

Playing Conditions

Zuoz Junior Festival of Cricket 2022

Organizational

All teams need to provide a scorer and umpire for each match. Both scorers should score the match and ensure they are in sync as to the scores. Umpires should have at least a Swiss FOCUS Level 1 or ECB Stage 1 (or equivalent) qualification.

The umpires are responsible for the toss being made 15 minutes before a match begins so that teams are ready to start punctually.

Laws

The [Laws of Cricket 2017 Code 2nd Edition 2019](#) shall apply except when varied with the tournament playing conditions below.

Teams shall consist of at least 8 players (U9), 9 players (U11+). The exact team size may be up to 11, depending on the available number of players on the day, as agreed by the age group director. None of the players are allowed to be over-age unless with express permission of the tournament organizer or age group director.

Where one team has more players than the other, an agreement between the team's coaches and the tournament director shall be reached on the exact format (borrowed player; allowing a player to bat twice etc).

Borrowed super-subs (players that can bat and bowl) may be permitted to ensure equal sized teams if insufficient players are available to make up the teams.

Super-subs will bat last in each innings and will be restricted to bowling 2 overs.

Note that if a borrowed player misses a match for their "main team" to play for another team, then they are considered to be a full playing member and not a "super-sub".

All batters and wicket keepers in all competitions are required to wear protective equipment (helmet with face guard, gloves, abdo guard, batting/keeper pads).

For U9 the pitch length shall be 15 yards.

For U11 the pitch length shall be 17 yards.

For U13 the pitch length shall be 19 yards.

For U15 the pitch length shall be 22 yards.

For **U11**, **U13**, **U15** pink outdoor balls of appropriate size will be provided. As the matches are short, on average one ball per match will be used. To minimise any advantage, the first game will use two new balls. The second game will use the two used balls from the first, and switch back to two new balls for the next game. If a format has a final, the final will use two new balls.

For **U9** a plastic, bouncy ball will be used which will not require changing.

Competition format

2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie or no-result (e.g. abandonment).

U9: the teams will play each other twice over the weekend with the winner determined by points.

U11: the teams will play each other in a round robin over the two days followed by a final (of the top two teams) and a 3rd/4th play off.

U13: the teams will play each other in a round robin over the two days followed by a final (of the top two teams) and a 3rd/4th play off.

U15: the teams will play each other in a round robin over the two days followed by a final (of the top two teams) and a 3rd/4th play off.

In the event of teams finishing level on points, the result of the match played between those 2 teams will decide the winner.

If the match played between the 2 sides was a tie, or multiple teams are level on points and they have beaten each other, then the result will be decided by the Net Run Rate.

Length of the matches

It is vital that the umpires push the teams along throughout the games to maximize use of the time. Subject to restricting the number of overs for overrunning time, all **outdoor matches** will be played as follows:

U9: 16 overs / 55 minutes per innings

U11: 18 overs / 62 minutes per innings

U13: 18 overs / 62 minutes per innings

U15: 18 overs / 62 minutes per innings

Each innings must be completed as above-mentioned, with a maximum of a 10 minutes interval between innings.

The fielding side must start the last over on or before the last minute of the innings (subject to time taken out due to injury or other unavoidable delay), or points will be deducted.

Each innings must be completed within the time allotted minutes, with a maximum of a ten-minute interval between innings.

Coaching During Matches

In general coaching from the side / middle is to be discouraged. At **U11** and below this rule may be relaxed for educational reasons, but in no cases should the umpire/coach take over from the captain (it is preferable for the on field umpire to have the conversation rather than the coach shouting from the side). Acceptable examples might be:

- Telling an obviously beginner level batter that they have taken guard in an unusual place
- Reminding the captain that there is a left-hand/right-hand batter
- Reminding the captain that the fielders have left their places
- Reminding the captain about bowling restrictions (e.g. that someone hasn't yet bowled, or is about to bowl their last over)
- Reminding the batters of the match situation - e.g. you have 5 overs left and need 50 runs

What is not acceptable

- Directly moving the field
- Telling a batsman what shot they should have played

In any age group it is not considered coaching to warn a bowler that they are close to bowling a wide/no-ball.

