

RBCC JUNIOR PARTICIPATION POLICY 2024/25 – EXCLUDING DIVISION 1-3

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all junior members are participating and contributing within the team environment. This policy ensures that the same individuals do not consistently participate more than others – regardless of ability.

Whilst this may be seen as negative by some parents, coaches, and Club Members, as a Community Club, we believe that all junior members should be involved and be given an equal opportunity to play the game of cricket.

Players of a higher ability level will be provided with alternate opportunities to ensure reaching their potential is still a focus of the Club. These include:

- Representative Cricket
- Senior Cricket

Participation Policy:

- 1. All players are expected to attend training. Those that attend and train well, will be given preference in game time.
- 2. Training for under 13's to under 17's will most likely include a 45min net session and 45 minutes of fielding and game play. Not all players will bat each week in the nets.
- 3. Training for under 12's and below may not include a standard 'net session' with more emphasis to be placed on skill development away from the training nets.
- 4. All players are expected to get similar game day batting and bowling opportunities, up to and including Div 4.
- 5. Every junior player must bat in the first 6 at least 3 times in a season.
- 6. Max overs for any age is 7 in an innings, unless special dispensation is attained from the committee.
- 7. It is expected all players (excepting specialist keepers) will bowl at least 10 overs in a season.
- 8. The coach has the final say on batting orders, but is expected to ask captains for plans.
- 9. Teams announced at the commencement of the season will be the teams that players remain in each week. In the instance of a team having fewer than the required number of players due to absence, an age eligible player from another team may be asked to fill in, only if it does not leave their own team short of players.
- 10. On game day, players are expected to be at the ground and ready to warm up 30 minutes before a game (45 mins for turf games) or at the agreed time set by the team coach.



Complaints and Grievances

One of the Junior Coordinators' key roles is to ensure Junior Cricket is played within the spirit of the game, all Junior members are enjoying their cricket, and opportunities are given to all players to participate fully.

In the event that Junior coaches are not adhering to the Junior Participation Policy, in the first instance, the parent should discuss this with the coach in question.

The Junior Coordinator may also discuss directly with the coach in question, should they see an issue forming prior to parents being involved.

If there is no resolution, the matter should be taken up with the Junior Coordinator, available for contact on the following details:

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