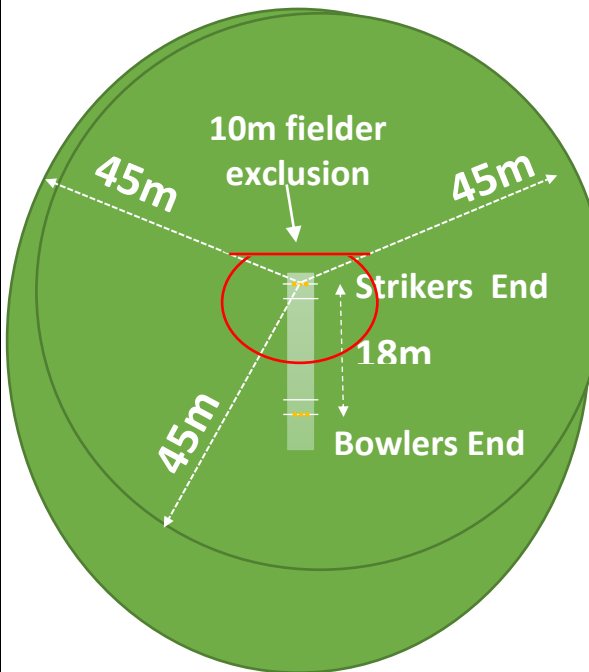






NEJCA U12 RULES

2024/2025

AGE	U12 as of 1 st September 2024
ELIBILITY	Players must be registered with the Association via Play HQ online before they can play.
BALL	NEJCA Two-Piece 142g Leather Ball
ONE DAY MATCH	28 overs maximum per side
TIMES	8:30am – 12:00 noon
INNINGS	Matches must not go past 12:10pm 1 st Innings 8:30am - 10:10am 2 nd Innings 10:20am - 12:00noon
TEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 minimum, 11 maximum per team. • Recommended are 9 players per team. • 9 maximum on the field at any given time. • Sub fielders are required from the opposition team to make 9 fielders on the ground
EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmet's must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. • Pads, Gloves and Protector must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. • Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions or personal preference.
BOUNDARY AND PITCH LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch length 18m measured Stump to Stump • Boundary: 45m Circle measured from the striker's end stumps - with a tape measure. • Boundary marked with cones/rope. • Portable stumps at bowler's end with bails. • Chalk is required to mark the crease
FULL RULES	NEJCA Full rules, fixtures, codes of behaviour and information for the season is available on the NEJCA Website: www.nejca.com.au



BATTING	PLAYERS PER TEAM					
	7	8	9 ideal	10	11	
	Max balls before 1st retirement	24	21	18	16	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired batters may return to the crease provided that all players have faced their minimum number of balls, eight wickets have not fallen, and the batter is the next highest scoring retiree. • The highest retired batter who returns to the crease can bat for a maximum of four full overs unless dismissed. If a batter returns during an over then the part over does not count towards the four full overs. • The innings is closed after 8 wickets have fallen or 28 overs have been completed regardless of a result being reached. • All deliveries faced, including wides & no-balls are to be included in the batter's ball count. • Modes of Dismissal: Bowled, Caught, Caught & Bowled, Run-Out, Stumped & Hit-Wicket. 					
BOWLING AND FIELDING	PLAYERS PER TEAM					
	7	8	9 ideal	10	11	
	Bowling : Number of overs per bowler					
	4x5 overs 1x4 overs 2x2 (wk) overs	6x4 overs 2x2 (wk) overs	3x4 overs 4x3 overs 2x2 (wk) overs	8x3 overs 2x2 (wk) overs	6x3 overs 3x2 overs 2x2 (wk) overs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 balls per over maximum except the last over where there is a maximum of 8 deliveries if 6 legal deliveries are not reached. • All players on the day must bowl. • All players must bowl two overs before any other player bowls a third over. • All players must bowl a third over (exception wicket keepers) before any player bowls a fourth. • All players must bowl a fourth over (exception wicket keepers) before any player bowls a fifth. • Wides & no-balls will incur a 1 run penalty. • Rotation of fielders is required to ensure players experience all positions. • No fielders within 10 metres of the batter (exception: wicketkeeper). • Teams are required to have two wicketkeepers (14 overs each) • Teams with more than 9 players present at a match, will be required to rotate players onto the field. 						



These NEJCA U12 Rules are to be read in conjunction with the full U12 Playing Conditions, By Laws and Codes of Behaviour that are available on the NEJCA Website: www.nejca.com.au

WIDE	Any ball passing outside the reach of a batting player in their normal batting stance that DOES NOT bounce off the pitch. Will incur a one run penalty.	SEASON DATES	Sunday 13 th October - Sunday 15 th December 2024
NO BALL	Full toss above waist height of the batter in a standing position - called by the square leg umpire. Above shoulder height of the batter, in an upright standing position from a short pitched ball - called by the square leg umpire A ball that bounces more than once OR rolls along the ground before it reaches the popping crease called by the square leg umpire. Any ball that lands or bounces off the pitch. The heel of the bowler's front foot lands on or in front of the popping crease (Bowlers are to receive a warning from the officiating umpire prior to being called for a front foot no-ball) Will incur a one run penalty		ADVERSE WEATHER
DEAD BALL	The ball deviates from the edge of the wicket matting, concrete, or raised piece of turf OR A fielder is inside the 10m exclusion zone prior to the batter hitting the ball/ball passing through to the wicketkeeper. Dead Balls ARE re bowled	PLAY HQ	
Slips Fielders	Slips Fielders &/or a Gully Fielder are exempt from the 10m exclusion zone, however player safety must be a priority when setting fields		SCORING
ROTATION EXPERIENCE	It is required that batting orders/bowling orders and fielding positions are rotated around all the players in the team to ensure all players experience all the different positions within the Game of Cricket across the season	RESULTS	
COACHES DISCUSSION	The pre match discussion between coaches is very important and can prevent undesirable altercations during a junior cricket game - Player numbers - Bowling abilities - No Chatter to the Batter strategies - Time Management Strategies - Boundary Size		UMPIRES
SUSPECT BOWLING ACTIONS	Coaches, please discuss at the pre-game discussion and alert spectators to the ongoing education of the player, this is NOT a no ball	SPIRIT OF CRICKET	
NO CHATTER TO THE BATTER	Teams, adults & players are to promote encouragement of all players from both teams. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure there is no sledging towards opposition players		