



# **BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

## **SENIOR WOMEN'S RULES & PLAYING CONDITIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI**

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## RULES FOR BALLARAT SENIOR WOMEN'S CRICKET COMPETITION

### **RULE 1** REFERENCE TO SENIOR MEN'S RULES

- 1.1 All administration as outlined in the Senior Men's Rules shall be adhered to unless stated otherwise in the Senior Women's Rules. This includes but not exclusive to: - Pennant Committee powers, defaulting players, transfers, transfers to lower grades, forfeits, disputes.

### **RULE 2** PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- 2.1 All new players to the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) Senior Women Section including players who have played in any Junior or other Senior Women's cricket competition shall be required to register online via PlayHQ by 1.00 p.m. on the day of the match.
- 2.2 If a player is already playing senior women's cricket in a competition external to the BCA, no clearance or permit is necessary.
- 2.3 **JUNIOR PLAYERS**  
Clubs may field a maximum of five (5) players who currently play in BCA Junior Competitions. An exemption can be applied for in special circumstances via the Female Sub-committee with at least 5 days notice.

### **RULE 3** CRICKET ATTIRE

- 3.1 All players are to wear the same and/or similar playing shirt. It is not limited to Club playing shirts however it is encouraged that players do wear a Club shirt.
- 3.2 Players are to wear long pants such as whites,  $\frac{3}{4}$  leggings, track pants. Players do not need to wear matching pants.

## RULE 4 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches take place on Friday nights from 6:00pm and possibly alternative timing as advised by the Female Sub-committee. Clubs wanting to make changes are to seek permission from the Female Sub-committee at least 7 days prior to the scheduled round of matches. Both clubs are to agree with the change of time, date and venue. If the scheduled game is affected by adverse weather conditions to the point of no result, the match will be deemed a draw. Once a match has been scheduled/rescheduled it cannot be rescheduled again. The venue may be changed prior to the start of play if conditions are not suitable or the venue becomes unavailable, in consultation with the umpire(s).

4.1 Scheduled times of play, intervals and overs to be bowled are as follows:

<b>T15, T20 and Two-Day Matches (Including Finals)</b>			
Scheduled Overs	80 (Two-Day matches)	40 (T20s)	30 (T15)
Innings Overs	40	20	15
Start times	6:00PM	6:00PM	6:00PM
Finish times	8:15PM	8:20PM	7:40PM
Drinks/innings break	20 overs or 7:05PM	7:05-7:15PM	6:50PM-7:00PM

4.2 Stumps must be in place and the toss effected at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game. If either side fails to attend the toss, they will forfeit the right to the toss.

## RULE 5 PLAYING CONDITIONS

- Matches can take place on hard wicket or turf wicket grounds with a boundary length of no more than 50m from the centre of the pitch.
- Game is to be played on full pitch length
- Each team is to be made up of 11 players.
- 142g Orange hard leather balls to be used

### 5.1 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play the Two Captains (Home and Away Teams) must complete the Team Sheets located within the supplied scorebook or printed from PlayHQ and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on PlayHQ. The signed (by Captains) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the Home team Coach, team manager or captain.

#### 5.1.1 Lodgement of Team Sheets:

- by the Officiating Umpire
- if no Umpire, by the Home team;
- in the event of a forfeit – by the team receiving the forfeit – listing the players that would have taken part in the match;
- If no umpire present captains to determine 3, 2, 1 Votes for best Players.

shall lodge each original, scanned copy or photo of the Team Sheets to the BCA Operations Officer via email to [operations.ballaratcricket@gmail.com](mailto:operations.ballaratcricket@gmail.com), 0407 244 467 or delivered to BCA HQ mailbox (Eastern Oval) by 3.00pm on the Monday after the completion of the match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)

### 5.2 POINTS

The result of all matches shall be recorded from the following:

First Innings Win	6 points
Bye where there is an uneven number of byes	6 points
Tie on First Innings	3 points
Drawn or Abandoned Game	3 points

## RULE 6 TWO-DAY MATCHES (40 overs per side)

### 6.1 BATTING RESTRICTIONS

No compulsory retirements for batters. Batters are able to retire (record as RTNO) however they cannot return to the crease until nine (9) batters have been dismissed. If there is more than one (1) player who was retired, they must return in the order they retired. Captains are encouraged to voluntarily retire batters for shorter format games.

