



**SACA**

# School Cricket



## **KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ZONE KANGA DIVISION CRICKET (YEAR 2/3) RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

*COACHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS THE RULES AND TIME CONSTRAINTS WITH THEIR OPPONENTS BEFORE EACH MATCH TO CLARIFY THESE GUIDELINES.*

### **8-A-SIDE CRICKET:**

8-a-side cricket has been introduced to improve the experience of playing cricket for children. We would like to reverse the worrying trend which sees large numbers of children playing cricket at Kanga level but these numbers not progressing through to Senior School Cricket teams.

- With 8-a-side cricket, batters will find it easier to score runs, to run between the wickets and to experience success.
- Players will field the ball more often and have more opportunity to be involved in the game.
- There will be fewer dot balls and the games will have more action.
- It will be easier for small schools to enter a team.
- Players will have more individual teaching time with their coach.
- Children will spend less time waiting for their turn to bat or bowl.
- *Ultimately the children will have more fun.*

### **GAME TIME:**

All matches are played on Saturday mornings at Parkinson Oval. There are two timeslots with the early game scheduled to begin at 8.30am and to be completed by 9.30am. The later game is scheduled to begin at 9.30am and to be completed by 10.30am.

### **AGE GROUP:**

Kanga Cricket is open to boys and girls in Years 2 and 3. Schools are encouraged to involve their Year 2 students as many find that after doing in2CRICKET (formerly Have A Go) in Reception/Year 1 they are ready to move on to playing 'real' games.

**PLAYING FIELD:**

Select a flat smooth part of the oval for the wicket. Position stumps 12-15 metres apart.

Game areas should be a minimum of 30 metres apart, where possible.

Boundaries need not be marked but ensure there is adequate space in front and behind the batters.

The pitches should be set up like the 'spokes on a wheel' as this is the most effective use of space.

**DUAL-PITCH:**

Kensington's Kanga Competition is played in the 'dual-pitch' format. This means that each game has two pitches set up and both batting innings occur at the same time. The coach/manager stays with the fielding team and sends their batting pairs across to the adjacent pitch. This format saves time with games usually completed within 60 minutes.

**RULES:**

- Each team is divided into batting pairs
- Each batting pair receives 4 overs
- There are no fours or sixes, the batters have to keep on running
- No LBW
- A ball can bounce any number of times
- Wides and no balls are not rebowled
- The average for each team is the total number of runs scored divided by the total number of wickets lost. The team with the highest average is the winner.

*Please note that with the 8-a-side format, batting pairs may be able to receive 5 or even 6 overs each within the 60 minutes scheduled for the game, rather than the normal 4 overs. The number of overs can be determined by agreement of the coaches.*

**FIELDING POSITIONS:**

With 8-a-side cricket there should be two fielders on each side, a bowler and a wicket-keeper with the other two players batting on the adjacent oval. Fielders rotate at the change of bowlers

**FLEXIBILITY:**

Because all children are not identical in size, strength, ability and personality then game coordinators should adopt a flexible attitude by adjusting wicket length and type of bowling to enable each player to have success and well as participating in an enjoyable game.

**TEAM SIZE:**

Ideally teams are made up of 8 players, however teams may have up to 12 players participating. Each team is divided into batting pairs. If opposing team numbers are uneven allow the team with fewer players to bat some pairs twice or to bat extra overs so that both innings last the same length of time.

**SUNDAY MAIL:**

The winning team is responsible for phoning through the scores and outstanding performances for both teams at the end of the game. The contact number is 8206 2828 and this needs to be done between 12noon and 2pm on Saturday. Scores shall be read out as follows; Kensington zone, which division (Senior, Junior, Kanga), winning side score details (including 2 best batters and 2 best opposing bowlers) then losing side score details (including 2 best batters and 2 best winning bowlers).

**HOT WEATHER POLICY (as per Cricket Australia Junior Cricket Policy):**

For Saturday morning cricket: If the forecast temperature for Saturday is 38 degrees or over in the Friday edition of *The Advertiser*, all games will be cancelled. If your school wishes to cancel a game at a lower temperature, you will need to contact your opposition.

Fortunately the majority of junior cricket matches are normally played before or after the hottest part of the day. However, player's health must always be considered in the scheduling of matches. Cricket Australia and the SACA both recommend that schools apply common sense guidelines to climatic conditions.

**Guidelines for Fluid Replacement:**

Drinks breaks should occur every 30 - 60 minutes (every 30 minutes in extreme heat). Water is the most appropriate drink for re hydration. Players should have their own drink bottles. To prevent the likelihood of viruses being spread, cups must not be dipped into containers and must be washed or disposed of after use.

**Sun Protection:**

Appropriate clothing, i.e. light coloured, loose fitting clothes of natural fibres are the most appropriate clothing in mild and extreme temperatures. It is also highly recommended that players wear a broad brimmed hat; that shaded areas are made available at grounds (sit under trees, umbrellas); that sunscreen with an SPF 30+ is made available; and that players wear long sleeved shirts.

**Tips For Hot Weather:**

To help young players get through hot conditions, coaches may schedule more drinks breaks, have fielders rotate off the ground, retire batters earlier, reduce the number of over in an innings, have drink bottles or water sprays with the umpires at all times and start the game as early as possible.



***FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE:***

This term Kensington will be running a barbecue each morning in front of the club rooms on Parkinson Oval. Sausages, cans of drink and ice creams will be available.