



Secondary Schools Cricket Premier Girls Playing Conditions

These playing conditions are to be read and applied in conjunction with the Secondary Schools Cricket General Playing Conditions 2024.

1. THE COMPETITION

1.1 Term One: Each team shall play each other team once. At the conclusion of these matches there shall be finals played as specified below.

(a) **Finals:** Finals shall be played for 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th place. The winner of the 1v2 final will be the Auckland Champion. If the final is cancelled or abandoned, the winner of the match will be determined by the superior team at the end of the round robin.

(b) **Relegation:** The 8th placed team after the completed final will be automatically relegated to the 1A grade for the following season if the winner or runner-up of the 1A grade is a 1st XI team. If neither of these sides is a 1st XI, a play-off game prior to the 2023 season will be played against the highest placing 1st XI in the 1A grade (This match to be played in 2023 at least one week prior to the season commencing).

N.B. Dates for any play-off games will be scheduled once teams are known.

(c) **National Qualifier Tournament:** The tournament is open entry and will be held during Summer Tournament Week. The winner of the 1v2 final will represent Auckland at the New Zealand Secondary School Nationals. If a winner cannot be found due to the tournament not being completed (i.e. weather affected), the national qualifier will be the Auckland Premier winner.

1.2 Playing Dates:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Wednesday 7 th February	Wednesday 14 th February	Monday 19 th February	Wednesday 21 st February
Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Finals
Wednesday 28 th February	Monday 4 th March	Wednesday 6 th March	Wednesday 13 th March

2. THE PITCH

2.1 All matches in this competition in Term 1 are to be allocated by College Sport Auckland and ACA to be played on grass wickets. If the grass strip allocated for the fixture is deemed unplayable by either the groundsman or ACA Umpire, the ACA umpire has the sole discretion to transfer the match onto the adjacent artificial pitch. If a game is started on grass it cannot be transferred mid game and vice versa.

College Sport Auckland and ACA reserves the right to transfer any match from its allocated pitch at any time prior to the day of the match, if, upon inspection, that pitch is deemed unsuitable for play

having regard to the level of the grade scheduled for that pitch. College Sport Auckland and ACA may disregard 'home' advantage when reallocating the match to a suitable pitch.

3. HOURS OF PLAY

3.1 All players must be at the ground for the toss by 4pm. The team (minimum of 7 players present) arriving late (after 4pm) forfeits the toss. Play must commence promptly at 4:15pm (or earlier if both teams are ready and willing prior to 4:15pm).



3.2 First Innings: 4:15pm - 5:30pm
 Interval: 5:30pm – 5:40pm
 Second Innings: 5:40pm - 6:55pm

3.3 **Drinks breaks:** There are no scheduled drinks breaks. Umpires may, at their discretion, allow one drinks break per innings at the fall of a wicket or end of an over.

4. LIMITATIONS OF INNINGS

4.1 **Number of Innings:** Each match will consist of two innings on one day.

4.2 **Number of Overs:** Each team shall bat for one innings which will consist of a maximum of 20 overs. Further to this;

- (a) The first innings must finish after one hour and fifteen minutes, regardless of if the 20 overs have been bowled.
- (b) If the team bowling first does not achieve 20 overs within the time limit and does not bowl the opposition out, then they shall be entitled to receive only the number of overs that they bowled.
- (c) If the team bowling first bowls the batting side out in less than 20 overs, then they shall be entitled to receive the maximum of 20 overs in their batting innings.

4.3 If daylight saving no longer exists, each innings will be limited to one hour's duration with a minimum of 13 overs per innings.

5. LATE START

5.1 **Reduction of overs:** In the event of a late start for any reason, the number of overs to be bowled in respect of the match shall be calculated by allocating one over for each complete 3.75 minutes of playing time remaining until the scheduled closing time for the game. Each team shall be entitled to bat for half of the total overs remaining.

6. INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO WEATHER

6.1 If weather interferes with play, the maximum number of overs in that match shall be reduced by a deduction of one over for each complete 3.75 minutes of playing time lost, for example, if eight minutes is lost, two overs shall be deducted, or if 14 minutes lost, three overs shall be deducted.

6.2 If an interruption occurs in the innings of the team batting first, the number of overs both teams are to play shall be reduced by a deduction equal to half the total number of overs lost. Should an uneven number of overs be lost, each team shall lose half of the next highest even number, for example, if seven overs lost, each team shall lose four overs.

