

HRDJCA Under 16 Rules 2023/24

Matches will be played either in One Day (20/20 or alternative one day format) or Two Day Split Innings Format. For 20/20 Rules refer T20 Rules Under Rules on HRDJCA Website. Both formats to commence at 8.30am (weather permitting) and must conclude before 11.45am - this allows sufficient time for curators to prepare/remark turf wickets for senior cricket matches in the afternoon. Kookaburra 2 piece 156g balls to be used for all matches.

If Day 1 of a two Day match is washed out Day 2 will be played in T20 Format.

Two Day Match Rules (Split innings)

1. On day 1 play to commence at 8.30am with first batting team (Team A) to bat for 20 overs. The second batting team (Team B) then also receives 20 overs to complete Day 1. If the 2nd day of play is washed out the team with the highest total after Day 1 will win the match regardless of wickets lost. Play to cease no later than 11.45am on Day 1.
2. On Day 2 play to again commence at 8.30am. The Team A not out batters from Day1 to resume their innings and that team to continue batting to their team has received the maximum 40 overs or been dismissed. After Team A has received their 40 overs (or been dismissed) Team B recommences their 1st innings with the not our batters from Day 1. Match continues to a result has been achieved.
3. Once a result has been achieved on the 1st innings if time allows:
 - a) Play can continue with an outright result possible. The split innings(2x 20 overs) only applies to the 1st innings of a match so once a match has been decided on the 1st innings both teams have the opportunity to bat for 40 overs maximum in their 2nd innings without interruption.
 - b) Coaches may agree to play on for a specifically agreed number of overs to give a players some extra playing opportunities. In these circumstances scoring would not continue. Play must conclude by 11.45am on Day 2.
4. **Player Restrictions -**
 - Batters-** Batters to retire on reaching 50 runs but may return in order of retirement once all other players in the batting team have been dismissed. An innings will be concluded when 10 wickets have fallen. A batter may also retire(without penalty) for less than 50 runs in order to give another player inn his team a batting opportunity.
 - Bowlers -** Bowlers are restricted to 6 overs per innings with no more than 4 overs to be bowled in a spell.
5. If a team has 12 players all can bat but the innings is concluded after 10 wickets fall.
6. Matches to be played on either turf or synthetic and if the surface changes from Day 1 to Day 2 this will not affect the matches. Both teams will have had the opportunity to bat and/or bowl on the same surface for the same number of overs on both days.
7. In unusual circumstances coaches in agreement may alter the maximum numbers of overs bowled on one day. For example if play could not start to 9.30am because of wet weather the coaches may agree only 15 overs to be bowled by each team on that day.

While not all situations can be foreseen playing the game “**In The Spirit of the Game**” will result in cricket being played in a positive manner.