**U13 Cricket**

U13 cricket is a slightly modified version of traditional cricket where children learn to adapt to the skills of cricket.

The pitch length is shorter than a full-length pitch and games are played nine a-side, creating greater gaps in the field, promoting batters to look to score runs and for fielders to be quick and agile in the field.

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**The format**

- Batters must face a minimum of six balls (after the sixth ball, all modes of dismissals apply).
- Compulsory retirement for batters after 30 balls. (Retired batters can return after all other batters have batted).
- To keep the game fast paced, the bowling will take place in five over intervals from one end and then swap for the next five overs at the other end.
- T20 games bowlers to bowl a maximum of four overs, 30 over games a maximum of five overs per bowler can be bowled.
**U13 Playing Regulations**

**Pitch Type Length**
- Grass or artificial surface can be used.
- 18 metres / 19.5 yards.

**Player Numbers**
- 9 players per team.

**Overs Per Team**
- 30 overs maximum per team to be bowled (180 balls based on no extras being bowled).

**Time**
- 180 minutes (Game can be completed in 3 hours).

**Boundaries**
- A maximum of 40 metres / 43 yards, taking the measurement from the batter’s end stumps.

**Batting**
- Batters must face a minimum of 6 balls (after the 6 balls all dismissals apply).
- Compulsory retirement for batters after they have faced 30 balls. Retired batters can return after all other batters have batted.
- All balls, including wides and no balls will be added into the batters ball count.

**Bowling**
- The bowling will take place in 5 over intervals from one end and then swap for the next 5 overs at the other end.
- Bowling directive; Players are to bowl a maximum of 5 overs.
- All overs are 6 ball overs with a maximum of 8 balls if extras are required to be bowled.
- Run ups for bowlers should not exceed more than 15 metres.

**Fielding**
- No fielder is to be within 10 metres of the striking batter or another fielder to encourage more singles and safety.

**Dismissals**
- All dismissals apply.

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**Equipment**

**Ball:**
- 136g / 4¾ oz ball (F)
- 142g / 5oz (M)

The match ball does not have to be new, however umpires / both coaches must agree it is fit for play.

**Protective Equipment:**
- Helmets, with a faceguard are mandatory.
- Pads, gloves and abdominal guard (males).

**Additional:**
- 2 sets of stumps with bails, ideally 1 set of portable stumps is required (to ensure pitch length requirements are met).
- Cones – to mark reduced boundary.
- Chalk / Tape to mark reduced pitch length and crease marks.
- Tape measure or a pre-measured string maybe required.