.6.4** Caution process amended – see (C) below, Action by the umpire – Deliberate dangerous & unfair deliveries

**41.6.5** shall apply independently of (B)

## **B. Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries (41.7)**

**41.7.1** Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.

If the bowler bowls such a delivery the umpire shall immediately call and signal No-ball.

**41.7.2** Caution process amended – see (C) below Action by the umpire – Deliberate dangerous & unfair deliveries

**41.7.3** shall apply independently of (A)

**41.7.4** shall not apply – see (C) below Action by the umpire – Deliberate dangerous & unfair deliveries.

## **C. Action by the umpire – Deliberate dangerous & unfair deliveries**

1. In the event of dangerous or unfair bowling as defined above, **if deemed deliberate** by a bowler, in the first instance the bowler's end umpire shall
  - call and signal No-ball
  - when the ball is dead, caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred.

This caution shall continue to apply throughout the innings.

2. If there is a second instance of such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the bowler's end umpire shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final warning.

This warning shall also apply throughout the innings.

3. Should there be a further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall
  - call and signal No-ball
  - when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
  - inform the other umpire for the reason for this action.

If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl the next over.

The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

Additionally, the umpire shall



- report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batsmen and, as soon as practicable, the captain of the batting side.

The umpires together shall report the occurrence, with the other umpire, as soon as possible to the Competition Manager, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and bowler concerned.

## Law 42 – Players Conduct

Law 42 shall not apply, replaced with;

- a) Teams, players, and officials must adhere to the Associations' 'Codes of Behaviour' as adopted.
- b) Law 42.1 – Unacceptable conduct – all breaches shall be reported and handled in accordance with the Associations' Junior Code of Behaviour document.

## Appendix

### LOST TIME CALCULATION – OVER REDUCTION GUIDE

**TABLE 1 – Lost Time in Session 1**

- For time lost PRIOR to play and or DURING INNINGS of the TEAM BATTING FIRST, reduce innings by 1 over per team for each WHOLE 6.6 minutes lost.

**TABLE 2 – Lost Time in Session 2**

- Time lost DURING INNINGS of the TEAM BATTING SECOND, reduce innings by 1 over for each WHOLE 3.3 minutes lost.

**Table 1**

Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost
7	1	73	11
13	2	79	12
20	3	86	13
26	4	92	14
33	5	99	15
40	6	106	16
46	7	112	17
53	8	119	18
59	9	125	19
66	10	132	20

**Table 2**

Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost
3	1	36	11
7	2	40	12
10	3	43	13
13	4	46	14
17	5	50	15
20	6	53	16
23	7	56	17
26	8	59	18
30	9	63	19
33	10	66	20

### LOST TIME – PLAYER PARTICIPATION GUIDE – BATTING LIMITS BREAKDOWN

**Table 3 – 30 Over Game**

Team Overs	Balls Faced	Team Overs	Balls Faced
21 - 30	40	15	30
20	40	14	28
19	38	13	26
18	36	12	24
17	34	11	22
16	32	10	20

**Table 4 – 20 Over Game**

Team Overs	Balls Faced	Team Overs	Balls Faced
20	40	12	24
19	38	11	22
18	36	10	20
17	34	9	18
16	32	8	16
15	30	7	14
14	28	6	12
13	26	5	10

### LOST TIME – PLAYER PARTICIPATION GUIDE – BOWLING LIMITS BREAKDOWN

- No bowler shall bowl more than the specific proportion (divisor) of the total overs allowed in an innings.
- If the total overs allowed are not equally divisible, the fraction is ignored.

*Example: 30 over game reduced to 28 overs per team (Divisor = 6)*

*Max overs per bowler = 28 / 6 = 4.67 overs = 4 overs (fraction ignored)*

*Example: 20 over game reduced to 18 overs per team. (Divisor = 5)*

*Max overs per bowler = 18 / 5 = 3.6 overs = 3 overs (fraction ignored)*

### BOUNDARY SET UP – BOTH END BOWLING

1. **Boundary size** – sizes may be modified in part or whole, to compensate for varying ground sizes however recommendations should be adhered to.
2. **Boundary definition** –
  - Marked using plastic PVC cones or domes no more than 20 metres apart
  - Determined by the inside edge of the markers and is a straight line from marker to marker (not an imaginary curve) unless ground is permanently marked
  - All aspects to be agreed to by both coaches and/or captains.
3. **Boundary obstacles** – any obstacles within the boundary must be allotted run scored prior to the start of play and be appropriately sectioned off.