6.3 **Second Innings Target:** If due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than originally allotted, then a revised target score (to win) will be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing – this revised target being calculated by the Duckworth Lewis Method.

- (a) Duckworth Lewis software is accessible via the following links;
<https://www.playhq.com/>
- (b) Where software application and/or Internet unavailability prevents use of Duckworth Lewis at any time during the match the following provisions shall apply:
 - i. The target score to be passed to win the match shall be calculated by multiplying the revised total number of overs for the innings by the average runs per over scored by the team batting first.

If the team batting first was dismissed in less than its full entitlement of overs the calculation of the run rate shall be based on the full number of overs to which it was entitled.

7. THE RESULT (LAW 16)



- 7.1 **Completion of match:** Each match shall be completed in one day. The team batting second shall bat until it achieves more runs than that scored by the other team or until ten of its players are dismissed or until the maximum number of overs which are to be bowled in that innings is bowled, whichever is sooner.
- 7.2 **No result:** If play has been abandoned in a match and less than 5 overs have been faced by the team batting second, an 'abandoned match' shall be declared. Where the match has been abandoned and the team batting second has faced 5 or more overs (but less than 20 overs) and has not completed its innings, its target score shall be calculated in accordance with clause 6.3.
- 7.3 **Tied matches:** If a match ends with both sides tied on the same number of runs scored (irrespective of the number of wickets lost), the match points shall be shared between the two sides. Where the match is a knockout fixture (such as a final of a competition) the result of the match will be determined as follows:
- (a) In the event of a tied final match, the teams shall compete in a Super Over to determine which team is the winner (refer attached Appendix I of the General Playing Conditions).
 - (b) If following a tie, weather conditions prevent the Super Over or Bowl Out from being completed, the match will be abandoned and postponed to the Reserve Date, if it is the Reserve Date, the following will be used to deem the superior side:
 - i. The team who lost the least number of wickets in the innings.
 - ii. If still equal, the team whose batters hit the most boundaries (fours and sixes).
 - iii. If still equal, the higher seeded team at the completion of the round robin stage.

8. BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

- 8.1 No bowler shall bowl more than one-fifth of the total number of overs available in an innings. In an uninterrupted innings of 20 overs a bowler may bowl a maximum of 4 overs.

9. FIELDING RESTRICTIONS

- 9.1 At the instance of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the legside.
- 9.2 At the instance of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the boundary, or on fields where it is marked, the inner ring.
- 9.3 In the event of an infringement of either of the above fielding restrictions, the umpire shall call and signal "No Ball".

10. WIDES

- 10.1 **Re-Bowl:** Any delivery signalled a Wide Ball shall not be re-bowled except for in the last over of the innings.
- 10.2 **Penalty:** A penalty of two runs shall be awarded for a Wide Ball. Except for in the final over of an innings where Wides are being re-bowled, it shall only count as one penalty run.

11. NO BALLS

- 11.1 **Re-Bowl:** Any delivery signalled a No Ball shall not be re-bowled except for in the last over of the innings.
- 11.2 **Penalty:** A penalty of two runs shall be awarded for a No Ball. Except for in the final over of an innings where No Balls are being re-bowled, it shall only count as one penalty run.
- 11.3 A bowler shall be allowed to bowl one short pitched delivery per over. In the event of the bowler bowling more than one fast short pitched delivery in an over, the umpire shall call and signal No-ball and invoke the procedures of cautioning as described in



Law 42.7 (a), (b) and (c). The above regulation is not a substitute for Law 42.6 which umpires may apply at any time.

11.4 Free Hit

The delivery following a No Ball called (all modes of no ball) shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No Ball or a Wide Ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No Ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called a Wide Ball.

Neither field changes nor the exchange of individuals between fielding positions are permitted for free hit deliveries unless:

- a. There is a change of striker; or
- b. The No Ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach in which case the field may be changed to the extent of correcting the breach.

N.B. For the avoidance of doubt, a free hit will only apply to the first 5 balls of the over. If a no ball is bowled on the 6th ball there will be no re bowl, 2 runs will apply.

The last over of the innings will continue until a legitimate delivery is bowled to the batter.

12. BALLS PER OVER

12.1 Balls per Over: Only six balls are to be bowled per over. With the exception of the last over in each innings when all Wides and No Balls are to be re-bowled.

13. BALL

13.1 A new Kookaburra Water Resistant Crown Pink 142 gm is to be used at the start of each innings.