

CNW Women's 2nd Grade Competition

Twenty/20 Playing Conditions

Season 2026/27

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Cricket North West – Women's 2nd Grade Competition

Summary of 20/20 Rules

Hours of Play	• Monday evenings from 5:00pm – 7:30pm.
Age Eligibility	• No restriction.
Protective Equipment	• Helmet (including Wicket-Keeper when keeping up to stumps). • Pads. • Gloves. • Protector.
Ball	• Kookaburra 142g 2-piece White (Red King, Special Test recommended)
Boundary	• 45 metres maximum. Boundary is measured from the middle of the 18-metre pitch.
Umpires	• Each team is to provide an umpire to reduce team and match costs.
Team	• Nine (9) players per team. Minimum of seven (7) players required for a match. Eleven (11) players per team maximum are to be allocated to a team (max 9 on-field at one time)
Innings	• 20 overs per team.
Pitch	• The wicket shall be **18 metres** in length.
Batting	• All batters retire at 20 balls faced • Max 9 players are permitted to bat • If a team has more than 9 players, those they did not bowl must bat
Bowling	• 6 balls per over (max 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal balls must be bowled) • Max 4 overs per bowler. • If the team has 9 players or less, all players must bowl (excluding wicketkeeper)
Fielding	• Fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the coach • No fielders within ten (10) metres of the batter or other fielders with the exception of the Wicket-Keeper, off side slips and gully
Dismissals	• All dismissals (see LBW rule).

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Description
This format that looks to further develop the cricket skills of players. The emphasis here is on continuous and active participation, where all players get to bat, bowl and field.

Skill Objectives
- Hit a moving ball on both sides of the field with horizontal and vertical bat shots.
- Run between the wickets with judgement and calling.
- Bowl over 18m with a straight arm and within the batter's reach.
- Catch and throw > 35 metres.
- Encourage field settings to be outfield and infield to provide space in front and behind fielders.

Time
Matches will be played on Monday evenings from 5:00 pm – 7:30pm.

Age of Players
No age restriction.

Number of Players in a Team
Teams shall be made up of **9** players to bat, bowl and field. A team which cannot field sufficient players shall forfeit the match. The minimum number of players that is required for a match to commence is **7**, however, excess players from opposing teams can, by agreement of both clubs, play for the opposition team to ensure a match is played. The team with sufficient players shall retain the win should this occur. A maximum of **11** players per team are to be allocated to a team (max 9 on field at any given time, only 9 can bowl and 9 can bat)

Match Balls
New **white** Kookaburra brand 142-gram, 2-piece leather balls are to be used for all T20 matches. Approved balls are Tuf-Pitch, Special Test, Red King, Colt, Crown or Kooka Practice.

Hours of Play

Game Type	Start Time	Break	End Time	Max. Overs Per Innings
Evening	**5:30pm**	**6:25pm – 6:35pm**	**7:30pm**	**20 Overs**

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Match

- The match consists of one 20-over innings per team.
- The pitch shall be **18 metres** in length. All matches will be played on synthetic pitches.
- Maximum length of the boundary shall be 40-45 metres from the centre of the pitch.
- All twenty (20) overs of each innings shall be bowled from one end of the pitch.
- The team batting second can bat their full 20 overs even if they have passed the team batting first's score. If the team elects to bat on it may declare its innings closed prior to receiving the maximum number of overs.
- In the event of adverse weather conditions, a drinks break can be taken at the discretion of the coaches after ten (10) overs.

Allocation of Points

- Points will be awarded for the Women's 2nd Grade Competition and CNW Club Championship, based on the following key:

Win	**8**
Bye	**8**
Tie/Washout	**4**
Loss or Forfeit	**0**

Batting

- All batters retire at 20 balls faced (with the assumption that some players will be dismissed)
- Any retired batters can return when all others have batted, in the order they retired
- All balls (regardless of whether wides or no balls) will be included in the batters ball count
- Maximum of 9 players are permitted to bat per innings
- If the team has more than 9 players, those players that did not bowl must bat
- All batters are required to wear full protective equipment including a helmet that is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013, protector, pads, gloves etc. (thigh pads optional). **The umpires shall not allow play to commence until both batters are wearing the required protective equipment.**

