



# **BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

## **JUNIOR RULES (ADMINISTRATION)**

**ALL JUNIOR GRADES - SEASON 2024/25**



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## RULES FOR BALLARAT CRICKET COMPETITIONS

The following abbreviations will be found throughout these rules:

BCA – The Ballarat Cricket Association.

### ADMINISTRATION – ALL JUNIOR GRADES

#### RULE 1 GENERAL, SPECIAL & JUNIOR COORDINATOR MEETINGS

Should a Club not be represented by a Club Executive Member or prior nominated person, then the Club will be requested to submit in writing, on Club letterhead, the reason for non-attendance to the BCA Board, who will decide, based on this document, if a penalty is warranted.

#### RULE 2 PENNANT COMMITTEE POWERS AND EMERGENCY RULINGS

Any BCA Club playing a player not possessing the requisite qualifications which shall be defined as a non-registered member of the Club or not named on the competition management platform (PlayHQ) team list for that game shall, subject to the sole discretion of the Pennant Committee, be declared to have lost the match or matches in which such player(s) took part and may be liable to a fine. For each match in which the Club did not gain points a fine as determined by the Pennant Committee may be imposed.

The BCA Pennant Committee shall take action against any member, official, employee, coach or player of a Club or Club's for breaking any Law of Cricket, any BCA Rule, any BCA Policy, any BCA Board direction or for bringing the game into disrepute.

The powers of the BCA Pennant Committee shall include but not be limited to:

- The levying of a Fine against a Club or Club's, any Captain, or any player.
- In its absolute discretion be empowered to increase fines for repeat offences.
- Have the absolute discretion either to wave a fine or fines as is deemed appropriate or to refer the request for waiver to the BCA Board for determination.
- In its absolute discretion, suspend a Captain or player from playing in any match or matches.
- In its absolute discretion, disallow any points earned by a Club in respect of the match.
- In its absolute discretion, amend any points earned by a Club in any match.
- In its absolute discretion, take such action with regard to the proper conduct of cricket as is deemed appropriate by *the Pennant Committee*.
- Refer any matter whatsoever at the Pennant Committee's absolute discretion to the BCA Board for its consideration and determination, which the BCA Board after such referral shall be empowered to take any action that it deems appropriate in the circumstances and such power having regard to Rule 2 but not limited in its discretion to Rule 2 and the Members Protection Policy.

#### RULE 3 DETERMINATION OF AND PROGRAMMES OF MATCHES

3.1 The season will commence not before 1st October and shall end in the next succeeding calendar year pending available weeks and consideration for the Easter holiday as the BCA Board requires.

3.2 The affiliated Clubs of the Association shall compete in a Premiership series of matches. Programmes shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee who shall place the number of Club nominated teams into grades that the Pennant Committee decide upon from Club histories and current Junior player lists and have them approved by the BCA Board prior to the commencement of the season. (BCA By-Law 1 applies – *“The Association shall consist of such Clubs, sections, divisions and competitions as the BCA Board in its absolute discretion deems to be appropriate from time to time”*).

Any BCA Club who disputes the Pennant Committee grading of their teams (Senior or Junior) shall lodge on Club letterhead or official email from the current and relative Club Executive, a written response detailing their reasons of dispute within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Pennant Committee notice (i.e., the date on the team's placement notice). If no disputes are lodged those team placements will be deemed final for the current season.

- 3.3 Two days not necessarily consecutive or **any period of time during a day** shall be allocated for each match excepting finals, providing always that upon the joint applications, in writing, of the competing Clubs, a majority of the Pennant Committee may fix other days and times for commencing or continuing any match.
- 3.4 The grounds on which the matches shall be played shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee and they may, if necessary, alter the programme in respect of dates or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played. The playing of matches due to wet weather will be decided upon by the Pennant Committee in conjunction with the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, based upon a common-sense approach as to play as much cricket as is possible under the prevailing conditions. Player safety is always the BCA priority in consideration of play on days of wet weather. If a split round is scheduled across a weekend in the same grade and a washout occurs, all completed game points stand.
- 3.5 Competition Turf matches only: Clubs seeking to change the match venues between the two competing teams shall jointly lodge a written request to the Operations Officer for the Pennant Committee by 6.00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the match.
- 3.6 The Pennant Committee shall determine the suitability of the grounds and playing conditions. **The decision of the Pennant Committee shall be communicated via email to all clubs and through the BCA website and social media platforms as well.**

#### **RULE 4 BCA DEFAULTING PLAYERS**

No defaulting player of any Club of the Ballarat Cricket Association since the inauguration of the premiership matches shall be allowed to take part in the premiership matches.

