

# Junior Guidelines & Rules 2026-27 Season



## All Girls Under 12s

| Guidelines & Rules                  | All Girls Under 12s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Rules Reference                                                 |
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| <b>Age Limit</b>                    | Under 12 on 1 <sup>st</sup> September. Dispensation is required for older players.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                 |
| <b>Description of Format</b>        | Based on CA Stage 1 Format                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                 |
| <b>Coach Accreditation</b>          | Accredited Community Coach (Level 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2.9.2                                                           |
| <b>WWCC</b>                         | Compulsory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                 |
| <b>Rule Reference</b>               | 2.9.2<br>Safety rules – 1.2 (includes Thunderstorms, restricted area, protective equipment such as helmets, blood rule Extreme heat guidelines are in rule 1.2.6, unsuitable weather in 1.2.7<br>Bowling injury prevention 1.2.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Match rule 2.9.2<br>Safety rules<br>1.3, 1.2.6, 1.2.7 and 1.2.8 |
| <b>Overs</b>                        | 20 Overs (1 Day Matches Only)<br><br>Valid Game – Each team must face 10 overs for a match to be a valid game – rule 1.2.7 paragraph 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2.9.2                                                           |
| <b>Pitch &amp; Stumps</b>           | <b>Pitch:</b> 16m length stump to stump Mown outfield wicket or synthetic wicket<br><b>Stumps:</b> Full size stumps & bails                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>2.9.2 para 6</b>                                             |
| <b>Boundary</b>                     | 40m measured from the center of the wicket                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2.9.2 para 5                                                    |
| <b>Ball</b>                         | 110g Kooka Softaball red                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 |
| <b>Players</b>                      | Number of players in a side: 7<br>Minimum number of players in a side: 5<br>7 players on the field at any one time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2.9.2 para 7                                                    |
| <b>Team Playing Equipment</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Kooka Softa ball (red) (each team will provide their own ball)</li> <li>Measuring tape to measure boundary</li> <li>Boundary markers</li> <li>Two sets of stumps with bails – one set to be portable</li> <li>Scorebooks, one for each team</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                 |
| <b>Players Equipment and safety</b> | Helmet with grill (to be worn at <b>all</b> times by <b>all</b> batter & <b>all</b> wicketkeepers, Bat, Gloves, Pads, Protector. Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions and/or personal preference.<br>Under 12 Girls cannot field in the 10m safety zone – see rule 1.2.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2.9.2 para 3                                                    |
| <b>Fielding</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotation of players is recommended.</li> <li>Fielders not permitted to field within restricted area (rule 1.2.2) - <b>10 meters</b> from bat except behind square on offside</li> <li>Each team is required to use two wicket keepers - Change wicketkeepers after 10 overs so every one bowls</li> <li>If more than 7 players, rotation of players must be completed at the end of each over.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2.9.2 para 11                                                   |
| <b>Bowling</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 balls per over maximum – wides and no-balls are NOT re-bowled in any over</li> <li>All players to bowl a minimum of 2 overs each, except the two wicketkeepers who are to bowl a minimum of 1 over</li> <li>9 players – 4 players bowl 3 overs, 3 players bowl 2 overs each, 2 wicket keepers are to bowl minimum of 1 over each</li> <li>8 player team – 6 players bowl 3 overs, 2 wicketkeepers are to bowl minimum of 1 over each</li> <li>7 player team - 3 players bowl 4 overs, 2 players bowl 3 overs, 2 wicket keepers are to bowl minimum of 1 over each</li> <li>6 player team – all bowlers bowl 2 overs</li> <li>5 player team = 3 players bowl 2 overs each, 2 players bowl 3 overs</li> </ul> <p>Bowlers generally change ends after half the overs have been bowled</p> | 2.9.2 para 10                                                   |

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|                      | <p>Bowling from one end</p> <p>All overs in a match may be bowled from one end if conditions require. For example pooled water on one run-up, damaged wicket at one end (bat from the other end), construction zone at one end and it is deemed appropriate to hit away from that zone, creek or river on the leg side when batting. These are examples only.</p> <p>In U12 All Girls grades, all overs may be bowled from one end, irrespective of conditions.</p> <p>Agreement must be reached BEFORE the match commences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both team managers and independent umpires must agree to bowl from one end</li> <li>- All overs, in all innings, must be bowled from the same end.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              |               |
| <b>Batting</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size 4 bat recommended</li> <li>• All batters are to retire after facing nominated number of balls – wides and no-balls are counted in number of balls faced.</li> <li>• No early retirements unless -player is injured</li> <li>• Batter receives a free hit off a cone for no-balls and wides – maximum two free hits per over</li> <li>• Unlimited dismissals</li> <li>• Where a wicket is taken, FOUR runs is added to the fielding teams batting score.</li> </ul> <p>5 players – batter faces 24 balls<br/> 6 players – batter faces 20 balls<br/> 7 players – batter faces 17 balls<br/> 8 players – batter faces 15 balls<br/> 9 players – batter faces 13 balls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following dismissals apply – Bowled, Caught, Run Out, Stumped, Hit Wicket</li> </ul> <p><b>LBW does not apply</b></p> | ]2.9.2 para 9 |
| <b>Umpires</b>       | <p>Umpire fees<br/> Single umpire \$100 – 2 umpires \$80 each</p> <p>If no independent umpire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach of the team batting will umpire at bowler's end</li> <li>• Coach or team manager of the team fielding will be square leg umpire</li> <li>• Square leg umpire determines run outs at batters end and stumpings</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Rule 1.13     |
| <b>Match Results</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All scores / results and player statistics must be entered into PlayHQ within 72 hours after the start of a game (e.g. 5.30pm Wednesday start, all stats in by 5.00pm Saturday at latest)</li> </ul> <p>Need to dispute a match – refer rule 4.2.1 – <a href="#">Disputed match result Form</a><br/> Need to protest a match result – refer rule 4.2.2 – <a href="#">Protested match result form</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| <b>Finals</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All teams play finals</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |

Note: Junior Guidelines & Rules must be read in conjunction with 2026-27 NWMCA Match Rules and By-Laws handbook. Clubs, Junior Coordinators, Junior Coaches & Team Managers must ensure that they are aware of the full list of rules as published in the Rule Book. Where a discrepancy exists between this document and the playing