6.2 All modes of dismissal count in this competition.

6.3 No player will be allowed to bat without a helmet including full face protective mask. Gloves and pads are required.

### 6.4 BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

Eight (8) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a two-day game.

6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).

6.4.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

### 6.4.2 BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES (MCC LAW 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/or 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. Dangerous deliveries are handled as per standard laws of cricket.

### 6.5 INNINGS CLOSURES

An innings may be closed before the official Finish Time due to **poor light**. Danger to players is the primary consideration and ability to sight the ball effectively is a key factor in the decision.

If the innings of the side batting first has not been previously completed by the official finish time, the innings shall be compulsorily closed at the completion of the allowed innings time regardless of overs bowled.

6.5.1 If the innings of the side batting first is compulsorily closed, then the side batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat only for the bowling of the same number of overs as has been bowled to the side batting first.

6.5.2 If the innings of the side batting first has been completed other than by compulsory closure, then the side batting second, if not previously dismissed, shall be entitled to bat for at least the same number of overs as bowled to the side batting first, or any greater number possible up to the allowed innings time.

6.5.3 Neither side will be permitted more than 40 overs to bat in its innings. A second innings can commence, or match ended once a result has been achieved on agreement from both team Coaches.

### 6.6 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

Where interruptions to play during the innings of the side batting first occur, the number of overs to be bowled shall be adjusted and compulsory closure shall occur at the completion of those overs or at the scheduled finishing time. The adjusted overs shall be calculated using the following table.

Up to 60 minutes lost.

Minutes lost	Rescheduled Overs
1 - 6	39
7 - 12	38
13 - 18	37
19 - 24	36
25 - 30	35
31 - 36	34
37 - 42	33
43 - 48	32

49 - 54	31
55 - 60	30

Scheduled finish times relevant to the scheduled day and times for each match.

- 6.6.1 Where the total amount of time lost for the side batting first exceeds sixty (60) minutes or less than 20 overs can be completed, the match shall revert to a T20 the following week.

*NOTE:* That in such circumstance the innings of the side batting first will conclude on the second day of the match. Umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that the adjusted number of overs are completed before the rescheduled finishing time.

- 6.6.2 For other situations involving weather interruptions, refer to [Senior Men's Rules](#)

- 6.6.3 The Pennant Committee reserves the right to call matches off on any day preceding the game, in line with rules regarding extreme heat conditions. Clubs must also release the ground as being fit for play. It is the responsibility of the club administering a ground to advise teams when the ground is not fit for play.

- 6.7 Should play on the first day of any match be entirely prevented by bad weather conditions, the game shall resolve into a T20.

- 6.8 Where both sides have commenced their first innings, the match shall continue until the scheduled finishing time or until the scheduled overs per day have been bowled.

**6.9 WICKET KEEPERS**

All players under the age of 18 participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved helmet including full face protective mask when keeping wicket at all times.

**RULE 7 T15 and T20 MATCHES (15 or 20 overs per side)**

T15 games are scheduled for the early part of the season when light conditions are not suitable for enjoyable play. It is important to start games on time so that the team batting second has a fair go. Umpires will insist on keeping the games flowing and captains are responsible for players being ready to play without delay.

**7.1 BATTING RESTRICTIONS**

No compulsory retirements for batters. Batters are able to retire (record as RTNO) however they cannot return to the crease until nine (9) batters have been dismissed. If there are more than one (1) player who was retired, they must return in the order they retired.

- 7.2 All modes of dismissal count in this competition.

- 7.3 No player will be allowed to bat without a helmet including full face protective mask. Pads and gloves are required.

**7.4 BOWLING RESTRICTIONS**

Four (4) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a T20 game. A maximum of three (3) overs applies for T15. 6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).