- 4.1 The Secretary of each Club must furnish to the Operations Officer of the Association on or before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, on the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#), a list of all current defaulting players at their Club with outstanding defaults.

Once received these defaulting players shall remain on the [Defaulting Players List](#) until removed by the Clubs using the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#).

- 4.2 Clubs may only add to their defaulting players list throughout the season by completing the details contained in the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#), for defaults in the current season.
- 4.3 Any player listed **on a club's defaulting player** list shall be ineligible to play with any **other** BCA Club, until the Operations Officer of the Association/Chairman of the Pennant Committee is notified prior to **5.30pm** on the Friday preceding the next scheduled match, by using the [Add/Remove Defaulting Player Form](#) to remove their default.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2.

#### **RULE 5 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

All players either male or female that have never registered with any Australian Cricket Club shall be required to register online via competition management platform (PlayHQ) prior to the **start of the next scheduled match**.

- 5.1 Club Registered Junior Players are to be considered the same as Senior registered players irrespective of having played Senior cricket or not.
- 5.2 Players requesting registration to a Club from outside the BCA, shall not be endorsed until a Transfer is received from their previous Club in regard to financial consideration/suspension. Once endorsed, the player/s are tied to their nominated Clubs unless **transferred** to another BCA Club under Rule 6. Any Club playing a player/s in its Senior **or Junior** grades that has not been correctly registered or cleared shall be dealt with under Rule 2.

- 5.3 Minimum age requirement – Cricket Victoria advises that players in hard ball competitions shall be nine (9) years old as of 1st September in that year to be registered and participate. An [Underage Indemnity & Consent](#) is available on the BCA website for players who are not old enough under these guidelines and can be submitted to the Pennant Committee for consideration to play, only after the player has been assessed to ensure they are capable and not at any greater risk of injury at the level applying for.

## **RULE 6 TRANSFERS**

- 6.1 The Association Board shall determine the opening and closing dates for Player Transfers each year in accordance with By-Law 1 (f)
- 6.1.1 All Transfers lodged for players seeking to move between BCA Clubs must do so prior to February 1 of each season. **Players currently not associated with a BCA club can lodge a Transfer at any time.**
- 6.1.2 All players wishing to transfer from one Club to another Club within the Ballarat Cricket Association shall require a Transfer if they have been registered with a Club in the Ballarat Cricket Association within the last three (3) seasons. This applies to all male and female junior and senior players.
- 6.1.3 **PLAYER PERMITS within BCA**
- Player Permits Allows a player to play for a different club and/or competition for a specified period of time while retaining their club of affiliation.**
- Player Permits can only be granted for players affiliated with a BCA club for competitions within the BCA competition where their affiliated club does not have a team.**  
**E.g.: - A player's affiliated club does not have an U17 team so a player can apply for a permit to play with another BCA affiliated U17 team**
- All Player Permits involving different clubs within the BCA will be manually approved by the Operations Officer.**
- 6.2 **PROCESSING TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**  
A Transfer application for a transfer between BCA Club's, shall be processed through the competition management platform (PlayHQ) by the player on initial registration or the player's new Club if a player has already registered. When lodged, the player's current Club Administrator, **shall action in the competition management platform (PlayHQ) within Five (5) days or 120 hours from the lodgement of the transfer request** of their decision to grant or refuse the Transfer application as per Rule 6.3.1 only.
- 6.2.1 If the Transfer application has not been actioned by the Player's current BCA Club in competition management platform (PlayHQ) within the required time, the Transfer will be granted by the BCA unless that player is on the Defaulting Player list (only applies to players wishing to transfer between BCA Clubs).
- 6.3 **GRANTING OF TRANSFER**
- 6.3.1 When receiving a Transfer application that has been officially processed through the competition management platform (PlayHQ) system, any Club receiving such Transfer application **SHALL** grant the Transfer requested **EXCEPT** when:
- (a) The player is unfinancial to the Club or possesses Club property and has been placed on the [Defaulting Player List](#).
  - (b) The player is under suspension for good reason prior to receipt of the Transfer.
  - (c) The player has a written and signed contract for the period of time in which the Transfer is lodged.
  - (d) Any junior player who has played with a Club in either of the previous two seasons must meet with the Club with a support person prior to the Transfer being processed

## 6.4 REFUSAL OF TRANSFER

- 6.4.1 Should a Transfer from his/her Club be refused; a player may lodge only one (1) appeal in any season to the Pennant Committee for a decision on a Transfer application within 7 days if he/she believes there are exceptional circumstances surrounding this Transfer refusal.

