

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH CRICKET ACADEMY
POLICY & PROCEDURES – 2025-004 * (Adopted on March 28, 2025)
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The following are the game-day rules and regulations. The purpose of this document is to promote awareness of SCYCA's expectations during match day and maintain consistent player conduct during home and away games. It is expected that all players will fully adhere to these rules and regulations with no exceptions.

The objective of developmental matches is to provide opportunities for all players to experience a game environment, improve their skillset, and practice good sportsmanship.

Game Day Rules and Regulations – Policy & Procedures – 2022-003 is applicable in addition to this document.

POLICY

1. SCYCA will take adequate measures to provide fair opportunities for all participating players. This tournament is available for all Level 1 SCYCA players and selected L 2 players who are not getting regular opportunities will be allowed to participate, as approved by the head coach.
2. Team selection will be done by the selection committee, and the team list will be submitted to the head coach for approval by Wednesday before the weekend match. The team will be published on Thursday.
3. The team will be selected from the players who have responded with their availability through SPOND and based on their skill level.
4. A selected skilled group of players will bat in the top order and will be rotated match by match. Players will be retired after a certain number of overs/balls faced, depending on the match format (20, 25, or 30 overs), to provide batting opportunities for as many players as possible. Coaches will be instructed accordingly. There is no guarantee that all players will be able to bat in one game.
5. SCYCA will use a minimum of six bowlers during a game. Each bowler will get a minimum number of overs depending on the match format. Bowlers who perform well on match day may get additional overs during the death overs.
6. Only players who have demonstrated an ability to bowl will get an opportunity to bowl in developmental matches. Bowlers who throw the ball or are unable to pitch it properly will not be given the opportunity to bowl. SCYCA expects players to train at practice and at home to develop their bowling skills.

7. It is not acceptable for parents to inquire about a player's batting position or any related matter during the match. Such requests will not be met.
 8. Tournament officials, food, and water shall be organized by the parents to minimize tournament expenses and execute the tournament at no cost to the parents.
 9. Players who excel in development tournaments will be considered for regular friendly matches and tournaments.
 10. The Tournament Committee will nominate a dedicated committee member to manage the developmental tournament.
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PROCEDURE

Basic Rules

1. Players must arrive on time (30 minutes before match start time).
2. Match start, toss, and working with umpires should be managed to ensure smooth progression.
3. The coach will decide whether to bat or bowl first after discussing with the team.
4. Three players must be ready to bat as per the coach's instructions.
5. The team should sit together, and parents must stay at a distance to minimize undue influence.
6. Parents should be made aware that no questions will be answered during the game. Any concerns will be addressed after the game.

Before the Game

1. The Tournament Committee will call for availability from Level 1 players and recommend the number of teams for the league based on player availability.
2. Coaches will select appropriate players from Level 2 based on their skill level to complement the rosters and provide mentorship to Level 1 players.
3. Final team rosters will be submitted to the head coach for final approval before publication.

During the Game

1. Use six overs as the guideline for retiring batters during the game. If all players get out, retired players may bat again (in a 20-over game).
2. The priority is to provide opportunities and encourage players to take runs. Feedback should be communicated calmly on the field without yelling.

3. Bowling should be limited to a maximum of three overs per bowler. If a player is throwing the ball improperly, they should not be allowed to bowl. Ideally, each bowler will bowl at least two overs, with additional overs given to those who perform well.
 4. Players must understand field positions: five fielders on the off-side, four on the leg-side. They should be encouraged to walk up with the bowler and back up throws.
 5. Teams will be finalized by Wednesday and announced on Thursday.
 6. Captaincy will be rotated among players.
 7. Any questions or concerns that remain unresolved by the coach or manager after the match may be directed to the SCYCA Secretary for further attention and necessary action.
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* Past documents

1. Policy & Procedure – 2022 -004 (Adopted on October 1, 2022)
2. Policy & Procedure – 2022 -004 (Adopted on October 15, 2022)