



Junior Playing Conditions 2026/2027

The following playing conditions as determined by the FTGDCA Executive replace, override or are in addition to any playing conditions that are detailed in the FTGDCA rules.

During the Game

- U12 & U14: Bowling at one end – bowling spells are to be 10 overs at each end before changing ends
- U16s: : Bowling at one end – bowling spells are to be 5 overs at each end before changing ends
- Umpires are not to touch the ball during the game
- Umpires are not to hold a bowler or any players attire such as jumper and cap
- Bowlers attire such as jumper or cap are to be placed by the bowler themselves at the nearest of the following three locations: – Over the boundary at any point; or – At a point at least 3m behind the keeper in line with the stumps; or – At a point at least 3m behind the umpire at the bowlers end in line with the stumps (e.g. at the top of run-up).
- When a bowlers attire is left on the field behind the stumps as detailed in the previous bullet point, they should be placed so they are no wider than the width of the stumps and if struck the ball is declared a 'dead ball' and re-bowled (except for helmets and fielding equipment).
- When a wicket is taken, the ball is not to be given to the umpire. The ball is to be placed on the pitch in clear sight of the umpires.

Use of Saliva on the ball is not allowed

If a player is spotted using saliva to clean the ball, the player is to take the ball off the ground to clean the ball using an alcohol wipe. If a player elects to carry a pack of alcohol wipes onto the ground they, they can give the player an alcohol wipe rather than the player going off the ground.

If a player repeatedly uses saliva to clean or shine a ball, the umpire will address the issue with the Coach of the fielding team to ensure that it stops. Where no official umpires are in attendance, the Coaches of the teams involved are to ensure that the issue does not become one of confrontation or conflict.

If a player or Captain or Coach makes no effort to reduce or stop using saliva on the ball, the matter is to be referred to the FTGDCA Executive.

Sweat

A player may use sweat to shine the ball from any part of the body.