The player shall provide written notification of the exceptional circumstances in their appeal notice at the time of lodging their appeal with the Association.

An Executive Member of the Club with which he/she has played shall have the right to be heard by the Pennant Committee at this meeting.

- 6.4.2 An appeal may be made to the BCA Appeals Committee within 48 hours after receipt of the decision of the Pennant Committee.

A player may lodge only one (1) appeal in any season to the Appeals Committee. Such an appeal must be lodged in writing (stating the reasons for the appeal) with the Operations Officer of the Association.

A non-refundable Appeal Fee of \$500.00 shall be lodged with the appeal application.

- 6.4.3 The appeal must be dealt with within 7 days of the date the appeal is lodged with the Operations Officer of the Association. (All parties to the dispute must receive a copy of such appeal by 48 hours prior to the Appeals Committee hearing).

- 6.4.4 Non-attendance at a Pennant/Appeals Committee hearing, or any preliminary enquiry, by the participating parties as requested and specified by the Operations Officer of the Association, shall result in a penalty upon the party in question under Rule 2.

- 6.4.5 An appeal may be made to the Victorian Country Cricket League after receipt of the decision of the Appeals Committee within a time frame as specified by the VCCL.

## RULE 7 FIXTURES AND TEAM LISTINGS

### 7.1 TEAM LISTINGS ON BCA COMPETITION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM (PLAY HQ)

All Clubs shall place their Senior and Junior teams, on the BCA competition management platform by 10.00pm on the Thursday prior to the next scheduled weekend match or 10.00pm on the preceding day for weekday matches.

For Senior Teams a Captain must be selected and for Juniors a Coach must be selected.

Once the teams are entered, they can be adjusted prior to the start of the match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2 if teams are not lodged on time.

## RULE 8 FORFEITS

- 8.1 Notice of intention to forfeit by any Club can be given by phone or email at least 24 hours before the commencement of the match to the Operations Officer of the Association. Confirmation is required in writing by 6pm on the Wednesday preceding the next scheduled match detailing the reasons for the forfeit.

- 8.2 Failure to comply with this rule will render the defaulting Club responsible to pay the full amount of Umpires' fees for the day in question.

8.3 Forfeits shall be considered as a match played for both premiership points and player finals qualifications. Clubs receiving a forfeit, shall lodge a copy of the team sheet matching the selected side on competition management platform (PlayHQ) listing the players from their Club that would have taken part in the match to obtain finals qualifications.  
The listed players may not take part in another match in the same round and are limited to player grade movements like any other round.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2

8.4 The team receiving a forfeit, shall receive 6 match points only in the round in which the forfeit has occurred. In Semi-Finals and Grand-Finals they will be awarded the match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2

8.5 Where a forfeit has been given, the forfeit only applies for the duration of the round that the team has forfeited.

## **RULE 9 DISPUTES AND CONTRIVED RESULT DISPUTES**

### **9.1 DISPUTES/PROTESTS**

The Pennant Committee shall have the power to inquire into and adjudicate upon all disputes/protests arising out of or in connection with all matches.

#### **LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Any Club referring a dispute/protest to the Pennant Committee shall, within 48 hours of completion of the match in which the cause of disagreement has occurred, lodge a statement in writing on Club letterhead or Clubs executive email, of the matter in dispute/protest and shall also within the same time lodge a copy of such statement with the Secretary of the other Club involved.

An appeal may be made to the BCA Tribunal (Appeals Committee with a non-refundable appeal fee of \$500). Clubs or players involved in the hearing will be given one opportunity to reject the BCA appointed date and time of the hearing and should the reason for rejection be accepted by the BCA appeals committee then the hearing may be rescheduled up to a maximum of 7 days from the original hearing date. There will be no further additional opportunity to reschedule that hearing, and the hearing may proceed without a Club/person/Umpire attending. Club/person/Umpire may appoint a proxy.

