



About Under 9s – 2009-10 Season

In2Cricket parents may be interested in the progression of players into higher age groups. This outlines answers to some common questions.

1. How old?

For next season 2009/10, if your son/daughter is 8 years old on 1 September 2009 they should play under 9s. If he/she is 7 years old, they can either play under 9s or In2Cricket. If a 7 year old has already had one or two seasons in In2Cricket, has good skills and is confident we recommend they play under 9s for two years rather than remaining in In2Cricket. They will be more challenged and more likely to improve their skills and enjoyment this way. Those less confident should stay in In2Cricket for another year. First time players who are 7 years old should normally start in In2Cricket. 6 year olds would normally stay in In2Cricket unless they are very advanced.

2. Where and when are games?

Games are played against other North side clubs (West's, Norths/Gungahlin, Radford and Burgmann). Game times are a choice of 9-11am on Saturday mornings or 5.15-7.15pm Friday Nights. Locations are various grounds in Belconnen, North Canberra and Gungahlin.

3. Training

Teams usually train for one hour each week, usually at Latham or Page.

4. Coaches and other volunteers

Usually a team has a coach and manager, and usually both are a parent. The more parents involved in coaching/managing/scoring/umpiring the better. Another parent, usually a manager, is also the age group coordinator. The club subsidises coaching and umpiring courses for those willing to be a coach or umpire.

5. Equipment

The ball used is a Kookaburra 'Softa' Ball. Although the ball is softer than a normal cricket ball, players are required to wear full protective equipment (helmets, pads, box, gloves). It is mainly to help them get used to the gear for when they use a harder ball from under 10s and up. All equipment is provided in a team kit. Players all wear whites.

Games are mainly played on synthetic pitches, occasionally on concrete. Portable stumps are placed on existing popping creases at each end of the pitch (to shorten the length by approx 2.5m).

6. Modified rules

Games are played in 'Positive Cricket' format. In summary:

- 8-10 players per team
- 20 overs for each team
- Each player bats for 4 overs in a pair, whether they get out or not. If dismissed batsmen simply swap ends. There is no LBW.
- Scores are multiplied by 4 if a player is not dismissed, x3 for one dismissal, x2 for 2 dismissals, x1 for 3 or more dismissals
- Each player bowls two overs
- Wicket keeping is usually rotated

There is a 'winner' at the end of each game; however no points tables are kept. Full rules are available from <http://www.ginninderracc.com.au/juniors/>.