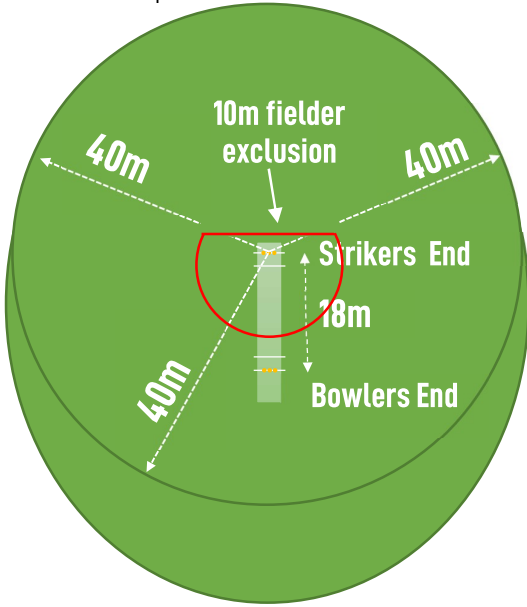


JUNIOR CRICKET STAGE 2 U12s Rules 2026/27



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AGE	U12 as at 1 st September 2026 (U13 for girls)				
ELIBILITY	Players must be registered online in PlayHQ before they can play.				
COACH	Accredited Community Level 1 Coach				
GAME TYPE	30 overs maximum				
BALL	Red Kookaburra 142g Leather ball only				
TIME	3 hours				
EQUIPMENT	- British Standard BS7928:2013 Helmet's must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. Stem guards are strongly recommended. - Pads, Gloves and Protector must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. - Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions or personal preference. - Bat size: Size 5/6 (<2lb or <900gm) is recommended. 1 set of portable stumps with bails 1 set of standard stumps with bails - Measuring tape to measure pitch length and boundary. - Boundary markers (cones). - Chalk or tape to mark crease.				
BOUNDARY AND PITCH LENGTH	18m Stump to Stump 40m Circle from striker's end stumps. - Portable stumps at bowlers end. 				
TEAM	6 Minimum, 11 Maximum per team. - Recommended is 9 players per team. 9 Maximum on field at any given time.				
INNINGS	1 innings of 30 overs (180 balls) per team.				
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UMPIRING	• The fielding side appointed umpire is the controlling umpire for each innings. • All wides and no-balls will not be re-bowled. • A wide or leg-side wide will be called only if the ball when bowled on the matting then deviates off the matting prior to the batting crease line. • Bouncers over shoulder height are no-balls. • No Ball to be called when a ball is bowled above waist high on the full or over shoulder height after bouncing. • Any ball bouncing more than once before reaching the popping (batsmen's) crease is a No Ball. • No Ball must be called when a ball is bowled onto the side of the concrete pitch or hits the straps or bowled on the grass, even if they deviate in any direction. Batters can hit these balls. • Umpires are directed to call 'Dead Ball' for a ball that acts in an unnatural manner after striking the gap on hard wicket matting. This ball is to be re-bowled. • Any ball that is played at by a batter that has both feet completely off the pitch shall be called No Ball, Dead Ball. This is to ensure the safety of the fielding side. • Any ball that stops before reaching the batting (popping) crease shall be called No Ball, Dead Ball. This is to ensure the safety of the fielding side.																																			
BREAKS	• 3 minute Drinks break at 15 overs. • 10 minute break at the close of the 1st team's innings. • Extra drinks to be negotiated between coaches where required i.e. due to heat.																																			
ISSUES	• See scjca.com.au for the bylaws covering the Incident process and the expected code of conduct.																																			

Clarifications & Changes from last season highlighted in yellow