### **9.2 CONTRIVED RESULTS**

The Pennant Committee shall have power to investigate a game or the actions of the Captains of the Clubs or any players involved in a match if it suspects reasonable that the competing Clubs with or without the assistance or collusion of any person or Club have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If the Pennant Committee decides to carry out an investigation it will conduct such inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or the conduct of either Captain or any player and will give any person, the opportunity to be heard.

9.2.1 The Operations Officer of the Association shall call on the Clubs to appear before the said Committee, which, after hearing evidence, shall decide thereon as per Rule 5. An appeal may be made to the BCA Appeals Committee within 48 hours after receipt of the decision of the Pennant Committee.

## **RULE 10 FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

10.1 A player of a Club shall not be eligible to play in Semi-Final and/or Grand Final 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. 'Days' shall only be considered for home and away matches. Any finals 'days' shall not be counted towards qualification for further finals matches. Refer to table below for further clarification.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2

- 10.2 Qualified players from a lower age group competition who are unqualified in a higher age group competition can play in a higher age final.  
  
(For example, in the open Junior Grades) Under 14 Girls > Under 13 Spratling > Under 13 Hollioake > Under 17 Girls > Under 15 Open > Under 17 Open
- 10.3 A player who is fully qualified four (4) days in the 2nd XI Section (with Clubs having a 1st XI and 2nd XI Section team in the U17, Under 15 or Under 13) may also play in a 1st XI Section Semi-Final and/or Grand Final but a player who is fully qualified four (4) days in the 1st XI Section cannot play in a 2nd XI Section Semi-Final and/or Grand Final, unless they have played in that grade during the season and the 1st XI Section grade team of which they are fully qualified is also engaged.  
  
Any ineligible player shall be dealt with under [Rule 2](#)
- 10.4 Clubs seeking to play a player in a grade lower than permitted shall [apply online](#) via the BCA website outlining the exceptional circumstances for seeking approval to the Pennant Committee by 1.00pm on the day preceding the match.

## RULE 11 MATCH REPORTS

The Home Team must enter the match result into the competition management platform (PlayHQ) by **12pm on the day after the game**

Both competing teams in each match shall be responsible for entering their own match data into the competition management platform (PlayHQ) ensuring it is correct for statistical and reporting purposes.

Match Data in all junior grades shall be entered by 6.00pm on the day after the match concludes.

Match Data Entry Timelines for normally scheduled games shall be

U14 Girls – 6.00pm Tuesday

U17 Open and Girls – 6.00pm Wednesday

U13 Open – 6.00pm – Saturday

U15 Open – 6.00pm – Sunday

Where possible it is recommended that games are recorded live via competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App.

Where a team is live scoring via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App, a minimum of 1 scorebook needs to be used when scoring a game.

Clubs can use two scorebooks and live score as well, but available volunteers to do this needs to be accounted for, and Coaches need to agree on this prior to the start of the game.

If a game is not being live scored, both teams are to provide a scorebook.

In matches where a dedicated scorer is not provided, the team batting second is expected to use the same scoring items as was used by the team batting first. If a game is being live scoring via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App teams can swap devices in the innings break.

For games that have been live scored via the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App, the game result needs to be submitted as soon as possible after the games end. (Games cannot be edited if there are any mistakes until the result has been submitted).

- 11.1 Where there are no officially appointed Umpires at a match, at the conclusion of the game, Coaches 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 a game has been live scored, both Coaches are to sign the designated scorebook if only 1 has been used.**

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebooks will be exchanged and both teams Captains will be responsible to contact the Chairman of the Pennant Committee to arrange to lodge the opposition scorebook without amendments.

**If a disputed game has been live scored and only one scorebook has been used, the Coach of the team that provided the live score will take a photo of the disputed scorebook. The result on the competition management platform (PlayHQ) Scorer App shall be submitted and the final result will be determined by the Pennant Committee.**

- 11.2 Where a team has its innings declared or the match is abandoned on the second day through weather conditions, the score book and the team sheet shall be endorsed, and counter signed by the opposing Coaches that the following players took part in the match.

11.3 **COACHES'S REPORT  
UMPIRE'S PERFORMANCE, APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS & REPORTING PLAYERS & BEHAVIOUR**

Coaches' Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) cover appraisal of Umpire performance, ground conditions and includes an option to report a player/s whether the game has a BCUA Umpire or no appointed umpire.