- 7.4.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

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## 7.6 INNINGS CLOSURES and DELAYS

- 7.6.1 In T20 matches the time shall be divided equally and if the side batting first has not previously completed its innings, the innings shall be compulsorily closed on the completion of the bowling of 20 overs, or 65 minutes after the starting time. A similar adjustment is to be made for T15 games after 50 minutes are lost.
- 7.6.2 A game can only have a result of at least eight (8) overs per side can be played safely. Adjusted times due to delays will use 3 minutes per over, where necessary, to decide whether enough overs can reasonably be bowled. If reduced overs are required due to an interruption, both sides must have the same number of overs for a result other than a draw to be recorded.
- 7.6.3 The second innings in an interrupted match may be commenced in an attempt to achieve a result even if there would not normally be sufficient time to complete an equal number of overs. If no other result is achieved before an equal number of overs is faced, a draw is the result. Completion of this second innings is at the discretion of the umpires only.
- 7.6.4 If the innings of the side batting first has been completed other than by compulsory closure, then the side batting second has only its allotted overs to decide the game (20 for T20 and 15 for T15). If both teams and umpires agree, the game can continue informally once a result is achieved.

## RULE 8 FINALS MATCHES

- 8.1 At the completion of the minor rounds of matches a final two shall be formed and these teams shall take part in a final.
- 8.2 A player of a Club shall not be eligible to play in finals matches unless they have played a minimum of four (4) days in that particular team in that grade with a Club in the current season. Players who have played in a second grade team for the club may be eligible to play in a final, providing that no other player who is qualified to play in first grade is available to play. An exemption, with a clear 5 days' notice, for such a player to play in the final must be requested through the Operations Officer who will refer the matter to the Female Sub-committee.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)

## RULE 9 CRICKET BALLS/STUMPS/BOUNDARY MARKERS

All cricket balls used in any match shall be a make, character and size approved by the BCA Board. Approved Balls listed below. Stumps without metal must be used.

### CRICKET BALLS

Approved Cricket Balls for the current season are as follows:

Exclusively Kookaburra Balls, stamped with BCA sponsor or BCA Logo

- Two (2) piece 142gm ORANGE balls – Kookaburra Crown

Balls may be replaced if they deteriorate during an innings due to the effects of wet weather or other ground conditions upon the approval of the appointed Umpire or where no umpire allocated, with the consent of the opposition Captain.

- 9.1 Each team shall be in the possession of 40 boundary markers, and where a boundary is not defined by a fence, such markers must be placed in the position prior to the commencement of the match. The first named team in the draw shall place the markers in position on each day of play. The markers must be placed in position in a circle of no more than 50 metres radius from the centre of the pitch, not more than 10 metres apart and 2 metres in front of any football goal/behind posts that are inside the boundary fence. Markers must be placed at least 3 metres inside any boundary fence or nets adjacent to the field

## RULE 10 UMPIRES

If only one BCUA Umpire is provided, the square leg Umpire shall be provided by the fielding team.

- 10.1 All Umpire match appointments shall be made by the Selection Panel of the Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association from their Association members.

Their match fees as per below shall be fixed by the BCA Board each season and shall be borne and paid (unless otherwise decided by the Pennant Committee or BCA Board) equally by both teams competing in the match. Clubs will be invoiced periodically throughout the season for umpire payments.

**UMPIRE FEES – SENIOR WOMEN**  
\$50 for all matches (no travel fee)

## **RULE 11 ACCREDITED COACHES and TEAM MANAGERS**

The Ballarat Cricket Association require all Coaches and Team Managers to have a current Working with Children's (WWCC) card.

## **RULE 12 CONDUCT**

**CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**  
[Senior Rule 19](#) to be applied to all matches and that while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires.

## **RULE 13 MATCH REPORTS**

Both competing teams in each match shall be responsible for entering their own match data into PlayHQ ensuring it is correct for statistical and reporting purposes. Recording scores via PlayHQ Live Score is recommended using a browser. All match data must be entered by 12pm on Sundays after the match concludes.

- 13.1 Where there are no officially appointed Umpires at a match, at the conclusion of the game, Captains shall endorse and counter sign each scorebook, in so doing, agree to the official scores and the match result. Once signed, no dispute from this match re scores/result would be heard by the Pennant/Appeals Committee's.

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebooks will be exchanged and both teams Captains will be responsible to contact the Operations Officer to arrange a review by the Female Sub-committee to review the evidence.

