



***Club Information Booklet***  
***2024/2025***

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**About the Policies & Procedures Booklet**

This booklet has been prepared as a guide for the Members and Associate Members of the Cleveland Thornlands Cricket Club. It provides basic information about the club's policies and procedures as well as club operations and game day guidelines. A copy of the booklet will be made available to all club members, and will also be available at the Clubhouse.

## CLUB POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

The CTCC Policy is to provide the opportunity for **all** players, **quality** participation in **all** aspects the game of Cricket. **All** players should be made to feel that they have contributed to, or are making a contribution, however small, to the team effort.

The CTCC Philosophy is to provide the initial introduction to the skills and concepts of cricket and to further develop those skills for the players' enjoyment of the game, through progressive grades of junior cricket supported by a range of coaching opportunities. Beyond the junior grades the CTCC seeks to provide a friendly environment and high quality venue to allow the continued enjoyment of cricket through seniors and masters grades.

The essential feature is one of **enjoyment and participation**. From Master blasters through to junior (under 10's-12's) cricketers place enjoyment at the top of the list of priorities for playing sport. Winning has never been a high priority. Coaches, Managers and Parents must respect this in this age group. Additionally, a purely technical approach is contrary to the spirit of the game.

Cricket should be free flowing with the purpose of developing the skills of running, balance, bat and ball coordination, catching, fielding and ball pickup, and bowling. In addition, the game will provide the basic skills and understanding of set plays. At all times **safety** must be a paramount consideration whilst coaching and umpiring the game.

It is recommended that **at all times, umpires adopt an encouraging and educative**, rather than a punitive, quick to lift the finger approach. Remember that the bowler gets many chances, but the batter only gets one chance. Of course, any dangerous action by a player should be quickly and firmly dealt with, but again the emphasis should be on the educative approach.

**Coaches must ensure that the skills of the game are correctly taught and that the success achieved by each player is acknowledged and encouraged.** It is vital that each and every player receive the same opportunity to develop in an environment of friendliness and co-operation. **All** players are to be made aware that encouraging and supporting **all** team members is essential for success. Satisfaction should be gained from participation, improvement and competitive performance without emphasis on win at all costs.

The **concept of positive re-enforcement** of the ideal of the game and skills of players cannot be over-emphasised. Unlike the more senior levels of cricket, where the umpires' role is to interpret, judge and decide, junior cricket requires a different philosophy from Umpire and Coach.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR SEASON 2024/2025

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6. Let the coach do the coaching and recognise the value and importance of volunteer Coaches who deserve your support.
7. Provide encouragement to your child irrespective of their individual performance.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, Coaches or Officials.
9. Teach young children that honest effort is as important as victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
10. Turn defeat into victory by helping young people work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.

### ***Manager's Code***

1. Encourage parents to take an active interest in the team.
2. Encourage parents and spectators to talk to the opposition and supporters.
3. Encourage supporters to praise good play by both the teams.
4. Discourage supporters from excessive barracking.
5. Provide administrative assistance to the coach.
6. Look after injured players.
7. Phone or email results of games to newspapers on time.
8. Update game scores and results in My Cricket (mandatory for BEARS games)
9. Ensure effective and consistent communication is provided to team parents and to the club committee – in conjunction with the Coach.
10. Ensure players, parents, and officials are informed of all club events, etc.
11. Attend coaching and other club meetings where the coach is unable to attend.
12. Insist on an appropriate standard of team behaviour both on and off the field.
13. Set an example in terms of behaviour.

### ***Administrator's Code***

1. Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in Cricket are made available to all, irrespective of ability.
2. Do not allow the game to become primarily spectator entertainment.
3. Equipment and facilities must be appropriate to the maturity level of the young players.
4. Rules and length of schedules should take into consideration the age and maturity level of the young players.
5. Remember that play is done for its own sake. Play down the importance of awards.
6. Distribute the Code of Behaviour to Players, Coaches, Parents, Administrators, Managers, and Umpires.
7. Ensure that Players, Coaches, Parents, Administrators, Managers, and Umpires understand their authority and their responsibility for fair play in Cricket.
8. Offer clinics to improve the standards of coaching and umpiring with emphasis on good sportsmanship and the development of good technical skills.
9. Ensure adequate supervision is maintained at all times.
10. Behave in a manner to set an example for all participants.