**The coaches' report is automatically emailed to the nominated Captain with a link for the report, when the game status is marked complete after entering scores in the competition management platform (PlayHQ).**

If a player, coach or club official demonstrates behaviour that is worthy of a report, the name of the player and a detailed explanation of the incident must be recorded in the Coaches' Report.

This report will be forwarded to the BCA Investigations Officer in accordance with the provisions of [BCA Policy 1 – Code of Behaviour](#)

Coaches' Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) also cover the rating of own team's behaviour and opposition behaviour. This is rated 1 (poor) to 5 (Excellent). If behaviour of either team is rated at 1, further details must be provided in the Coaches' Report.

All Clubs are to ensure that Coaches in all grades complete and lodge the Coaches' Reports on competition management platform (PlayHQ) by **11.59 pm** on the Monday following the completion of each match.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2

## **RULE 12 JUNIOR MATCH POINTS ALLOCATIONS**

- 12.1 All matches shall be decided on the result on the first innings. The team scoring the greater number of runs shall be the winner. No further points for outright results will be awarded

- 12.1.1 The result of the match shall be recorded on a points system: via:

6 pts	First Innings Win (1- & 2-day matches)
6 pts	Bye in any grade where there is an uneven number of byes
3 pts	Tie on First Innings
3 pts	Drawn or Abandoned match (1- and 2-day matches)
0 pts	Bye in any grade where all teams have the same number of byes

- 12.1.2 Any action regarding inequitable byes in a grade shall be the responsibility of the Pennant Committee.

12.1.3 If two or more teams are equal in points, their relative positions shall be determined by averages. For the purpose of ascertaining averages, the quotient ratio as calculated in play HQ will be used to ascertain ladder position.

The batting average of a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The batting average against such team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken.

The former shall be divided by the latter. The team having the highest quotient shall be considered to have the better performance.

## **RULE 13                    UMPIRES**

Refer [BCA Policy 16 - Umpires](#)

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

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

13.3 Where there are officially appointed Umpires, at the conclusion of the match, the Umpire(s) shall endorse the scorebook/s, and in so doing, agree to the official scores and match result. Once signed, no dispute from the match re scores/result would be heard by the Pennant/Appeals Committee's.

If scores/match result cannot be agreed upon, the scorebook/s will be impounded by the Umpire(s), and they will be responsible to contact the Chairman of the Pennant Committee to arrange to lodge the scorebooks without amendments.

### **13.4    UMPIRE FEES**

<b>U17 OPEN</b>	\$60 per Umpire per days play (no travel fee)
<b>U17 GIRLS</b>	\$60 per Umpire per days play (no travel fee)
<b>U15 OPEN</b>	\$60 per Umpire per days play (no travel fee)
<b>U14 GIRLS</b>	\$50 per Umpire per days play (no travel fee)
<b>U13 OPEN</b>	\$50 per Umpire per days play (no travel fee)

### **13.5    UMPIRE PAYMENTS**

The appointed BCUA umpire(s) shall be paid the fee applicable to their appointment in accordance with the schedule of fees outlined in this document, save for the following exceptions:

- (a) Should play be cancelled for any reason prior to the scheduled starting time of play on any day, then no fee is payable to the appointed Umpire(s).
- (b) In the event where play has not been cancelled prior to the scheduled starting time, the appointed Umpire(s) shall be entitled to;
  - \$10.00 per hour, per Umpire, for each hour or part thereof up until the conclusion of scheduled time for the innings break or halfway point in a day's play
  - Should play be cancelled after the conclusion of the scheduled time for the innings break or halfway point in a day's play, then the appointed Umpire(s) shall be entitled to the full match fee.

13.5 The appointed Umpire(s) shall be paid the appropriate fee via online transfer by the BCA. Clubs will be invoiced periodically throughout the season for umpire payments

## RULE 14 CONDUCT

### CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

[BCA Policy 1 – Code of Behaviour](#) applies to Junior matches.

Club Volunteers while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires.

## RULE 15 ACCREDITED COACHES

The Ballarat Cricket Association requires all Junior Coaches and Team Managers to have a current Working with Children's (WWCC) card and Clubs shall have at least two (2) adults or two (2) Senior players for each Junior team.