Bowling

All fielders (except the wicket keeper, unless a voluntary change of keepers occurs in which case both must bowl at least one over) must bowl one over. In the case of a preexisting injury which prevents a player from bowling, this must be disclosed to the umpires by the coach before play starts.

The wicket-keeper may also bowl if a wicket-keeper change has been agreed with the umpires before the match. Every effort to reduce the time taken for a change must be taken (e.g. having another player field for an over; at a fall of wicket; ensuring keeping kit is as close to the fielder, outside the boundary, as possible). If a wicket-keeper change is made, the two keepers will share a single bowling entitlement. If a wicket keeper change is forced due to injury, time shall be granted (as with other injuries), otherwise the wicket keeper change will have to occur within the timings in [Length of the matches](#).

U11, U13 and U15 : No more than 3 overs are to be bowled by any individual.

Super-subbs will be restricted to bowling 2 overs.

Batting

In the **U9, U11 and U13** matches, when a batter reaches a total of **20** they shall retire (not out).
In the **U15** matches, when a batter reaches a total of **25** they shall retire (not out).

Retired batters must return in the order of their retirement and take the place of dismissed or retiring batter. If, on resumption, the batter scores a further maximum total, they will, once again, retire before resuming again in sequence. The final 2 batters may continue batting until the final wicket falls or the innings is completed.

To promote inclusion, the coach may **voluntarily** retire (not out) a batter if they reach a certain number of balls (legitimate deliveries or no-balls) before having reached the mandatory retirement score. This threshold shall be:

U11 matches **20** balls

U13 matches **20** balls

U15 matches **20** balls

Other than this, no batter is allowed to retire (not out) voluntarily unless through injury or illness sustained during the game. A batter may retire (out) at any point.

Super-subbs bat last.

Fielding

In addition to the provisions set out in Law 28, for safety reasons, a fielder may not stand closer than the distance below from the batsman's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball, regardless of protective equipment.

- **U13** and below - 10 meters (11 yards)
- **U15** - 7.3 meters (8 yards)

No-ball

In addition to the foot-fall and >2 fielders behind square leg laws, a No-ball shall be called:

- for **U9**, **U11** and **U13** if the ball after pitching rises and passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batter standing upright at the crease (a bouncer), or
 - for **U15**, one bouncer per over is allowed (and the umpire shall indicate to the batters and fielding team when this has been bowled), however any ball that passes or would have passed above the top of the head of the batter standing upright at the crease shall be called no-ball and count as the bouncer for the over. Any bouncers after the one for the over has been called shall be called no-ball.
- if a full toss is bowled that passes or would have passed above waist height of the batter standing upright at the crease, or
- if the ball bounces more than twice (for **U9** and **U11**) / once (for **U13** and **U15**) or rolls along the ground before the popping crease.
- if the ball pitches off the mat (where an artificial pitch is used).

The penalty for a No-Ball shall be **2 no-ball extras**.

There will **not** be an extra ball to compensate for any No-Ball bowled, except for the last over of the innings.

Wide Ball

Judging a Wide. Umpires are instructed to apply a consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket, especially on the Leg side.

It is expected more leeway is given for younger age groups than older.

Umpires should try to be consistent:

- in their own interpretation
- with the interpretation of their colleagues
- with the interpretation adopted throughout the whole tournament.

The penalty for a Wide Ball shall be **2 wide extras**.

There will not be an extra ball to compensate for any Wide bowled, except for the last over of the innings. A wide delivery shall not count as a ball faced for that batter.

Modes of Dismissal

The modes of dismissal contained in the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code 2nd Edition 2019 shall apply.

Age Group Directors

Each age group director is responsible for sticking on match plan, the match balls, any disputes¹, the awarding of points for the matches, and the awards in his age group at the end of the tournament for the:

- Best batter (most runs)
- Best bowler (most wickets)
- Best fielder (most run outs and/or catches and/or stumpings) or spirit of cricket
- Best Wicket Keeper

A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

¹ In the unexpected case of dispute (this is a junior cricket tournament), the word of the age group directors is final; they may call upon Manish Marwaha as organizer of the tournament for advice

Age Group Directors are:

U9: Chris Coulson

U11: Ganesh Sharma

U13: Sultan Ali Khan

U15: Michael Hall