The CTCC supports the easing in of competitive games at appropriate age groups. Younger players should be left to develop skills and learn the game without the presence of external pressure. However at the appropriate age (U13-U17), CTCC supports the introduction of competitive games for premierships through participation in the Bayside East and Redlands (BEARS) cricket competition, to build further skills.

In summary for juniors:

- keep it **simple, free-flowing and enjoyable**;
- let the players **develop skills**, with safety;
- discourage any **dangerous action or unsafe practice**;
- adopt an **educative, positive reinforcement approach**;
- ensure that players receive an **equal opportunity to participate**, regardless of ability.

However CTCC cricket does not stop with juniors. The club also promotes and provides opportunities for people of all ages to play at senior level in the Qld Sub District Cricket Association, or in the Brisbane region Masters competition.

### **Committee Meetings**

Committee meetings are held on the second (occasionally first) Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. These meetings are held at the Henry Ziegenfusz Park Clubhouse on Fitzroy Street and run no longer than 2 hours.

All Management Committee members are expected to attend, plus representatives of each team (Coach or Manager) are also encouraged to attend. The meetings are a very important part of the running of your cricket club. It is where decisions are made which influence all players (both junior and senior). It also provides the opportunity for YOU to raise issues through the year, or make recommendations on improvements or changes to club functions.

The CTCC Management Structure is traditional and positions are Honorary.

## AGE GROUPS / TEAMS AVAILABLE / CRICKET SEASON

The following sections indicate the various ages and grades of cricket that can be played at the CTCC. In addition, the development of players through the various grades of junior cricket through to senior sub district and district cricket is illustrated in the "Player Pathway" table included on page 15.

### Master Blasters

The club runs Master Blasters games for 5-8 year old boys and girls at the club on Friday evenings from 4.30-6.00 pm (times and dates to be confirmed). All players will receive an introductory cricket kit pack. All players receive an equal amount of time on the field being coached by qualified coaches. Coaches openly encourage parents to be involved in the coaching sessions and to learn how to coach their child at this level in order to teach the basic skills.

### Junior Grades

In the **junior grades**, all age groups are based on age as at August 31. Each year the club nominates teams to play in the following competitions:

Redlands Cricket Inc (RCI) Junior Cricket (Junior)

- Under 10, 11, 12

Bayside East & Redlands Cricket Association (BEARS)

- Under 13, 14, 15/16, 18

### Senior Grades

Queensland Sub District Cricket Association Grades (depending on number of teams); 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Cricket Season

**Master Blasters** for beginners usually operates for approximately 6 weeks between October and early December, and is held at the clubhouse on Friday afternoon.

**RCI Juniors and BEARS** play for approximately 15 rounds starting in early October through to early December (school holiday break), and then continues from late January to mid March. All games are half day duration on Saturday morning, 8:00AM to 11:30AM.

**Seniors** season runs from September to March. All Games are played over 2 weekends on Saturdays from 12:30PM to 6:00PM.

2. Avoid over playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time.
3. When coaching representative teams, ensure all team members have equal opportunities in front of selectors.
4. Plan coaching sessions that are active and varied and ensure that equipment and facilities are suitable and safe for use.
5. Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of the motivation.
6. Teach your players to play by the rules of cricket and develop team respect for the ability of opponents and each other.
7. Encourage players to participate in the spirit of the game, to develop a sense of fair play and maintain a positive team spirit.
8. Censure immediately any sledging or swearing. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
9. Respect decisions of Umpires and opposing Coaches.
10. Young people need a coach they can respect. Be generous with praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
11. Encourage players to develop basic skills and avoid over-specialisation during their formative years.
12. Insist on a disciplined approach by players and mean what you say.
13. Ensure effective and consistent communication is provided to team parents and to the club committee – either direct or via the team Manager.
14. Attend club committee meetings, or delegate to team Manager.

### ***Umpires Code***

1. Ensure that the 'spirit of the game' for young people is not lost by 'over-umpiring' the game.
2. Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
3. Compliment both teams on their good play whenever such praise is deserved.
4. Be consistent, objective and courteous.
5. Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound umpiring principles and the principles of growth and development of young people.

### ***Parents Code***

1. Encourage your child to always participate according to the rules and the spirit of the game.
2. Encourage your child to participate and remember, children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Remind your child that participation in a team sport involves support and encouragement of team members with the benefits of developing lasting friendships.
4. Teach your child good sportsmanship by example, applaud good play by team members and opponents alike and congratulate all parties.
5. Don't badger, harass or use sarcasm to motivate your child or compare your child's performance with those of other children.

