



About Under 11s – 2009-10 Season

The Under 11 age group represents a major change in the way cricket is played in the ACT. For that reason this note tries to outline how it works so there are no surprises for players and parents when the season starts and things are not quite the same.

1. Grading

Unlike Under 9 and 10, Under 11 has a Division 1 competition for stronger players who want to be challenged by a stronger competition. There are un-graded competitions as well, held on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, that are less competitive, more along the lines of Under 10s. Grading is optional; any player can choose not to be considered for Division 1.

The club will only enter a Division 1 side when a sufficient number of players wish to graded, and the club believes that our team will be competitive.

Grading sessions are held before the start of the season, and independent selectors are brought in to choose the Division 1 team based on their skills and potential. The un-graded teams are then chosen along the lines of existing Under 10 teams to retain friendship groups as much as possible.

As far as possible, we don't want kids to feel pressure (usually self imposed) to make the Division 1 team. If they don't make it, the same process is repeated in following years, and there is often movement between teams as kids develop at different rates.

2. Rule Changes

The major rule change is that of wickets. When you are out you are out, there are no second chances! In Division 1 there is LBW as well. Scoring is as per traditional cricket, there are no multiplied scores. Pitches are full length.

Under 11 un-graded play one day matches of 25 overs a side, 20 overs on Friday nights. Like Under 10, each game has a 'winner', but there are no points or finals.

A batsman must retire upon reaching 25 runs, and can return after all other batsmen has been dismissed or retired. Bowlers have maximum of 5 overs and at least 7 players must bowl (we encourage coaches to give all players a bowl).

Under 11 Division 1 play for competition points and the top 2 teams play in a final. They play six 25 over one day games, then five 50 over games. The 50 over games are played over 2 weekends in quarters, where half of each team's 50 overs are played on each weekend.

A batsman must retire upon reaching 25 runs in a one day game and 50 in a 2 day game. Bowlers have maximum of 5 overs in a one day game, 8 in a 2 day game and at least 7 players must bowl.

Rule changes aside, coaches are encouraged to ensure maximum participation of all players in all teams.

Full rules are available from <http://www.ginninderracc.com.au/juniors/>.

3. Grounds and Times

Under 11 un-graded is played on north side grounds as per Under 10s. Division 1 teams play on grounds throughout all of Canberra.

This year un-graded will play on Saturday mornings, and Division 1 will play on Sunday mornings.

4. Underage players

If your child was born after 1 September 1998, they can stay in Under 10s. Unless they are very confident in their cricket, we recommend you consider them staying in Under 10s for another year to build skills and confidence.