- 13.2 **CAPTAINS REPORT ON UMPIRE PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS:**  
Captains Reports on PlayHQ cover appraisal of Umpire performance and ground conditions. All Clubs are to ensure that Captains in all grades complete and lodge the Captains Reports on PlayHQ by 3pm on the Monday following the completion of each match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)



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### **RULE 3** CRICKET ATTIRE

- 3.1 All players are to wear the same and/or similar playing shirt. It is not limited to Club playing shirts however it is encouraged that players do wear a Club shirt. The aim is to have players participate and feel good about playing rather than to apply any penalty for attire.
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4.1 Scheduled times of play, intervals and overs to be bowled are as follows:

<b>T20 Matches (Including Finals)</b>	
Scheduled Overs	40 (T20s)
Innings Overs	20
Start times	6:00PM
Finish times	8:20PM (7:40 for T15)
Drinks/innings break	7:05-7:15PM (15 mins earlier for T15)

\* Note that early season matches will be shortened to T15 instead of T20 to allow completion prior to darkness falling.

4.2 Stumps must be in place and the toss effected at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game and the home team is responsible for this. If either side fails to attend the toss, they will forfeit the right to the toss. Boundary markers are to be placed before commencement.

## RULE 5 PLAYING CONDITIONS

The format that this competition follows looks to further develop the cricket skills & provide a fun environment for women who are new to cricket or returning after time away from the sport. The emphasis here is on continuous and active participation, where all players get to bat, bowl and field in a 2-hour window.

- Matches can take place on hard wickets with a boundary length of no more than 45m – 40m preferred and measured from centre of the pitch
- Game is to be played on full pitch length
- Each team is to be made up of 9 players who bat or bowl. More players are allowed in a team but only 9 can field. Additional players can rotate in the field.
- 142g Orange hard leather balls to be used

### 5.1 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play the Two Coaches (Home and Away Teams) must complete the Team Sheets located within the supplied scorebook or a printout from PlayHQ. These must be presented to the Umpire or opposing captain if no umpire. The team named must match the team named on PlayHQ. The signed (by Coaches) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the Home team Coach, Manager or Captain.

#### 5.1.1 Lodgement of Team Sheets:

- by the Officiating Umpire
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**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)

## 5.2 POINTS

The result of all matches shall be recorded from the following:

Win	6 points
Bye where there is an uneven number of byes	6 points
Tie	3 points
Drawn or Abandoned Game	3 points

## RULE 6 PLAYING CONDITIONS - BATTING

### 6.1 BATTING INFORMATION

- All batters retire at 30 runs.
- Any retired batters can return once all other batters have been either dismissed or retired after scoring their 30 runs, in the order they retired if overs permit.
- Maximum 11 players are permitted to bat per innings.
- If the team has more than 9 players, those players who did not bowl must bat and visa versa.
- The innings is deemed as closed after 10 wickets have fallen or the batting team has completed their allotted overs.

6.2 No player will be allowed to bat without a helmet including full face protective mask. Pads and gloves are required

### 6.3 BATTING DISMISSALS

A batter is to be given one verbal warning only by an umpire if they are deemed to meet the criteria for LBW. In the event of any subsequent appeal for LBW, the batter shall be given out LBW if, in the opinion of the umpire, the batter is adjudged to meet the criteria of the Law regarding LBW.

All other modes of dismissal count in this competition.

## RULE 7 PLAYING CONDITIONS - BOWLING

### 7.1 BOWLING INFORMATION

- 6 balls per over (maximum of 6 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).
- Maximum of 5 overs per bowler with a maximum of 4 per bowler for T15.
- All players can bowl. There is no requirement for wicket keepers to bowl. However, each team can only have up to 11 players bowling in total.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field at one time.
- Captains are encouraged to rotate the opportunity for players to bowl their maximum overs in a match.
- Bowlers change ends at 10 overs. At 8 overs for T15.
- Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

7.2 Any ball bowled that pitches off the side of the wicket (on a hard wicket, the wicket is referring to the carpet), shall be called a "No Ball".

7.3 A ball is able to bounce twice before it reaches the batter. If the ball is **deemed unplayable by the umpire**, it shall be called a "No Ball". Players cannot be bowled or LBW when a ball bounces twice however all other modes of dismissal count if the umpire deems it playable.

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Ball. This is to be strictly enforced at this level erring on the side of calling the no ball to encourage playing of such balls. The bowler will be disqualified from further bowling in the innings if they bowl two dangerous balls like this as per normal rules of cricket.

## **RULE 8 PLAYING CONDITIONS - FIELDING**

### **8.1 FIELDING INFORMATION**

All players under the age of 18 participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved helmet including full face protective mask when keeping wicket at all times.