As a minimum the BCA recommends one (1) of the Coaches present at the match at all times should have the following accreditations: -

- (a) In their first two (2) consecutive seasons as the Coach of a team, obtain a Cricket Victoria Level 0 (Introduction to Cricket) accreditation.
- (b) In their third (3) consecutive season and beyond as the Coach of a team, obtain a Cricket Victoria Level 1 (Community Coach) accreditation.

## RULE 16 AMALGAMATION OF JUNIOR TEAMS

The BCA Junior Committee may seek BCA Board approval to amalgamate Junior teams for the current season for the purpose of avoiding a bye in such grades, without players from these Clubs being required to obtain clearances to one of the Clubs affected or affecting their ability to play Senior cricket with their registered Club during that season only.

## RULE 17 PROPER CRICKET ATTIRE – PLAYER SAFETY

- 17.1 All players under the age of 18 participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved BS7928:2013 compliant helmet including full face protective mask when batting and wicket keeping at all times (Playing and Training).

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2

- 17.2 All players participating in BCA competitions shall wear an approved BS7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in close. Fielding in close description as per CA - "(or in a zero-reaction time position) In elite cricket, a zero-reaction time position is considered any position within 7 metres of the batter except any position behind square on the off side - therefore, if fielding at silly mid-off or short-leg you would need to wear a helmet, whereas you would not if fielding at gully or (regulation) slip.

**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under Rule 2



# **BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

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# RULES FOR BALLARAT UNDER 13 OPEN CRICKET COMPETITIONS

## RULE 18 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY UNDER 13 OPEN

### 18.1 U13 COMPETITIONS – Refer to Rule 6.1.3 for the use of Player Permits

18.2 For male players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/20011. For female players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/2009.

### 18.3 AGE EXEMPTIONS

Clubs may apply in writing to the Pennant Committee for a season permit to play players out of age where circumstances dictate their continuation in the game. [Age Exemption criteria forms](#) are available on the BCA website. If the Pennant Committee feels at any time that these players are performing at a level above the current level, the permit would then be revoked.

### 18.4 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Any ineligible player shall be dealt with under [Rule 2](#)

## RULE 19 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches take place on Friday afternoons from 5pm. Clubs wanting to make changes are to seek permission from the Pennant 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 but can have the venue changed prior to the start of play if conditions are not suitable or the venue becomes unavailable.

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

<b>Stage 2 – 20 Over Matches (Including Finals)</b>	
Scheduled Overs	40
Innings Overs	20
Minutes allowed	55 minutes
Innings adjournment	10 minutes at completion of inning's overs or bowled out
Start times	Friday - 5 PM

19.2 Any over commenced prior to the scheduled cessation/allowed time must be completed. 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 comply with this direction, they will forfeit the right to the toss.

## RULE 20 PLAYING CONDITIONS

20.1 The format that this competition follows looks to further develop the cricket skills of kids that are playing their 2nd or 3rd year of junior cricket. 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 wicket or turf wicket grounds with a boundary length of no more than 45m.
- Boundaries are to be measured from the centre of the pitch.
- Pitch length is 18m long, measured from stump to stump.
- 2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required.
- All teams are to provide one set of spring-loaded stumps and bails for all matches.
- Each team is allocated 1 innings of 20 overs (120 balls) to bat and bowl in each match.
- Each team is to be made up of 9 players.
- 142g Orange hard leather balls to be used

20.2 That so far as applicable and with the below modifications the rules of the Senior competition shall apply to all matches.

### 20.3 U13 COMPETITIONS

9 players per team.

7 players per team minimum are required to play the game.

11 players per team maximum are to be allocated to a team (maximum 9 players on field at any given time).

20.3.1 Where a team does not have nine (9) players, but the opposition has a surplus, an exchange of players from the teams may occur for that match only. (These players shall be clearly indicated on the Team Sheets).

### 20.4 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play on the first day of any match the Two Coaches (Home and Away Teams) must complete the joint Team Sheets located within the BCA supplied scorebook and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on competition management platform (PlayHQ). The signed (by both Coaches) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the home team Coach.

20.3.1 Alterations shall only be made with the consent of the opposing Coach and notification to the appointed Umpire(s) up to one (1) hour from the scheduled start of play on the first day of the match.

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.