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Bowling

- Six balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled)
- Maximum of 4 overs per bowler
- If the team has more than 9 players, a maximum of 9 players can bowl only. Those players that did not bat must bowl
- Coaches are encouraged to rotate the opportunity for players to bowl 4 overs in a match
- Bowlers change ends at 10 overs
- Bowlers can bowl from one end for the entire game at the umpires/coaches discretion

Wides & No-Balls

- Wides and No-Balls are one (1) run plus any runs scored off them. Runs scored from all extras off the bat shall be credited to the batter on strike**.**
- Any ball that pitches off the synthetic surface shall be called a No-Ball and batters **are** allowed to hit this ball and fielders must not attempt to gather the ball prior to the batter attempting to hit it.
- Short pitched deliveries passing over shoulder height and full tosses passing over the batter's waist height are not allowed and will be deemed a No-Ball.
- Any balls bouncing more than twice before reaching the batter will be deemed a No-Ball.

Fielding Restrictions

- All fielders must be at least 10 metres from the batter. This restriction does not apply to the Wicket-Keepers or regulation slip fielders (including gully).
- No more than (5) fielders can be positioned on the leg side.
- Wicket-Keepers **must** wear a helmet that is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013 when keeping within ten (10) metres from the batter.
- To ensure players experience all fielding positions, fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the coach
- If more than 9 players are present at a match, they should rotate onto the field each few overs
- Teams have the option to change wicket-keepers after 10 overs

Player Eligibility

- A Women's 1st Grade player can play in the competition so long as they have played no more than 30 first grade matches at the commencement of the Women's 1st Grade season and have not been selected for representative honours. Players who have played more than 30 first grade matches must get an exemption to play.

Umpire and Umpire Rulings

- Normal LBW rules apply. Reminder – for an LBW decision to be adjudicated as out, the umpire must be 100% convinced that the ball did not pitch outside leg, hit the batter in line with the wickets, the ball is going to hit the wickets and the ball did not hit the bat prior to hitting the pad. Any benefit of the doubt should go to the batter.
- The interpretation of these rules shall be the responsibility of the umpires, in conjunction with the coaches of the teams. All umpires' decisions are final.

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Encouraging Participation

- Cricket North West encourages the rotation of the batting and bowling order to ensure fair participation. Coaches are asked to consider having players bat and bowl against opponents of similar size, age, experience or ability in order to provide for an equal opportunity to develop their skills.
- An alternative approach to be considered is to have the first five (5) bowlers from the fielding innings occupy the last five (5) places in the batting order, and vice versa.

Match Result

- The result will be determined by the team scoring the most runs. Innings totals will be calculated when the eighth wicket falls or 20 overs have been bowled (whichever occurs first).

Rain Affected Matches

- Matches should be abandoned if more than 30 minutes of playing time is lost (delayed start or interruptions) due to inclement weather.
- On wet days, matches can be called off by mutual agreement of the team coaches within two hours of the scheduled starting time if it is felt that the weather and ground will not improve in time for the match to be played in safe conditions.

Equipment

- Two (2) sets of spring back stumps and bails.
- Measuring tape.
- Cloth tape to mark crease for shortened end of pitch.
- Boundary markers.
- CNW recommends batters use a Size 6-Harrow bat (Weight 830g/2/2lb).

Grand Final

- The top two teams shall qualify for the Grand Final, to be played at the home ground of the highest placed team (where possible).
- If the Grand Final is washed out or abandoned it will be replayed on the Reserve Day. If the game cannot proceed on the Reserve Day, the highest placed team shall be declared premiers.

Averages

- Qualifications for the individual player awards (batting, bowling, etc.) that are presented for the CNW Female Development Competition are as follows:
- **Batting:** Runs qualifying standard is set as 50% of the top runs scorer's total, and innings qualifying standard is set as 50% of the highest number of innings played.
- **Bowling:** Wickets qualifying standard is set as 50% of the top wicket-taker's total, and the overs qualifying standard is set as 50% of the highest number of overs bowled.

Player Eligibility for Grand Final

- A player must have played at least two started Women's 2nd Grade Competition T20 roster matches with that team in order to be eligible to participate in the Grand Final.