

# Blacktown PSSA

## Senior Cricket Rules

**Number of Players: Twelve**

### **BATTING:**

- \* Players bat in pairs for two overs each (see Team Shortages below).
- \* Batters swap sides at the end of each over and whenever a wicket is lost.
- \* **Safety Equipment:** It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that any player using a wooden bat, wears a helmet. In this instance the wicket keeper must also wear a helmet.
- \* A batting pair that do not lose a wicket during their two overs are rewarded with a bonus of half the runs they scored.
- \* Remind next pair of batters to be ready to bat when it is their turn.
- \* Batters must have their bat or foot grounded over the bowling crease; if the bat is in the air, they may be run out.
- \* Batters can be dismissed in the following ways: bowled, caught, run out, stumped, leg-before-wicket (LBW) or hit wicket (when the batter hits the stumps with their bat when attempting to play a shot).

### **BOWLING:**

- \* **A plastic Incrediball is to be used in games.**
- \* 6 ball overs, maximum 8 balls per over allowing for two extra deliveries in the case of no-balls or wides.
- \* All overs are bowled from the same end.
- \* Any other extras in the form of no-balls and wides are to be counted as part of the over with the runs added to the extras column.
- \* Players may bowl a maximum of two overs.
- \* Discourage excessively long run-ups if you are pressed for time.

## **EXTRAS:**

**WIDES:** any ball which is obviously out of reach of the batter as they stand in their normal batting position (if the batter hits the ball it cannot be a wide). One run is added to the extras column. Players must run **2 runs** on a **wide** which the wicket keeper misses to earn 2 runs to the extras. If they run 1, they still only earn one run in the extras.

## **NO-BALLS:**

- when a ball passes above the batter's waist on the full as they stand in their normal batting position,
- when a ball bounces above the batter's shoulders as they stand in their normal batting position,
- any bowl which lands off the pitch on the full,
- when a bowler obviously oversteps the bowling crease when bowling (give them a warning before calling a no-ball),
- any bowl which bounces twice,
- any bowl which rolls along the ground, and
- any ball which is thrown instead of bowled.

One run is added to the extras column.

\* Children can be run out off a wide or no ball; they can't be caught or stumped off a no-ball. When a batter hits a no-ball and scores runs, one is added to the extras column for the no-ball and the runs are added to the batter's score.

**YES** (when the wicket keeper misses the ball and the children run) and **leg byes** (when the ball is deflected off the batter's leg and the batters run) are recorded in the **extras column**.

## **FIELDING:**

\* Fielders are to stand no closer than 10 metres when fielding in front of the batting wicket or square of the wicket. It is the responsibility of the umpire to enforce this rule.

\* Close-in fielders are encouraged to wear a helmet, when a wooden bat are being used.

## **SCORING:**

- \* Score sheets are included.
- \* Please ensure that runs go into the column where they belong.
- \*To find the teams score:
  - add all the runs, bonuses, extras and 5 runs for every wicket taken.

## **TEAM SHORTAGES:**

- \* In the event of a school fielding less than 12 players the following rules apply:
  - the captain of the opposition **must** be asked to choose the member/s of the depleted team who will bat for a second time. **Remember:** no one may bowl more than two overs.
- \* It is the responsibility of coaches to inform one another of team shortages and the responsibility of the umpire to ensure that this rule is followed. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in forfeit.

## **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- \* All schools must carry a first-aid kit.
- \* All children should wear a hat.
- \* All children should take a drink.
  
- \* ***Please ensure that the area your school plays in is left tidy.***
- \* ***Discourage the fielding side from talking as the bowler runs in to bowl. If any player persists in talking as the bowler bowls or engages in "slegging" please exclude them from the game and inform the child's coach.***