

2011-12 HKCA Under-17 League - Competition Rules

1. These rules should be read in conjunction with the 2011-12 HKCA Junior League Playing Conditions.
2. The 2011-12 HKCA Under-17 League is open to players born on or after 1st September 1994.
3. The 2011-12 HKCA Under-17 League shall involve 35-overs per side matches played by teams of 11 players. Substitutes will be allowed in case of injury but substitutes cannot bat or bowl.
4. Twelve (12) teams have registered for the 2011-12 season. Teams will be split into two pools of six (6) teams each. Teams will play matches against the other teams in their pool on a round-robin basis and after that the top two teams from each pool will play in semi-finals and finals to determine the Under-17 League Champion. Semi-final 1 shall see the first placed team in Pool A playing the second placed team in Pool B while Semi-final 2 shall see the first placed team in Pool B playing the second placed team in Pool A. The winners of the two semi-finals shall contest the Grand Final and the Grand Final winner shall be the League Champion. In the event that a semi-final match cannot be played, the team finishing higher in the pool at the end of the round-robin matches shall progress to the final.
5. A 156gm four-piece red leather cricket ball will be used in all league matches. The balls will be provided by the HKCA appointed umpire.
6. All matches will be played on Saturday mornings. Hours of play shall be:
 - First innings: 0800 – 1015 (2 hours 15 mins)
 - Interval: 1015-1025 (10 minutes)
 - Second innings: 1025-1240 (2 hours 15 mins)
7. There will be a maximum of 7 overs per bowler.
8. Teams will normally bowl from both ends unless otherwise instructed by the umpires to bowl from one end only.
9. In case of a wide delivery, one (1) run will be added to the total of the batting side in case of wide plus any runs scored off byes. The ball will have to be bowled again.
10. In case of a 'no-ball', one (1) run shall be added to the total plus runs scored off the bat. The ball will have to be bowled again.
11. The 2011-12 points system is as follows:
 - Win: 4 points
 - Loss: 0 points
 - Tie: 2 points each
 - No Result: 2 points each

- Walk-over: 5 points
 - Bonus Points: One (1) bonus point will be awarded for a run-rate over 1.25 times that of the opposing team. For the full 35-over match, the team batting second must score the required runs on or before the last ball of the 28th over.
12. Umpires will be appointed by HKCA for all matches. If it is not possible to provide two umpires for each game, teams may be asked to provide a responsible person to act as square leg umpire. The decisions of HKCA Umpires are final.
 13. At no stage during the match should spectators, including team coach or accompanying adults, enter the field of play, unless he/she is serving as an umpire.
 14. In the interests of player development, the HKCA encourages team coach, team representatives or accompanying adults to direct their advice to teams during intervals only and that must be done outside of the field of play.