## APPENDIX 1

### CLEVELAND THORNLANDS CRICKET CLUB

## Code of Behaviour

### **Introduction**

This code is designed

- To retain the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction in Junior and Senior cricket.
- To make adults aware that young people play to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their own peer group.
- To improve the physical fitness of youth by encouraging participation in Cricket by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable.
- To constantly remind Administrators, Coaches, Umpires, Parents that Cricket must be administered, taught and provided for the good of those young people who wish to play the game. It is their game.

### **Anti Harassment Policy**

In addition to the code of behaviour, the CTCC has developed an Anti Harassment Policy modelled on policies developed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The policy is available from the Coach /Manager. The following guideline books are also available for reference to all club members:

- ◆ Harassment Free Sport - Guidelines for Sports Administrators
- ◆ Harassment Free Sport - Guidelines for Athletes
- ◆ Harassment Free Sport - Guidelines for Sport & Recreation Organisations

### **Players Code**

1. Compete by the rules and in the spirit of the game and never dispute an umpire's decision by word or gesture. Let the Captain or Coach ask any necessary questions.
2. No sledging or swearing.
3. Be a good sport and encourage and support your own team members. Applaud all good play by your team or by your opponents.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
5. Co-operate with your coach and fellow team members.
6. Show respect for your opponents and their skills and be friendly to all participants.
7. Seek permission before leaving a game.
8. Control your temper.
9. Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.

### **Coaches Code**

1. Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

## CLUB OPERATIONS

### Facilities

All games within both Redlands Cricket Inc. (RCI) Junior & BEARS competitions are played at either council owned grounds or school sports facilities. All club members are reminded that they are representing the club whenever they use these facilities and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Grounds, pavilions, car parks, playgrounds and school buildings should be left clean and tidy. Small children not playing cricket should not be allowed to use any equipment at these facilities without adequate adult supervision.

### Competition Draw

The competition draws (dates / times / venues) for all matches in junior / BEARS grades will be confirmed after completion of all registration (usually known by mid September). A copy of the draw with contact details for coaches and managers will be issued to all players in late September.

### Training

Each coach is responsible to arrange his or her own training sessions at the most convenient time. Should more than one team be training at the same time it is expected that the club facilities will be equally shared. Training is to take place at the Club grounds with Coaches sharing the resources of nets, fields, and centre wickets.

Each coach will receive a key to the training net lights and is responsible to ensure that when training is finished, all training equipment is put away (incl. collection of all bowling machine balls), **the lights are turned off and the light box is locked.**

### Training Sessions

Training will generally commence in September after completion of team registration and confirmation of teams, coaches and managers. Training times for all teams will then be advised to all players, via team managers – likely to be by mid September.

Throughout the season, training will be on weekdays, after school. Managers will advise parents of any initial training times as part of pre-season training that may be either on weekends, or after school.

Training will move to the 'After School Schedule' in the week prior to the first game (usually the first week back for Term 4 of the State School year). The 'After School Schedule' times will be confirmed to the players via the September Newsletter and team managers.

4. Where there are 2 or more teams in this age group, the club will ensure a good balance of experience and talent is shared between both teams, unless the zone coaching directors recommend grading of players.
5. Bowling is intended to be shared equally, and effort should be made with the opposing coach to match bowler strength to batter strength. Any bowler that is scored from heavily in their first over should be rested until batter strength is more appropriate.
6. Batting opportunity should be rotated. Coaches can rotate the team or group the team into groups (e.g. upper and lower order) with rotation within the groups. Stronger batters should also learn to bat with lower order batters to develop appropriate strategies (ball counting, work a single, hold an end up) and it serves to lift the weaker batter.
7. Whilst the rules stipulate retirement points, the coach may implement a lesser retirement criteria to provide equal quality participation opportunities. Retired batters most often get the chance to resume their innings. In 'quarters cricket' (i.e. one innings of 25 overs per team batting each day over two days), all players will not get to bat each day.
8. Recognise that realistic goals suited to each players' individual ability can be set for their achievement. At times players may be encouraged to handle situations they may not be entirely comfortable with, but which the coach believes the player can handle.
9. Encourage better players to try out for BEARS Coaching Squads.
10. Captain selection should be on a game by game rotation by lottery (not on a best to worst order)

