

2024 Cricket 12 Years and Under Boys School of Sport Education NT Championship Rules.

12 Years and Under Championship Model:

Sport Education NT provides educational opportunities through the medium of sport.

- Compulsory components: Round Robin matches, PD sessions, Pool Matches, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Skills session and Mix and Match Activity can be incorporated into warm up, excursion or PD session.
- All teams to play a Round Robin against each other each. If too many teams, each will play a minimum of 3 Round Robin games.
- There will be no finals or play offs.
- Mix 'n Match activity which may or may not be related to the sport. The purpose is to mix all competing players into composite teams to encourage socialisation. This may be incorporated into the skills session.
- Skills Session will be coordinated by the interstate Coach.

Codes of Conduct:

- Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct will apply to students, officials and spectators throughout the event.
- In all Sport Education NT programs, positive coaching is permitted only from the "specific sports" designated area by the appointed team officials. Coaching should be used to enhance the individual's skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

Safety:

- Appropriate footwear to be worn, spikes if required.
- Helmet, pads, gloves and box are compulsory items of personal protective clothing.
- Wicket keepers must wear helmets when standing up to the stumps.
- Caps or hats must be worn.
- Sunsmart and Blood Rule information are provided in the Championship Program.



Team Size:

- Region teams 11 up to 13 students. Fielders can rotate on and off the field between overs without restriction. An umpire must be notified prior to each fielding substitution.
- Girls can play in regional teams but cannot be selected for the interstate team as there is a standalone School Sport Australia Championship for girls. There may be a possibility of joining another state should there be an opening. This can be explored through the SSA national programs Committee.

NB Interstate selection will be for 13 boys.

Age:

- Ages are to be calculated as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Students must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e., born no later than 2014, and a maximum of 12 years – i.e., born no earlier than 2012.
- As Sport Education NT has been granted age dispensation by School Sport Australia up to 6 players of the team may turn 13 in 2024 between 1 July and 31 December i.e., born in 2011.

Equipment / Playing area:

- The ball must be 142gram, preferably two piece.
- Boundaries should be set to a maximum of 55 metres, minimum 45 metres, measured from the centre of the pitch.
- Turf wicket preferred, 18m in length with the option to move the stumps in at each end to the 2 crease lines, 17.70 metres.

- If a synthetic wicket is used, any ball pitching off or on the edge of the wicket will be declared a no-ball.

Playing Rules:

General:

- The Sport Education NT policy that all players have equitable playing time shall apply.
- Each student must play on each day of the Championship.
- Format to be determined by team entries. Round Robin competition with or without pool games if applicable. If Round Robin only, all points will count towards the final total.
- Suggested time allocation 1 hour 15 minutes per innings with a break of ten minutes in between innings.
- The match will consist of 20 overs of 6 balls each innings.
- One drink break after 10 overs to be permitted. An individual player may drink on the boundary or at the fall of a wicket provided there is no hold up in play.
- A coach may enter the field of play at the 10 overs drinks break to provide guidance to the players.
- The captains, accompanied by their coach or manager, shall toss for choice of innings on the field of play, preferably 10 minutes before play commences.

Batting:

- A batter must retire not out upon facing 30 legal balls or reaching a score of 40 runs. The batter may complete all runs possible of the stroke which takes him/her to 40 runs. A retired batter can return to the crease if the team has lost ten wickets.
- A batter will be allowed a "free hit" following a no-ball. This applies to all no-balls e – foot fault, wide, full pitched no-ball, more than one ball pitched above shoulder height.

Bowling:

- A maximum of 4 overs per bowler in an innings is allowed.
- In the event of a bowler being injured, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over in that bowler's allocated overs.
- 1 run will be added to the score for any no-ball or wide, plus any runs scored.
- Each no-ball or wide shall be re-bowled up to a maximum of 8 balls per over. Any subsequent no-balls/wides will still be called and extras added to the score, but they will not be re-bowled.
- One short pitched delivery passing between shoulders and top of the head will be allowed per over. Any other short pitched delivery passing above shoulder height of a batter when in his/her normal stance shall be called a NO BALL regardless of whether the batsman attempts a shot.
- A full pitched delivery from a bowler which passes above waist height of a batter when in his/her normal stance shall be called a NO BALL regardless of whether the batsman attempts the shot, notwithstanding that any ball delivered above shoulder height on the full shall be call a NO BALL.
- The ball cannot be delivered underarm. This would be signalled a dead ball and re-bowled.

Fielding:

Fielding Restrictions:

- No fielder shall be allowed to field within ten metres of the batter on strike except those fielding within an arc from point to wicketkeeper on the off side of the wicket.
- At the instant of delivery there may not be more than 4 fielders on the leg side or more than 2 behind square leg.

Points:

Game points are as follows:

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1

Team Trophies/Medallions

Sport Education NT perpetual trophy

Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials

Awarded to the team/s with the highest number of points.

Joint winners apply as differentiating by percentages, run rate, goal differences, extra times etc. are not within the 12 Years & Under Championship philosophy.

One team will receive the Sportsmanship Award. Each team will vote after discussion between players and officials for the team they believe showed the best sportsmanship and attitude, on and off the field of play.

Individual Awards:

Not applicable within the 12 Years & Under Championship Philosophy.

Officials:

- Student umpires are encouraged to nominate. The Convenor will schedule umpires which, if required, may include team officials.
- All teams must supply 1 competent scorer for their own game.
- Coaches or Managers are to sign the score card and hand to the Convenor at the completion of each game.
- The Convenor will arrange a briefing for all team officials each morning/afternoon.

Judiciary:

All breaches of the Sport Education NT codes of conduct by student, team officials, volunteers, parents etc. shall be referred to the judiciary, which is established at the pre-event meeting.