

Junior Formats

Stage 1 (U12)

Description: A format that looks to further develop the cricket skills of kids that are playing their 1st or 2nd year of junior cricket. The emphasis here is on continuous and active participation, where all players get to bat, bowl and field.

Key Objectives:

- Better Skills
- More Action
- Time of Task
- More Fun

	Batting	Bowling	Fielding
Better Skills	Learning to hit a ball on two sides of the field – vertical and horizontal shots Run between the wickets with judgement and calling	Bowl overarm 16m with a straight arm within batters reach	Catch and throw over 30m
More Action	More gaps and more chance to score off every ball	More wicket-taking opportunities	More active and less standing still
Time on Task	Everyone gets equal opportunity	Everyone gets a minimum of 2 overs	Fewer fielders means more opportunities to run, throw and catch
More Fun	Bigger scores! More boundaries, more runs off the bat	Less wides and more time with the ball in play	Less fielders and shorter boundaries will mean fielders will need to be on the game!

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Game Type	T20
Players	8
Pitch	16m (18 yards) Turf or artificial surface can be used. We recommend artificial surfaces for junior cricket
Time	120mins (2 hours)
Boundary Size	35m
Overs	20 overs per team (120 balls)
Batting	T20 pairs cricket Each batting pair will bat for 5 overs No dismissals (batters swap ends) Bowling team receive '4 runs' to their team total for every wicket they take (no deducting runs from the batting team) Retirement: 17 balls Retired batters can return when all others have batted, in the order they retired Wides and no balls that are not scored from do not count towards ball faced
Bowling	All players to bowl All bowling takes place from one end only Min 2 overs and max 3 overs per player Max 8 balls per over
Fielding	No fielders within 10m with exception of regulation (offside) slips, gully and wicket keeper Wicketkeeper to change once during each innings
Dismissals	All forms of dismissal apart from LBW
Equipment	Ball – Incrediball or 4 ¾ oz hardball 2 sets of stumps with base and bails Pitch length and boundary measure Boundary markers Chalk/tape to mark crease

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