### **Under 12 - Game Day Guidelines**

1. All players receive an equal amount of time on the field during club matches. Due to team numbers, rotations may result in some time on the sideline (12<sup>th</sup> man etc). Coaches and Managers will control this.
2. Coaches can introduce selection of players for specialist positions – wicketkeeper, slips fieldsmen, opening batters, opening bowlers. The Redlands Cricket Inc rules govern bowling and batting restrictions.
3. Where there are 2 or more teams in this age group, the club will ensure a good balance of experience and talent is shared between both teams, unless the zone coaching directors recommend grading of players.
4. Batting opportunity should be rotated. Coaches can rotate the team or group the team into groups (e.g. upper and lower order) with rotation within the groups. Stronger batters should also learn to bat with lower order batters to develop appropriate strategies (ball counting, work a single, hold an end up) and it serves to lift the weaker batter.

## **GAME DAY GUIDELINES**

The Guidelines below represent the philosophy of the CTCC, Redlands Cricket Inc Juniors, Queensland Cricket Association, and the Australian Cricket Board.

### **General Guidelines**

**All** players are to be given the maximum opportunity for **quality** participation in **all** aspects of the game, in a safe and secure environment.

**All** players should be made to feel that they have contributed to, or are making a contribution, however small, to the team effort.

**All** players are to be made aware that encouraging and supporting **all** team members is essential for success.

**All** players are to be aware of the etiquette and traditions of the game of cricket and be encouraged to abide by these at **all** times.

**All** players are entitled to **quality** advice in the development of the skills of the game of cricket.

Junior cricketers **place enjoyment at the top of the list of priorities** for playing sport. Winning has never been a high priority. Players, coaches, managers and parents must respect this. Further;

There shall be **no public criticism of the performance or efforts** of players on either team. However constructive criticism on a one-to-one basis can be valuable if handled properly. Being overly critical may be interpreted as suggestion that a player was not trying and this is rarely, if ever the case.

No CTCC player should be **subjected to a raised voice** at any time. Verbal abuse for any lapse in performance will result in a player withdrawing. Encouragement will allow the player and team to build positively on the experience. If there is a behavioural problem, it is best sorted by talking to the parents privately. Continued disruptive behaviour resulting in removal of the player would be supported by the committee, provided the committee was consulted during the attempt at player behaviour modification.

Parents are to make available their child **punctually and properly attired** to games and training sessions.

**Parents may discuss any concerns** with team management, or members of the Committee. Complaining to other parents will not solve an issue.

**All players are to wear full protective clothing** when batting including a helmet with full face guard, leg pads, protector, batting gloves. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

**All Teams:** Before Each Days Play, Coaches And **Managers Must Fill In Game Day Check List Form** With The Opposition Team And This Is To Be Attached To Score Sheet.

- Support to club operations (e.g. canteen duty for home games) as well as support to key club fund raising events throughout the year

### **Game Results and Statistics**

All games results are entered into Play HQ

5. Whilst the rules stipulate retirement points, the coach may implement a lesser retirement criteria to provide equal quality participation opportunities. Retired batters most often get the chance to resume their innings. In 'quarters cricket' (i.e. one innings of 25 overs per team batting each day over two days), all players will not get to bat each day.
6. Recognise that realistic goals suited to each players individual ability can be set for their achievement. At times players may be encouraged to handle situations they may not be entirely comfortable with, but which the coach believes the player can handle.
7. Encourage better players to try out for BEARS Coaching Squads.
8. Captains should be limited to appropriate players and perhaps voted in by the players and limited in tenure to 3 or so games (elected captains should be given time to develop their skill and a single game is not sufficient time to do this).

### **BEARS - Game Day Guidelines**

1. These age groups play for premiership points, therefore selection of players for specialist positions will be used where necessary. The BEARS rules govern bowling and batting restrictions. Players start to categorise themselves by the time they reach the U14 age groups.
2. Where there are 2 or more teams in this age group, the club will ensure a good balance of experience and talent is shared between both teams, unless the zone coaching directors recommend grading of players A and B sides to play in the respective competitions.
3. Recognise at this level, flaws in technique will more likely be exposed by quality opposition. If a player is not experiencing success, a conscious effort must be made to identify and correct technical problems and to present them to equal standard opposition.
4. Batting opportunity should not be set the same for all games. Coaches can rotate the team or group the team into groups (eg, upper and lower order) with rotation within the groups, if there is an opportunity after assessing the opposition. Stronger batters should also learn to bat with lower order batters to develop appropriate strategies (ball counting, work a single, hold an end up) and it serves to lift the weaker batter.
5. Whilst the rules stipulate retirement points, the coach may implement a lesser retirement criteria to provide equal participation opportunities. Retired batters most often get the chance to resume their innings. In 'quarters cricket' (i.e. one innings of 25 overs per team batting each day over two days), all players will not get to bat each day.