The responsible individual 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 [Rule 2](#)

## RULE 21 JUNIOR CRICKET STAGE 2 - PLAYING CONDITIONS

### 21.1 BATTING INFORMATION

- A batter cannot face more than 20 balls until all other players have faced their 20 balls or have been dismissed.
- Any retired batters can return for a maximum of 20 further balls when all others have been either dismissed or retired after facing their allotted 20 balls, in the order they retired if overs permit.
- All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.
- Maximum 11 players are permitted to bat per innings.
- If the team has more than 9 players, those players that did not bowl must bat.
- The innings is deemed as closed after 8 wickets have fallen or the batting team has completed their allotted overs.
- Non-batters:
  - Hollioake – all players named must bat
  - Spratling – all players named must bat unless a non-batter is disclosed and advised to the opposition coach prior to the match

## 21.2 **BATTING DISMISSALS**

### **U13 HOLLIOAKE COMPETITION**

LBW dismissals shall be given without warning for batters in the 13U Hollioake competition if, in the opinion of the umpire, the batter is adjudged to meet the criteria of the Law regarding LBW.

### **U13 SPRATLING COMPETITION**

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 modes of dismissal count in U13 competitions.

## 21.3 **BOWLING INFORMATION**

- 6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).
- Maximum of 4 overs per bowler.
- If the team has 9 players or less, all players must bowl (excluding the wicketkeeper).
- All players can bowl. There are no restrictions on wicket keepers requiring to bowl. However, each team can only have 11 players.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field at one time.
- Coaches are encouraged to rotate the opportunity for players to bowl 4 overs in a match.
- Bowlers can change ends at 10 overs.
- Bowlers can bowl from one end for the entire game at competition manager's discretion.
- Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

21.4 In all Junior matches on hard wickets, any ball bowled that pitches off the side of the wicket, bounces more than twice before it reaches the batter or runs along the ground, shall be called a "No Ball".

## 21.5 **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 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. When the ball is dead, the Umpire shall caution the bowler, indicating that this is the first warning with a subsequent second and final warning for another instance occurring. The Umpire shall also inform the other Umpire, the Captain/Coach of the fielding side and the batters of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings.

### 21.5.1 (MCC LAW 41.7.2)

Should there be any further such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire shall:

- (a) call and signal No ball
- (b) when the ball is dead, direct the Captain/Coach of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
- (c) inform the other Umpire for the reason for this action.

The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.

Additionally, the Umpire shall report the occurrence to the batters and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.

The Umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side and to the BCA via the team sheet, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate, the team.

If the Umpire at the Bowler's end considers that such a delivery has been bowled "deliberately" at the batter he/she shall follow the process outlined in 4.6.1 (MCC Law 41.7.2) without warning.

## 21.6 FIELDING INFORMATION

- To ensure players experience all fielding positions, fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the Coach.
- No fielders within 10 metres of the bat (except regulation offside 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, but are encouraged, to change wicketkeepers after 10 overs.

## 21.7 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

- 21.7.1 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 overs. Hence for every 6 minutes lost the number of overs permitted for each team will be reduced by 1 over.
- 21.7.2 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.
- 21.7.3 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.
- 21.7.4 If either team fails to receive 10 overs when batting due to loss of time, then all play and scores will be disregarded, and the match will be deemed drawn.

## RULE 22 FINALS MATCHES

- 22.1 At the completion of the minor round of matches a final four in the Hollioake and Spratling Sections shall be formed, and these teams shall take part in a final series of matches.

### 22.2 SEMI-FINALS

U13 Semi-Finals are to be played on Friday afternoons with no spare days allowed.  
All matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round games.

### 22.3 GRAND FINALS

U13 Grand Finals are to be played on Friday afternoons with a spare day reserved on the following Friday if time is lost with no result achieved.  
All matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round games and that the above reserve days will be used if required.

## RULE 23 CRICKET BALLS/STUMPS/BOUNDARY MARKERS

All cricket balls used in any match shall be a make, character and size approved by the BCA Board.

### CRICKET BALLS

Approved Cricket Balls for the current season are as follows:

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

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 and with the consent of the accredited Coaches.

**Each team must supply a set of spring-loaded stumps**

- 23.1 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 1 metre inside any boundary fence



# **BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

### **UNDER 14 GIRLS - SEASON 2024/25**



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# RULES FOR BALLARAT UNDER 14 GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITIONS

## RULE 24 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY UNDER 14 GIRLS OPEN

### 24.1 U14 GIRLS COMPETITIONS – Refer to Rule 6.1.3 for the use of Player Permits

24.2 For female players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/2010.

### 24.3 AGE EXEMPTIONS

Clubs may apply in writing to the Pennant Committee for a season permit to play players out of age where circumstances dictate their continuation in the game. [Age Exemption criteria forms](#) are available on the BCA website. If the Pennant Committee feels at any time that these players are performing at a level above the current level, the permit would then be revoked.