- To ensure players experience all fielding positions, fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the Captain.
- No fielders are allowed within 10 metres of the bat (except regulation off side slips, gully and wicket keeper).
- If more than 9 players are present at a match, they should rotate onto the field each over.
- Teams have the option, and are encouraged, to change wicket-keepers after mid innings.

## **RULE 9 PLAYING CONDITIONS – INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY**

- 9.1 If time is lost due to rain yet there is some play, there will be 1 over for every 3 minutes lost deducted from the match's scheduled 40 (30 for T15) overs. Hence for every 6 minutes lost the number of overs permitted for each team will be reduced by 1 over.
- 9.2 Should time be lost towards the end of the first innings, the side batting second can only receive the same number of overs faced by the team batting first.
- 9.3 In the event of time being lost and the recalculation of the number of overs to be bowled, each side must still receive the same number of overs in its innings as the other side. Otherwise the match will be deemed drawn.
- 9.4 If either team fails to receive 10 (15 for T15) overs when batting due to loss of time, then all play and scores will be disregarded and the match will be deemed drawn.

## **RULE 10 FINALS MATCHES**

- 10.1 At the completion of the minor rounds of matches, the top two shall take part in a final.
- 10.2 A player of a Club shall not be eligible to play in finals matches unless they have played a minimum of four (4) days in that particular team in that grade with a Club in the current season. An exemption may be requested if special circumstances apply and the Female Sub-committee will prefer inexperienced players over experienced ones.

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Balls may be replaced if they deteriorate during an innings due to the effects of wet weather or other ground conditions upon the approval of the appointed Umpire or where no umpire allocated, with the consent of the opposition Captain

- 11.1 Each team shall be in the possession of 40 boundary markers, and where a boundary is not defined by a fence, such markers must be placed in the position prior to the commencement of the match. The first named team in the draw shall place the markers in position on each day of play. The markers must be placed in position in a circle of no more than 45 metres radius from the centre of the pitch, not more than 10 metres apart and 2 metres in front of any football goal/behind posts that are inside the boundary fence. Markers must be placed at least 3 metres inside any boundary fence or cricket nets adjacent to the field.

## **RULE 12 UMPIRES**

If only one BCUA Umpire is provided, the square leg Umpire shall be provided by the fielding team. If no BCA appointed umpire is present then both sides need to provide an umpire, ideally a non-participant, and share the central umpiring role.

- 12.1 All Umpire match appointments shall be made by the Selection Panel of the Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association from their Association members.

Their match fees as per below shall be fixed by the BCA Board each season and shall be borne and paid (unless otherwise decided by the Pennant Committee or BCA Board) equally by both teams competing in the match. Clubs will be invoiced periodically throughout the season for umpire payments.

**UMPIRE FEES – SENIOR WOMEN**  
\$50 for all matches (no travel fee)

## **RULE 13 ACCREDITED COACHES/Officials**

The Ballarat Cricket Association require all Coaches and Team Managers to have a current Working with Children's (WWCC) card.

## **RULE 14 CONDUCT**

### **CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**

[Senior Rule 19](#) to be applied to all matches and that while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires. There is no tolerance for any disrespect to official or volunteer umpires.

## **RULE 15 MATCH REPORTS**

Both competing teams in each match shall be responsible for entering their own match data into PlayHQ ensuring it is correct for statistical and reporting purposes. Recording scores via PlayHQ Live Score is recommended using a web browser and a club allocated PIN. All match data must be entered by 12pm on Sundays after the match concludes.

- 15.1 Where there are no officially appointed Umpires at a match, at the conclusion of the game, Captains shall endorse and counter sign each/any scorebook, in so doing, agree to the official scores and the match result. Once signed, no dispute from this match re scores/result would be heard by BCA.

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebooks will be exchanged and both teams Captains will be responsible to contact the Operations Officer who will engage the Female Sub-committee to review the dispute. The same process applies if the scores have been entered via PlayHQ Live Score.

- 15.2 **CAPTAINS REPORT ON UMPIRE PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS:**

Captains Reports on PlayHQ cover appraisal of Umpire performance and ground conditions. All Clubs are to ensure that Captains in all grades complete and lodge the Captains Reports on PlayHQ by 3pm on the Monday following the completion of each match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)

