

BOX HILL REPORTER DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

UNDER-18 TWILIGHT COMPETITION RULES

1 Auspices.

Except as otherwise provided for in these Rules, Under-18 Friday Twilight Cricket will be conducted on Friday evenings as one or two day fixtures drawn on advice from the BHRDCA Committee of Management and in accordance with the BHRDCA Open "Competition Rules".

2 Attire.

Participants must comply with requirements of the BHRDCA Open "Competition Rules" [10(b)(iv)].

3 Match Ball.

3.1 The ball must be a Kookaburra HiViz (2-piece leather) match ball of 156 grams weight, Orange or Pink in colour.

4 Playing Conditions.

4.1 In these Rules a reference to "Team A" is a reference to the team batting first while "Team B" is the team batting second.

4.2 Any team must have at least seven players with a maximum of 13 players.

4.3 The ground is considered unfit for play when it is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowlers of a reasonable foothold, the fielders of the power of free movement, or the batters of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets. Play should not be delayed or suspended merely because the grass and the ball are wet and slippery.

4.4 An official (BHRDCUA) umpire will be appointed to each match, decisions about weather conditions allow for play to commence, resume or continue are the responsibility of the official umpire.

4.5 If a total of 60 minutes or less has been lost due to adverse weather conditions, bad light or exceptional circumstances delaying the start of play or interrupting play on one or more occasions, play may not be called off unless both team captains agree to do so.

4.6 Play is to be cancelled as required in accordance with provisions of the BHRDCA "Heat Policy". Match Officials are to ensure an adequate familiarity with the BHRDCA's "Extreme Heat Guidelines".

4.7 If less than 10 overs are bowled on the first day of a Two Day match during the "Home and Away" season, unless Team A has been dismissed, that day's play is to be cancelled and the match played as a One Day fixture on day two.

5 Player Eligibility.

- 5.1 Male players must not have attained the age of 18 years [20 years for female players] prior to 1 September preceding the current playing season.
- 5.2 Players' registration, clearance, permit and other relevant eligibility requirements will be in accordance with Rule 10 of the BHRDCA Open Competition Rules. Also refer to our "Interchange Permission" regulations and "Permit Guidelines".
 - 5.2.1 Under-18 players [ie. under-18 at 1 Sep] may interchange freely between Premier or Sub District cricket and the BHRDCA Under-18 Competition without need of a permit under 10(d)(ii) of the BHRDCA Open Competition Rules.
- 5.3 Open Competition Rule 10(a)(vii) "Responsibility for Compliance" applies to eligibility compliance monitoring obligations in this competition.
- 5.4 Inclusion of ineligible player(s) will result in the offending team being deemed to have forfeited.

6 Start of Play.

All matches are scheduled to commence at 5:00pm EDT but later [or earlier] start times are permissible giving due regard to the time of sunset and projected duration of the match. Such varied start times are to be arranged by agreement between competing Clubs at least 24 hours in advance. Notice of any such agreement must be advised by the home Club to the Association Secretary no later than 8pm on the evening prior to game-day. Should a dispute arise during negotiations between participating Clubs then the Association Secretary is authorized to render a determination.

7 Two Day Games.

- 7.1 If the start of play on the first day is not delayed and if Team A's 1st innings is not interrupted, Team A's 1st innings is to be compulsorily closed at the end of 45 overs play on day one, unless dismissed beforehand.
- 7.2 If the start of play on day one is delayed and/or Team A's first innings is interrupted, Team A's first innings is to be compulsorily closed on day two after Team A has received one over for every seven minutes lost on the first day less one over for every four minutes delay or interruption on day two before compulsory closure.
- 7.3 If Team A's first innings was compulsorily closed, Team B's first innings is to be compulsorily closed after it has received the same number of overs as Team A received.
- 7.4 If team A's first innings is subject to loss of time on day one it can be completed on the second day. Completion of team A's first innings shall be when it has received half 'the total number of overs on day one added to the number of overs to be bowled on day two'. Team B is entitled to face the remaining overs unless dismissed or the overs are further reduced by interruption.