6. Recognise that realistic goals suited to each players' individual ability can be set for their achievement. At times players should be encouraged to handle situations they may not be entirely comfortable with, but which the coach believes the player can handle.
7. Encourage better players to try out for BEARS Coaching Squads.
8. Captains should be limited to appropriate players and perhaps voted in by the players and limited in tenure from 3 games to half a season (elected captains should be given time to develop their skill and a single game is not sufficient time to do this).
9. Some teams (usually the higher grades, e.g. Div 3 – Div 1), will be drawn to play on turf wickets. In this case, all players must wear cricket spikes when playing on turf wickets.

Box protectors should be as small as possible and worn between two pairs of brief type underwear. Players should try to have their own box protector. Long trousers are most commonly worn to stop grass burn and leg pad straps rubbing on bare skin.

### **Club Volunteers**

**All roles as team coaches, managers, committee members, and in club operations are voluntary.** The continuation and development of the CTCC will be in the strength of conversion of parents from 'onlookers' to 'being actively involved' in the club operations at all levels from Coach or Manager, to canteen, to scorers, to fundraising activities, to Management Committee.

**All key club roles that interact with junior players (incl. coaches, managers, canteen managers, scorers) must hold a current blue card.**

### **Coaching**

Although the club endeavours to identify coaches for new teams, the club requests parents consider taking on the role of coach, or manager, for new teams. No prior coaching experience is required for junior cricket, only an enthusiasm for the game and for developing the skills of young children.

During the season there are a number of coaching courses (Level 0, 1 and 2) held in the Redlands district, run by the Queensland Cricket Association. CTCC will pay the cost of coaching courses after the Management Committee has approved applications. All Coaches in the CTCC are required to have a minimum Level 1 Coaching certificate issued by a recognised coaching institution

Current Coaches are encouraged to upgrade their Coaching Course Levels from year to year especially if they intend to keep coaching. Parents that wish to improve their skills and assist with coaching are encouraged to attend these courses.

### **Managers**

The team Managers (particularly for junior teams), play a critical role in support of the coach and should provide the link to the overall club operation and administration. All Managers are encouraged to establish a team contact list for their team, and maintain a team stats sheet (at least for U12 and older grades).

All Managers are expected to liaise with team parents and the Club Volunteer Coordinator to ensure that parents are engaged to help with the following key roles in support of the teams;

- Game day umpiring (for the younger junior grades NO prior umpiring experience is required)
- Game day scoring



## Player Equipment

The club provides a fully equipped Cricket Kit and First Aid Kit for all teams, which the Coach will take to Training and Games. Players are however quite welcome to use their own equipment at any time. Players should ensure their own equipment is acceptable under the 'Rules of Play', is in sound condition and not likely to cause injury to the user or any other player and is suitably named. The Club accepts no responsibility for Players own gear.

Players are reminded of the need to comply with the safety requirements of using adequate protective equipment at all times when playing cricket at practice, warm ups and competition games (note protective equipment listed in Age Group Guidelines).

Coaches should ensure all Club Equipment is identified with the letters 'CTCC' and maintained in a safe state. Coaches with Equipment to be replaced should contact the Equipment Coordinator who will organise replacements. The Equipment Coordinator will maintain a Register of all equipment issued to each Team. Cricket Balls are issued for each match (one ball for each match whether it be a one day or a two day match). Cricket Balls are expensive and old Match Balls should be marked with the words CTCC and the Team Year (e.g. U/14) and used for training.

The club requires that all players attend games in the club uniform as displayed during the sign on sessions. Parents are reminded of the need to ensure their children are adequately protected against the sun and remind all players to follow the Slip, Slop, Slap, Slurp process.

**Players without the Club hats or in Basketball caps will not be allowed to play.**

## How to Select Cricket Equipment

Bats for the U10 to U12 group,

- Should be as light as possible. The young player should be able to hold the bat in one hand by the handle and hold it horizontal with the arm horizontal for a minimum of 30 seconds.
- Should have the top of the handle at waist height when the bat stands on its end beside the young player.

