

Division 3 Competition Rules

Mixed competition

Playing Eligibility as at 31st October in the current season

- Grade 5 boys only,
- Grade 6 girls or Year 7 that need another year of skills development that require further development by written application to the Match Committee prior to the player's first game in Div 3. Year 7 Girls that have been selected to WSA Under 14 Red Representative teams are NOT eligible to play in Division 3.

Game Participation Eligibility

- Maximum of 3 boys on the field in any one inning
- Maximum of 3 boys in the batting line up in any one inning

Game time

- 1 hr and 15 mins.

Battery Change - Female

The pitcher and catcher must be changed after TWO consecutive defensive innings or part thereof and may not pitch (or catch) again until the completion of a further defensive innings. Whenever there is a pitching/catching battery change after either one of the battery has played 2 consecutive defensive innings or part thereof in the same position (pitcher has pitched or catcher has caught), **only one** of the previous battery may remain (pitcher may catch or catcher may pitch, not both).

Below is an Example of the Rule

Girl A pitching & Girl B catching for 2 defensive innings. At the next defensive innings either
a) Girl A can catch for 2 consecutive defensive innings & Girl B must play a position other than pitch for 1 defensive innings before returning to the battery.

OR

b) Girl B can pitch for 2 consecutive defensive innings & Girl A must play a position other than catch for 1 defensive innings before returning to the battery.

If as in a) above Girl A catches the next defensive innings & Girl C pitches, then at the next defensive innings (innings # 4) Girl A could return to pitching & Girl C could catch as neither has played 2 consecutive defensive innings in the same position.

Battery Change - Male

- Battery not to consist of two boys
- Boys must be changed after ONE defensive innings or part thereof and cannot remain in the battery for more than ONE defensive innings or part thereof (pitcher cannot catch & catcher cannot pitch)
- Boys, whether the same boy or a different boy, cannot follow each other in the same position (pitch or catch) in consecutive defensive innings or part thereof.

Batting:

- There are no blanks in the batting line-up

Seven (7) Run Rule

- To apply in Junior Div 3.
- If the batting team is not already retired (3 outs), the team continues to bat until they have scored 7 runs. (The play to score the 7th run must be completed (even if more runs cross the plate) however the most runs a team can score in an innings is seven runs.

Warm Up Pitches

- Only two (2) warm up pitches are allowed between innings.

Pitching Distance

- The pitching distance for Division 3 is 35 feet.

- Pitchers will be encouraged to pitch from 35 feet, but for those having difficulty pitching from 35 feet, they may pitch from a closer distance but no closer than 30 feet.

After the Christmas break all pitchers will pitch from 35 feet.