7.4.1 Example: Team A receives 35 overs on the first day, it is therefore entitled to receive a further four overs on day two before Team B bats. $35+4=39$. Team B is entitled to face the remaining 39 overs.

8 One Day Games.

8.1 If the start of play is not delayed, and if Team A's first innings is not interrupted, Team A's first innings is to be compulsorily closed after Team A has received 20 overs.

8.2 If the start of play is delayed, or if Team A's innings is interrupted it is to be compulsorily closed on receiving half the total number of overs calculated to remain after reducing the day's scheduled 40 overs by one for every full 3½ minutes of playing time lost.

8.3 Team B's innings is to be compulsorily closed after it has received the same number of overs as Team A was entitled to receive before compulsory closure.

8.4 Overs are to be bowled along twenty lines consecutively from one end alternating only every five overs to reduce playing time and avoid poor light conditions later in the evening.

8.5 For the purposes of this rule, an over that has not been completed will count as a completed over.

9 Semi Finals and Grand Finals.

Semi-Finals and Grand-Finals are to be played as Two Day Games and conducted under the same Rules as Home and Away fixtures.

10 Drinks Breaks and Intervals Between Innings.

10.1 There will be a 10 minute interval between innings in all matches.

10.2 Unless there has been an interval between innings less than 15 minutes beforehand, a 10 minute drinks break is to be taken at the completion of the over in progress at 6:30pm EDT [or at a comparable and mutually agreeable stage of the evening for games with a varied start time under Rule 2].

10.3 In hot weather, extra drinks breaks may be taken at times agreed by the team managers/captains before the start of play.

10.4 If a wicket falls during the last over before a scheduled drinks break, the drinks break is to be taken immediately.

11 Follow On.

Team B may be compelled to follow on if its first innings score is 50 runs or more behind Team A's first innings score.

12 Batting.

12.1 A batter is to be compulsorily retired immediately his/her score reaches 100., (50 in a one day game)

12.2 A batter may be non-compulsorily retired by the team manager/captain at any time (ie. Retired not-out).

12.3 A batter may be non-compulsorily retired twice, but the second non-compulsory retirement will be deemed to be a dismissal (ie. Retired out).

12.4 A batter who was compulsorily retired –

12.4.1 may not return to bat ahead of a player who has not batted; and

12.4.2 may not return to bat ahead of a player who was non-compulsorily retired.

12.5 A batter who was non-compulsorily retired may not return to bat ahead of a player who has not batted.

12.6 If two or more batters were compulsorily retired, they are to return to bat in the order of their retirement.

12.7 If two or more batters were non-compulsorily retired, they are to return to bat in the order of lowest to highest score, or in the order listed in the scorebook if two or more of them made the same score.

12.8 If a batter who was compulsorily or non-compulsorily retired fails to return to bat, he/she will be deemed to be dismissed unless the failure to return to bat was due to injury or illness in which case the player is “Retired Hurt”.

13 Bowling.

13.1 No player may bowl –

13.1.1 more than 6 overs within the first 30 overs of an innings,

13.1.2 more than 5 overs in an innings in a One Day match,

13.1.3 more than 12 overs in an innings in a Two Day match.

13.1.4 bowlers will alternatively bowl 5 overs sets from one end before changing

14 No Balls & Wides.

14.1 The “Laws of Cricket” [Law 24] apply except as varied under Rule 8 of the BHRDCA Open “Competition Rules”.

15 Awards.

15.1 Pennants are to be awarded for the Premiers in each grade.

15.2 Trophies may be awarded for the highest batting average and the lowest bowling average at the end of “Home and Away” matches.

15.3 To be eligible for an average trophy, a player must have –

15.3.1 batted in at least six innings and scored at least 200 runs,

15.3.2 bowled at least 40 overs and taken at least 20 wickets.

15.4 Umpires will cast 3-2-1 best player votes after each match. All votes shall be tallied at the end of season Presentation Night and the highest vote scorer will be awarded the Doug Rickarby Medal for the Competition Player of the Year.

- 16 Joint Team** – To aid with growth of the competition beyond a single grade, subject to appropriate approval and under terms specified from time to time, Clubs may combine resources to enter a team jointly.