



Claremont - Nedlands Cricket Club

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Player Batting Rotation Policy

Player Batting Rotation - Background

For the 2015/2016 season the Community Junior Cricket Council (CJCC) modified the rotation rule for batters for the Under 13 through to Under 17 age groups. The CJCC rotation rule for this 2016/2017 season is the same as the previous 2015/2016 season.

The impact of the change was to modify the previous requirement for Under 13 teams through to Under 17 teams to rotate all players in every batting position from 1 to 11. Under the rule change the requirement became to rotate all players in a minimum of 5 batting positions (1 and 2 are treated as one position meaning that if a player bats at 1 one week and 2 the next week he or she will not be taken to have been rotated).

Guiding Principles

The Club's philosophy and the culture that it wishes its players, coaches and parents to adhere to is that all kids should get an equal opportunity to bat, bowl, field and captain their teams. Accordingly, it is important that all players should be rotated to ensure they experience batting, bowling and fielding in different positions in the team throughout the season. This enables children to better enjoy their cricket experience, develop and improve their skills, and increase their participation.

The change in the batting rotation rules in the 2015/2016 season resulted in some of our community cricket teams effectively rotating half their team through batting positions 1 to 6, with the other half of the team being rotated through batting positions 6 to 11. The outcome was that those 1 to 6 players – being perceived no doubt by the person arranging the batting order as being the “better players” – received significantly more opportunities to bat. This is not in keeping with the spirit nor the intent of the Club's philosophy. The majority of our teams from Under 13's to Under 17's continued to apply the previous rotation rules resulting in all players being rotated throughout the batting order from 1 to 11. This is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Club's philosophy.

To ensure all our coaches have the same philosophy on player participation and development the Club, by its Committee, has determined that our Under13 and Under 14 teams will be required to rotate all players in every batting position from 1 to 11 (with 1 and 2 being treated as one position).

Therefore, despite the lesser rotation requirements of para 2.4 of CJCC's Under 13 Rules and Under 14 Rules, the Club requires that:

The batting order shall be rotated on a weekly basis so that each player has experience in all situations.

The rotation is:

- a) *Players must be rotated every game for the duration of the home and away season.*

- b) Positions 1 & 2 are treated as one position.*
- c) Any player who did not bat in the first innings must bat in the game they next play.*
- d) Players must bat in different positions throughout the home and away season.*

This must be strictly adhered to.

For teams competing in the Under 15 competitions, and upwards, the Club recommends that its teams rotate their players in every batting position from 1 to 11 (with 1 and 2 being treated as one position). However, as the players in these grades are older and their games more developed, teams in these grades are only required at a minimum to comply with the relevant CJCC rules on batting rotation.

Compliance

Coaches of the Club's under Under 13 and Under 14 teams are required to comply with this policy.