

Women's

Cricket

Competition

PLAYING CONDITIONS

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WMDCA WOMEN'S CRICKET COMPETITION PLAYING CONDITIONS.

General Conditions

Matches will be played on Sunday afternoons commencing at a time and venue as determined by the Match Committee and the approved playing schedule. Matches will be played on synthetic hard centre wickets or in some cases turf wickets when that surface is available. Twilight turf matches under lights will be fixtured at suitable recommended turf ovals on agreement between participating clubs.

All players playing in the WMDCA women's competition are required to be first registered online on the Competition Management Platform as a Senior player to a primary club. Once registered and assigned to their primary club they will require a transfer to play for any other WMDCA club or elsewhere.
Once a player reaches 14 years of age, they will be eligible to play in the senior women's cricket competition.
Permits to the women's competition are restricted to only one club per season for any player.

Hours of Play (Sunday Play)	Night play
1pm to 2.30pm – 1st session.	6pm – 7:30pm – 1st session.
2.30pm to 2.45pm – Innings break.	7:30pm – 7:45pm – Innings break.
2.45 to 4.15pm – 2nd session.	7:45pm – 9:15pm – 2nd session.
Drinks break after 15 overs.	

Dates of Play

Sunday matches are the scheduled day of play for Women's Cricket. Some twilight matches may be fixtured as requested.

A Sunday turf round will be included in the season's fixture.

Match Playing Format

The Women's Cricket playing conditions comprise of short form matches based on the standard T20 rules with some modifications as detailed in these playing conditions (see heading **Fielding**).
Fielding restrictions will apply.
Each team are entitled to bat for 25 overs unless dismissed earlier. The second batting team ceases batting once dismissed or the target score has been passed and a result achieved. The final score is recorded once the game is officially ceased. If both captains agree, and there are remaining overs in that innings, play may continue until the maximum overs are reached, but no statistics will be recognised. A minimum of 5 overs each team constitutes a match.
Ground size will be a maximum of 45 metres with the boundary, and inner circle, marked with cones.

Batting

Players will compulsory retire at 60 runs and can return to bat.

Where a player is compulsory retired at 60 runs, that player is entitled to continue their innings once all other batters have batted and there are still wickets and overs in hand.

Any retired players on less than 60 (ie not compulsory) are counted as a wicket.

If a team has less than 11 players, players can return to bat until the innings is complete (fall of 10th wicket). This exemption does not apply however to finals matches.

Players return to bat with compulsory retired batters first, then in order from lowest to highest score.

Bowling

Five overs maximum per bowler, with one three over spell permitted. All players should bowl at least one over.

A maximum of 8 balls per over to be bowled irrespective of no balls or wides bowled. However, the last over of any innings must have 6 legal deliveries.

The front foot no ball and a waist high full toss no ball rule applies and entitles the batter to a free hit.

Double bouncers are deemed a no ball.

Lenient wides interpretation ruling to apply.

Normal rules of cricket relating to LBW dismissals apply.

5 overs to be bowled at a time from each end before swapping ends.

Fielding

Fielding restrictions will apply with 2 compulsory players on the boundary for the first 10 overs and then a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 players out on the boundary for the remainder of the match.

Balls

The approved Cricket ball for Womens cricket is a stamped Red Kookaburra 2 piece 142gm ball for daytime matches. Any twilight or night games a stamped White Kookaburra 2 piece 142gm is to be utilised.

Umpires

Official umpires will be appointed to women's division matches. Participating clubs will share the umpire fees and will be invoiced by the WCUA. Batting sides will be required to supply a square leg umpire.
If no umpire is appointed, each club will provide a suitable umpire to officiate.

Wet Weather

Wet weather playing conditions will be as documented in the WMDCA Senior T20 rules.

Equipment

A Kit of Stumps and bails to be provided by the home club.
A 142gm Kookaburra red leather ball will be utilised in daylight matches.
A white 142gm Kookaburra ball will be used in twilight and night matches.

Match day requirements are as follows.

Batters must wear approved helmets
Batting Pads and Gloves to be worn
At all times an approved helmet, gloves and pads must be worn by the Wicketkeeper.

Playing Uniform

Team players are to wear approved club coloured playing tops in match play. Cricket Whites or other coloured playing tops are permissible with the uniform consistent across the team. Long pants are to be worn.

Scoring and Match Results

A scorebook will be supplied by the WMDCA at the commencement of the competition for each team. iPads are to be utilised by the home team. The away team to use the provided hard copy scorebook. All players batting and bowling/wickets/catches/ runs/extras are to be recorded as per normal scoring practices in the Competition Management Platform.

Both teams must be entered in the hard copy scorebook prior to the commencement of the match and signed off by both captains and countersigned by the umpire. The teams are to be entered into the Competition Management Platform and the captain of each team nominated, symbol (c).

Match results are to be entered on the Competition Management Platform within 48 hours of the match being played. It is important that players are registered on the system for this to occur before the individuals first day of play.

Each Captain is to also submit a Captains report and lodge it directly after the match or up to 48 hours after its completion into the Competition Management Platform.

Match results will be published in the Standard newspaper or in other press outlets.

Player of the season award

A senior women's division player of the season award votes are required for each match. The votes comprise of 4,3,2 and 1, and issued by the umpire. If no umpire, votes are to be awarded in collaboration with the two captains and submitted in the Captains report. Other awards including best batting, best bowling and a fielding award will be also determined at the end of the season.

To be eligible for these awards, a player must have made 125 runs, or bowled a minimum of 15 overs, in the home and away matches.

Finals Play

To qualify for finals matches, a player must have played at least three matches in a women's team in this competition.

Sunday finals matches are extended to 30 overs per side. Batting retirements will remain at 60 runs. Bowlers will be permitted to bowl a maximum of 6 overs in 3 over spells.

Compulsory retired batters can return to the crease once all listed batters have been dismissed. In finals no other batters can return to bat having been dismissed.

Match Points;

Win – 6 points, Loss – 0 points, Tie - 3 points, Drawn Match - 3 points
Abandoned games – 0 points.
Where an uneven number of Byes occur, 6 points will be allocated for a Bye.

Clubs coaches/managers.

All club coaches must possess, as a minimum, a current accreditation level 1 (community coach), or gain such a qualification as soon as practical on their appointment.
Coaches/managers must possess a current working with children certificate.

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