### 24.4 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Any ineligible player shall be dealt with under [Rule 2](#)

## RULE 25 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches take place on **Monday** afternoons from 5pm. Clubs wanting to make changes are to seek permission from the Pennant 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 but can have the venue changed prior to the start of play if conditions are not suitable or the venue becomes unavailable.

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

Stage 2 – 20 Over Matches (Including Finals)	
Scheduled Overs	40
Innings Overs	20
Minutes allowed	55 minutes
Innings adjournment	10 minutes at completion of allowed time or bowled out
Start times	Monday - 5 PM

25.2 Any over commenced prior to the scheduled cessation/allowed time must be completed. 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 comply with this direction, they will forfeit the right to the toss.

## RULE 26 PLAYING CONDITIONS

26.1 The format that this competition follows looks to further develop the cricket skills of kids that are playing their 2nd or 3rd year of junior cricket. 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 wicket or turf wicket grounds with a boundary length of no more than 45m.
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- Pitch length is 18m long, measured from stump to stump.
- 2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required.
- All teams are to provide one set of spring-loaded stumps and bails for all matches.
- Each team is allocated 1 innings of 20 overs (120 balls) to bat and bowl in each match.
- Each team is to be made up of 9 players.
- 142g Orange hard leather balls to be used

26.2 That so far as applicable and with the below modifications the rules of the Senior competition shall apply to all matches.

### 26.3 U14 GIRLS COMPETITIONS

9 players per team.

7 players per team minimum are required to play the game.

11 players per team maximum are to be allocated to a team (maximum 9 players on field at any given time).

26.3.1 Where a team does not have nine (9) players, but the opposition has a surplus, an exchange of players from the teams may occur for that match only. (These players shall be clearly indicated on the Team Sheets).

### 26.4 TEAM SHEETS

Prior to the scheduled start of play on the first day of any match the Two Coaches (Home and Away Teams) must complete the joint Team Sheets located within the BCA supplied scorebook and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on competition management platform (PlayHQ). The signed (by both Coaches) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the home team Coach.

26.4.1 Alterations shall only be made with the consent of the opposing Coach and notification to the appointed Umpire(s) up to one (1) hour from the scheduled start of play on the first day of the match.

Lodgement of Team Sheets:

- by the Officiating Umpire
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**PENALTY:** Shall be dealt with under [Rule 2](#)

## RULE 27 JUNIOR CRICKET STAGE 2 - PLAYING CONDITIONS

### 27.1 BATTING INFORMATION

- A batter cannot face more than 20 balls until all other players have faced their 20 balls or have been dismissed.
- Any retired batters can return for a maximum of 20 further balls when all others have been either dismissed or retired after facing their allotted 20 balls, in the order they retired if overs permit.
- All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.
- Maximum 11 players are permitted to bat per innings.
- If the team has more than 9 players, those players that did not bowl must bat.
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### 27.2 BATTING DISMISSALS

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All modes of dismissal count in U14 Girls competitions.

### 27.3 BOWLING INFORMATION

- 6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled).
- Maximum of 4 overs per bowler.
- If the team has 9 players or less, all players must bowl (excluding the wicketkeeper).
- All players can bowl. There are no restrictions on wicket keepers requiring to bowl. However, each team can only have 11 players.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field at one time.
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- Bowlers can change ends at 10 overs.
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- Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field.

27.4 In all Junior matches on hard wickets, any ball bowled that pitches off the side of the wicket, bounces more than twice before it reaches the batter or runs along the ground, shall be called a "No Ball".

### 27.5 BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES (MCC LAW 41.7.1)

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#### 27.5.1 (MCC LAW 41.7.2)

Should there be any further such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the Umpire shall:

- (d) call and signal No ball
- (e) when the ball is dead, direct the Captain/Coach of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
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## 27.7 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

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## RULE 28 FINALS MATCHES

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- 28.2 **SEMI-FINALS**  
U14 Girls Semi-Finals are to be played on Monday afternoons with no spare days allowed.  
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