



# Souths Junior Cricket Club Inc.

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## Player Participation Policy

### Statement of Commitment

South's Junior Cricket Club Incorporated (SJCC Inc.) supports the rights of children and young people and is committed to providing a safe environment within which its junior members can enjoy the game of cricket. In order to support this commitment, SJCC Inc. is dedicated to our child and youth risk management strategy which has policies and procedures in place to effectively address the safety and wellbeing of children.

### Preamble

South's prides itself on playing cricket within the spirit of the game. Sportsmanship is a core value of our Club. This Player Participation Policy sets out the participation expectations for all players at South's Junior Cricket Club. These requirements apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

### Policy Statement

1. Player safety is to be the first consideration in all age groups with respect to conduct of games. Player participation is to be a key focus in all age groups and all players will be given an equal opportunity to play cricket at South's.
2. The Club expects coaches, managers and captains to manage games in a way that maximises participation and enjoyment of all team members. Suitable to a player's ability and subject to safety, some degree of batting or bowling rotation will be required, to ensure participation and player interest is maintained. No-one wants to play if they are relegated to a fielding only position in a team.
3. Some teams may have more than 11 players, hence players will need to be rotated on and off the field during the game in a equitable manner. Note that in junior cricket more than 11 players can participate in a game (i.e. bat, bowl, field), provided there are no more than 11 players on the field at a time and subject to normal batting and bowling rules (e.g. no more than 10 wickets during an innings).
4. Super 8 to Under 12 age groups are considered to be development age groups. Batting and bowling orders and wicket keeper and captaincy role will be rotated from week to week in Super 8, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 age groups, subject to player safety.
5. Under 13 and Under 14 age groups are considered to be intermediate age groups where identification of specialist batsman, bowlers, wicket keepers and captains starts to occur - with many players being all-rounders. Each team shall rotate batting orders for batsmen and all-rounders, and bowling orders for bowlers and all-rounders suitably so that over the course of the season players experience different roles and positions and have substantial equal opportunity



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for participation. The captaincy role shall also be rotated. Coaches and managers are to ensure all players are involved in the game in terms of batting and/or bowling and are not just undertaking a fielding role.

6. Under 15 and Under 16 teams will involve batsman, wicket keepers and bowlers in specialist positions. Each team shall rotate batsmen and bowlers and all-rounders suitably so that over the course of the season players experience different roles and positions and have substantially equal opportunity for participation. The captaincy role shall also be rotated.
7. In addition to these rules, the MSW association may specify additional participation rules for particular game formats (for example: 20/20 Sunday cricket).
8. Junior cricket is not Test Cricket. The focus of games and training is to be about the kids' enjoyment, not about the parents and not about winning at all costs. Coaches and managers should apply common sense in managing games and training in a way that maximises enjoyment by all team members.

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