Bats for players U13 and older should be selected from a supplier that will give expert advice on weight, handle length and blade length, handle shape and blade shape.

Leg pads should be as light as possible, have the knee roll no higher than the knee & be able to be done up tightly around the legs

## **Player Pathway – Juniors to Seniors including Rep to National**

### **CLUBS**

Master Blasters - CTCC 5 to 8 yrs old

### **Junior Clubs**

#### **CTCC**

- U10 to U16 (age as at August 31)

#### **Redlands Tigers**

- Ray Weir (U15, Sunday comp)
- Shane Watson Cup (U16)
- Lord Taverners Cup (U16)

### **Senior Clubs**

#### **CTCC** (Sub District Cricket)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Division

#### **Redlands Tigers** (District Cricket)

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (all grades)

### **REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Junior Age Groups**

- **Ian Healy Cup (U12)**
- **BEARS Coaching Squads (U12 - U16)**
- **BEARS A Team for State Carnival (U12-U16)**
- **BEARS B Team for Development Carnival (U12-U14)**
- **QCA Emerging Players Squad (U13-U16)**

### **Seniors**

- **QCA U17, U19, U21 Colts, State teams**
- **Q.A.S.**
- **QCA Second IX**
- **QCA BULLS**
- **ACB U17, U19 Australian Teams**
- **CBA CA**
- **ACB AIS**
- **ACB Australia A**
- **ACB Australia**

## **Wet Weather Policy**

Coaches are to be contacted by player parents' around 30 minutes before the departure time, to the Game Venue, for advice regarding commencement of game. The coaches contact telephone number/s will be published in the Handbook and on the draw.

Parents are to be aware that in most cases decisions cannot be made until the fields have been inspected closer to the time of play starting. The CTCC will endeavour to participate in as many games as possible.

All players must turn up for matches unless notified by coach/manager.

## **Home Games**

As field size varies from age to age there is a need to place markers to easily identify the boundaries. Each junior team kit bag has approximately 20 coloured markers for this purpose.

If your team is listed on the draw first then you are the designated HOME team and it is your responsibility to ensure the markers are the correct distance and the field is marked prior to the commencement of the match. Coaches should endeavour to add a length of rope to their kits so distances are marked correctly from week to week.

The field measurements are taken from the middle of the batting crease at each end and not the centre of the pitch. Field measurements are as follows:

Under 10	40 metres
Under 11 & 12	45 metres
Under 13 & 14	55 metres (min.) or physical limits of field
Under 15 / 16 / 18	65 metres (min.) or physical limits of field
Under 14 / 15 / 16 Girls	TBA metres

## **Rules of Play for U10 to Seniors Players**

The Redlands Cricket Inc, BEARS and QSDCA have developed Rules of Play for each age group. A copy of the relevant rules is provided to each Coach / Manager, as well as all players. Coaches are expected to abide by the rules at all times especially where the well being and safety of the players is concerned.

Each competition controls the rules and draws of the respective competition. The Redlands Cricket Inc encourages girls to play in the local competition and allows girls to play in age groups up to 2 years below their current age.

In addition, the CTCC Management Committee has adopted the following guidelines for the various age levels that shall apply in addition to the Rules of Play:

### **Under 10 - Game Day Guidelines**

1. All players receive an equal amount of time on the field during club matches. Due to team numbers, rotations may result in players spending some time on the side-line (substitutes etc). Coaches & managers will control this.
2. All players when fielding will rotate fielding positions clockwise at the end of each over
3. All players will be given the opportunity to play in the wicket keeper position unless the player (or his/her parents) specifically requests exclusion from this position.
4. All players will bat for an equal amount of time and are not required to walk if given 'out' during their batting time.
5. Captain selection should be on a game by game rotation by lottery (not on a best to worst order)

### **Under 11 - Game Day Guidelines**

1. All players receive an equal amount of time on the field during club matches. Due to team numbers, rotations may result in some time on the sideline (12<sup>th</sup> man etc). Coaches & managers will control this, eg bowler to rest after bowling. Fielding players to be rotated around from time to time to stop boredom.
2. All players will be given the opportunity to play in the wicket keeper position unless the player (or his/her parents) specifically requests exclusion from this position.
3. Coaches can start grooming potential wicketkeepers and opening batters in the second part of the season when the 142gm Hard-ball is used. All players will be given the opportunity to try out for specialist positions.