



BALLARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR RULES & PLAYING CONDITIONS
16 & UNDER - SEASON 2017/18



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AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS & REMOVAL OF RULES FROM SEASON 2016/17

RULE 3.2 **16U Competitions**

Each team shall consist of a maximum of Thirteen (13) players. ~~Up to thirteen (13) players may~~
Eleven (11) only to bat or bowl in one innings and eleven (11) only to field at any one time.

The innings will be ended at the fall of the tenth wicket.

RULE - 4.1.1 Retiring batters (who have been retired prior to reaching the compulsory retiring limit) may return to the crease to bat only at the fall of the final wicket in that innings. They must then retire if and when they reach the allowable maximum score and be recorded as **Retired Not Out and not counted as** a wicket lost.

RULE 4.3.3 ~~Law 42.6 (b): The Bowling of Fast, High, Full Pitches.~~

~~(i) Any delivery, other than a slow paced one, which passes or would have passed on the full 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 and shall be called and signalled No Ball by either Umpire.~~

~~(ii) A slow delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above shoulder 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~~

RULE 4.3.3 **LAW 41.7 - BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES**

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 a first and final warning. 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.

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 Law 41.7.2 without warning.

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RULES FOR BALLARAT JUNIOR CRICKET COMPETITIONS

16 & Under

RULE 1 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

1.1 All new players to the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) Junior Cricket Section including players who have played in Under 12 School/Club mid-week cricket competition shall be required to register online via My Cricket with an email confirming this sent to operations@ballaratcricket.com by 1.00 p.m. on the day of the completion of the Junior match.

1.2 16U COMPETITIONS

[Season Permits](#) and [Permits](#) to play in the highest level 16U competition are available on the BCA website.

1.3 The age of male players to be eligible in this competition shall be 16 years and under on the 1st day of April.

1.3.1 The age of female players to be eligible in this competition shall be 18 years and under on the 1st day of April.

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](#)

RULE 2 TIMES OF PLAY, INTERVALS AND OVERS TO BE BOWLED

Matches can take place from Friday afternoons through to 5pm Sunday afternoons on turf. Clubs are to seek permission from the Pennant Committee two weeks 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:

One Day & Two Day Games (Including Semi/Grand Finals)			
Scheduled Overs	100	50	50
Innings Overs	50	50	25
Minutes allowed	180 minutes	180 minutes	85 Minutes
Innings adjournment	20 minutes at completion of allowed time or bowled out	10 minutes at completion of allowed time or bowled out	10 minutes at completion of allowed time or bowled out
Start times	Sunday - 10 AM	Saturday - 8:30 AM	Saturday - 8:30 AM

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

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 16U COMPETITIONS

Each team shall consist of a maximum of Thirteen (13) players. Eleven (11) only to bat or bowl in one innings and eleven (11) only to field at any one time. The innings will be ended at the fall of the tenth wicket.

3.2.1 Where a team does not have eleven (11) 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).

3.3 TEAM SHEETS - 1ST XI & 2ND XI SECTIONS

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 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.

3.3.1 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;

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

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

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

First Innings Win	6 points
Tie on First Innings	3 points
Drawn or Abandoned Game	3 points
20/20 Win	6 points
20/20 Abandoned game	3 points

RULE 4 TWO DAY MATCHES

4.1 BATTING RESTRICTIONS

16U competitions - batters must compulsory retire at reaching 100 runs in a two day game. (They shall be recorded as RTNO).

4.1.1 Retiring batters (who have been retired prior to reaching the compulsory retiring limit) may return to the crease to bat only at the fall of the final wicket in that innings. They must then retire if and when they reach the allowable maximum score and be recorded as Retired Not Out and not counted as a wicket lost.

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

4.3 BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

16 & Under 1st XI competition - ten (10) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a two day game.

16 & Under 2nd XI competition - eight (8) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a two day game.

(No Medium or Fast Pace Bowler shall bowl more than sixteen (16) overs in a day)

4.3.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field. (Medium and Fast Bowlers restrictions as below still apply).

Medium and Fast Pace Bowlers (i.e. A bowler for which the wicket-keeper would normally stand back) shall not bowl more than six (6) consecutive overs in any period of bowling during a match.

If more than one over was bowled in a player's immediate previous bowling period, they shall not resume bowling unless the subsequent overs from the same end equals the overs bowled by them in that period.

NOTE: A new period (bowling spell) is allowed if there is a 30 minute break or it is the start of a new day.

4.3.2 A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one short pitched delivery per over. A fast short pitched delivery is defined as a ball which passes above shoulder height of a batter standing upright at the crease. In the event of the bowler bowling more than one fast short pitched delivery in an over, either Umpire shall call and signal no ball. (The above regulation is not a substitute for Law 42.7, which Umpires may apply at any time).

4.3.3 LAW 41.7 - BOWLING OF DANGEROUS AND UNFAIR NON-PITCHING DELIVERIES

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 a first and final warning. 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.

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 Law 41.7.2 without warning.

4.4 INNINGS CLOSURES

In all matches if the innings of the side batting first has not been previously completed, the innings shall be compulsorily closed at the completion of the allowed innings time regardless of overs bowled.

4.4.1 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.

4.4.2 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.

4.5 INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

Where interruptions to play during the innings of the side batting first occur which do not exceed thirty (30) minutes in total 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, whichever is the latter. The adjusted overs shall be calculated using the following table.

