



BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR RULES & PLAYING CONDITIONS

UNDER 13 OPEN - SEASON 2023/24



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RULES FOR BALLARAT UNDER 13 CRICKET COMPETITIONS

RULE 1 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

1.1 All new players to the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) Junior Cricket Section including players who have played in Stage 1 or Stage 2 School/Club mid-week cricket competition shall be required to register online via MyCricket by 1.00 p.m. on the day of the completion of the Junior match.

1.2 U13 COMPETITIONS

[Season Permits](#) and [Permits](#) to play in the highest level U13 competition are available on the BCA website.

1.3 For male players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/2009. For female players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/2007.

1.4 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.

1.5 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Any ineligible player shall be dealt with under [Senior Rule 5](#)

1.6 Minimum age requirement – Cricket Victoria advises that players in hard ball competitions shall be nine (9) years old as at 1st September in that year to be registered and participate. An [Underage Indemnity & Consent](#) Form 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 2 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.

2.1 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 innings overs or bowled out
Start times	Friday - 5 PM

2.2 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 3 PLAYING CONDITIONS

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

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

3.2 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).

3.3 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).

3.4 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 and hand them to the Umpire. The team named must match the team named on MyCricket. The signed (by Coaches) Team Sheets are held by the appointed Umpire/s, if no Umpire is appointed then by the Home team Coach.

3.4.1 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;

shall lodge each original, scanned copy or photo of the Team Sheets to the BCA Operations Officer via email to 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](#)

3.5 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 4 JUNIOR CRICKET STAGE 2 - PLAYING CONDITIONS

4.1 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

4.2 No player will be allowed to bat without a helmet including full face protective mask.

4.3 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 SPRTLING 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.

4.4 **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 wicket-keeper).
- 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.

4.5 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".

4.6 **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.

4.6.1 (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.

4.7 **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 Coach.
- No fielders 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, but are encouraged, to change wicket-keepers after 10 overs.

4.8 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

- 4.8.1 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.
- 4.8.2 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.
- 4.8.3 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.
- 4.8.4 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 5 FINALS MATCHES

- 5.1 At the completion of the minor rounds 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.
- 5.2 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.

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

- 5.3 A player who is fully qualified four (4) days in the Spratling section (with Clubs having a Hollioake and Spratling team in the U13 grades) may also play in a Hollioake section Semi-Final and/or Grand Final, but a player who is fully qualified four (4) days in the Hollioake Section cannot play in a Spratling Section Semi-Final and/or Grand Final, unless they have played in that grade during the season and the Hollioake Section grade team of which they are fully qualified is also engaged.

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

5.4 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.

5.5 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 6 GROUND AVAILABILITIES

The Pennant Committee shall determine the suitability of the grounds and playing conditions. The decision of the Pennant Committee shall be broadcast through radio stations 3BA, Voice FM & Power FM Ballarat from 7.00 am as near as the stations can manage. The BCA website and social media platforms will also be utilised to broadcast these messages.

RULE 7 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 in all Junior grades.

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 and with the consent of the accredited Coaches.

- 7.1 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

RULE 8 JUNIOR UMPIRES

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

- 8.1 All Junior 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. 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.

UMPIRE FEES - JUNIORS

\$50 for all matches (no travel fee)

RULE 9 ACCREDITED COACHES

The Ballarat Cricket Association require all Junior Coaches 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 there must be one (1) of the Coaches present at the match at all times and shall have the following requirements:-

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

Only current accredited Coaches can act as Coaches and complete/sign off the team sheet on behalf of the team Captain.

RULE 10 CONDUCT

CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Senior Rule 19](#) to be applied to Junior matches and that while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires.

RULE 11 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 12 MATCH REPORTS

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

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

12.2 **COACHES REPORT ON UMPIRE PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS:**

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

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



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RULES FOR BALLARAT UNDER 14 GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITIONS

RULE 1 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

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1.2 U14 COMPETITIONS

[Season Permits](#) and [Permits](#) to play in U14 competition are available on the BCA website.

1.3 For players to be eligible to play in this competition, they shall be born on or after 01/09/2008. No male player shall be permitted to participate in this competition.

1.4 AGE EXEMPTIONS

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

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9 players per team.

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

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RULE 4 JUNIOR CRICKET STAGE 2 - PLAYING CONDITIONS

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- A batter cannot face more than 20 balls until all other players have faced their 20 balls or have been dismissed.
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- call and signal No ball
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Additionally, the Umpire shall report the occurrence to the batters and, as soon as practicable, to the Captain of the batting side.

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

5.3 SEMI-FINALS

U14 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.

5.4 GRAND FINALS

U14 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 6 GROUND AVAILABILITIES

The Pennant Committee shall determine the suitability of the grounds and playing conditions. The decision of the Pennant Committee shall be broadcast through radio stations 3BA, Voice FM & Power FM Ballarat from 7.00 am as near as the stations can manage. The BCA website and social media platforms will also be utilised to broadcast these messages.

RULE 7 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 in all Junior grades.

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 and with the consent of the accredited Coaches.

- 7.1 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

RULE 8 JUNIOR UMPIRES

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

- 8.1 All Junior 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. 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.

UMPIRE FEES - JUNIORS

\$50 for all matches (no travel fee)

RULE 9 ACCREDITED COACHES

The Ballarat Cricket Association require all Junior Coaches 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 there must be one (1) of the Coaches present at the match at all times and shall have the following requirements:-

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

Only current accredited Coaches can act as Coaches and complete/sign off the team sheet on behalf of the team Captain.

RULE 10 CONDUCT

CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Senior Rule 19](#) to be applied to Junior matches and that while acting as Umpires have the same authority as BCUA appointed Umpires.

RULE 11 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 12 MATCH REPORTS

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

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

12.2 **COACHES REPORT ON UMPIRE PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS:**

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

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