Less than 30 minutes lost.	
Minutes lost	Min Rescheduled Overs
1 – 3	49
4 – 6	48
7 – 9	47
10 – 12	46
13 – 15	45
16 – 18	44
19 – 21	43
22 – 24	42
25 – 27	41
28 – 30	40

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

4.5.1 Where the total amount of time lost for the side batting first exceeds thirty (30) minutes but does not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) minutes, the number of overs to be bowled and the schedule finishing time of the innings shall be adjusted. Compulsory closure shall occur at the completion of the adjusted overs. The adjusted number of overs and the adjusted finishing time shall be calculated using the table below.

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.

More than 30 minutes and less than 121 minutes lost.		
Minutes lost	Overs	Minutes after start time
31 – 36	45	18
37 – 42	44	21
43 – 48	43	24
49 – 54	42	27
55 – 60	41	30
61 – 66	40	33
67 – 72	39	36
73 – 78	38	39
79 – 84	37	42
85 – 90	36	45
91 – 96	35	48
97 – 102	34	51
103 – 108	33	54
109 – 114	32	57
115 – 120	31	60

4.5.2 For other situations involving weather interruptions, refer [Senior Rules](#)

4.5.3 The Pennant Committee reserves the right to call matches off on any day preceding the game, in line with Senior rules regarding extreme heat conditions.

4.6 Should play on the first day of any match be entirely prevented by bad weather conditions, the game shall resolve into a one day match under conditions as set out in Rule 5.

4.7 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. (To apply to both 2 day and 1 day matches).

4.8 **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 5 ONE DAY MATCHES

5.1 **BATTING RESTRICTIONS**

All 16 & Under competitions - batters must compulsory retire at reaching 50 runs in a one day match. (They shall be recorded as RTNO).

5.1.1 Retiring batters (who have been retired prior to reaching the compulsory retiring limit) may return to the crease to bat only at the fall of the final wicket in that innings. They must then retire if and when they reach the allowable maximum score and be recorded as Retired Not Out and not counted as a wicket lost.

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

5.3 **BOWLING RESTRICTIONS**

All 16U competitions - five (5) overs per bowler maximum per innings in a one day game.

5.3.1 Players can bowl during any stage of an innings regardless of whether or not they have been off the field. (Medium and Fast Bowlers restrictions as below still apply).
Medium and Fast Pace Bowlers (i.e. A bowler for which the wicket-keeper would normally stand back) shall not bowl more than five (5) consecutive overs in any period of bowling during a match.
If more than one over was bowled in a players previous bowling period, they shall not resume bowling unless the subsequent overs from the same end equals or exceeds the overs bowled by them in that period.

5.4 **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.

5.5 **INNINGS CLOSURES**

- 5.5.1 In one day 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 25 overs, or 85 minutes after the starting time.
- 5.5.2 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.
- 5.5.3 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.
- 5.5.4 If the game is interrupted for an aggregate of more than thirty (30) minutes by bad weather conditions, during either period of allotted time, the game shall thereupon be played under ordinary conditions until the scheduled finishing time.

RULE 6 FINALS MATCHES

- 6.1 At the completion of the minor round of matches a final four in the 1st XI and 2nd XI Sections shall be formed and these teams shall take part in a final series of matches.
- 6.2 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](#)

- 6.2.1 Clubs may [apply online](#) via the BCA website to the Pennant Committee by 1.00 pm on the Friday prior to the final matches, to seek permission to play qualified players from the 14 & Under competition in the 16 & Under finals.
- 6.3 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 16 & Under grades) 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 [Senior Rule 5](#)

6.4 **SEMI-FINALS**

16 & Under Semi-Finals are to be played on Saturday morning and Sunday morning of the same weekend with no spare days allowed.

Matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round two day games, with the exception that Junior Rule 5 shall not apply to Semi-Finals.

6.5 **GRAND FINALS**

16 & Under Grand Finals are to be played on Saturday morning and Sunday morning of the same weekend. The following Saturday morning and/or Sunday morning will be held as reserve days and will be used if time is lost on either of the originally scheduled days.

However, the rule that there is a minimum of 50 overs/maximum of 180 minutes still applies to the first innings and the total on field playing time should not exceed the expected 6 hours. Hence any play on the second weekend shall continue no longer than the equivalent amount of time lost during the first weekend of play.

Matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply to minor round two day games, with the exception that Junior Rule 5 shall not apply to Grand Finals and that the above reserve days will be used if required.

RULE 7 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 8 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

16 & Under competition - 2 & 1 Day matches - Two (2) piece 156gm RED balls – Kookaburra Colt/Tuf Pitch

16 & Under competition - T20 matches - Two (2) piece 156gm balls – Colour to be advised by the Pennant Committee at the time of scheduled matches.

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.

- 8.1 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 each day. 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 60 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 9 JUNIOR UMPIRES

Refer [BCA Policy 16 - Umpires](#)

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

- 9.1 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 BCA Clubs will pay the Umpire by the innings/drinks break on the days play.

UMPIRE FEES - JUNIORS

\$60 per Umpire for 50 over days (no travel fee)

\$120 per Umpire for 100 over days (no travel fee)

RULE 10 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 11 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 12 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 13 MATCH REPORTS

SATURDAY MATCHES

All Clubs named as the 'Home' team shall enter into MyCricket all match data for both competing teams ensuring it is correct for statistical and reporting purposes. 16U 1st XI match data shall be recorded live via MyCricket Live Score App. All other matches to be entered by 12pm on the day after the match concludes.

SUNDAY MATCHES

As per Saturday matches, except that all other matches to be lodged by 7.30pm on the Sunday of the match.

- 13.1 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.

13.2 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](#)

13.3 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.