



**2023 HANDBOOK**  
**LEAGUE AND**  
**CUP RULES**

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## County-Wide Under-9 Performance Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 9s competition, a player must be under 9yrs on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
2. Matches will be played on a date and time agreed between the two teams
3. Each team will comprise 6 players per side.
4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising 12 six ball overs.
5. The pitch will measure 15 yards. Boundary size 30 meters.
6. The ball shall be a light weight softball or rubber ball.
7. No protective equipment is necessary.
8. The batting side will be divided into pairs.
9. Each pair shall bat for a full 4 overs.
10. Each pair shall be exchanged after the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> overs.
11. Batters shall have unlimited lives but each life lost will result in 5 runs being deducted from the score.
12. Each team will commence the innings with 200 runs on the scoreboard. A deduction of 5 runs will be made for each wicket lost.
13. Wides and No Balls shall count two runs, but there will be no additional ball bowled, unless, it is the last over of the match when a Wide/No Ball shall be scored as one run and an additional ball should be bowled for each Wide/No Ball called. Please do not be strict on no balls or wides, use as much flexibility as possible.
14. Each player shall bowl 2 overs.
15. All Bowlers will bowl from one end. Batters will swap at the end of each over.
16. The winning team shall be the side scoring the greatest number of runs following deductions for wickets lost.
17. There will be no results taken by the league and as such there will be no league table. We fully recommend the principle of fun and participation for the under 9 matches.
18. Scoring zones can be used if clubs wish. These would be on the boundary, straight down the ground behind the bowlers arm.

## Under-11- League & Cup Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 11s League, a player must be under 11yrs on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 12yrs on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
2. Matches will be played on a Sunday morning commencing at 9:30am, earlier by agreement.
3. Each team will comprise 8 players per side.
4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising 16 six ball overs.
5. The pitch will measure 17yds.
6. Boundary should be a maximum of 40 meters.
7. All Bowlers will bowl from one end. Batters will swap ends for the start of each new over.
8. The ball shall weigh 4 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.
9. The batting side will be divided into pairs.
10. Each pair shall bat for a full 4 overs.
11. Each pair shall be exchanged after the 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> overs.
13. Each team will commence the innings with 0 runs on the scoreboard and 5 runs will be added to the bowling team's total for every wicket taken. If the team batting second loses a wicket, the target will increase by 5 runs for every wicket taken.
14. Wides and No Balls shall count two runs, but there will be no additional ball bowled, unless, it is the last over of the match when a Wide/No Ball shall be scored as one run and an additional ball should be bowled for each Wide/No Ball called.
15. Each player except the wicketkeeper shall bowl a minimum of 1 over with a maximum of 3.
16. Teams must not change their wicketkeeper during the course of an innings, unless the wicketkeeper is injured. Both teams must agree with the injury replacement.
17. The winning team shall be the side scoring the greatest number of runs following deductions for wickets lost.
18. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 from the Constitution.

## Under-13 – League & Cup Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 13 League, a player must be under 13yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 14yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year.
2. Matches will be played on a Wednesday evening commencing at 6pm.
3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side.
4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising 20 six ball overs.
5. The pitch will measure 19yds.
6. Boundary should be a maximum of 50 meters.
7. The ball shall weigh 4 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces and must be either, a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.
8. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply.
9. A minimum of 7 bowlers are to be used.
10. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 3 overs per innings.
11. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must 'retire' and he/she will not be allowed to return to the crease. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 runs if their 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
12. In the event of a batter retiring hurt, he/she will not be able to return to the crease for the remainder of the innings.
12. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed, or bowl, during the innings unless, in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.
13. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 from the Constitution.

## Under-15 – League & Cup Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 15s League, a player must be under 15yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 16yrs on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
2. Matches will be played on a Monday evening commencing at 6pm.
3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side.
4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising of 20 six ball overs.
5. The pitch will measure 22yds.
6. The ball shall weigh 5 and ½ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.
7. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply.
8. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 4 overs per innings.
9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must 'retire' and he/she will not be allowed to return to the crease. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 50 runs if their 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
10. In the event of a batter retiring hurt, he/she will not be able to return to the crease for the remainder of the innings.
11. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed or bowl during the innings, unless in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.
12. Results and full scorecards for Under 15 matches shall be entered by the home club on their play-cricket website within 72 hours of the games completion.
13. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 from the Constitution.

## Under 18 - League & Cup Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 18s League, a player must be under 18yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 19yrs on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
2. Matches will be played on a Tuesday evening commencing at 6pm.
3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side
4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising of 20 six ball overs per side for League games and 15 six ball overs per side in cup competitions.
5. The pitch will measure 22yds
6. The ball shall be pink or orange, weigh 5 and ½ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.
7. Players may wear coloured clothing but this is not mandatory.
8. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply
9. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 4 overs per innings in a league match and 3 overs per innings in a cup match
10. There are no batting restrictions
11. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed or bowl during the innings, unless in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.
12. In U18 cup competitions the following additional rules will apply:
  - Front Foot No Ball & Free Hit: A 'Free Hit' will be allowed for each 'no ball' called for a front foot infringement by a bowler. Field changes are not permitted for 'free hit' deliveries unless there is a change of striker.
  - Tight Leg Side Wides: Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of MCC Law 25.1 to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any offside or leg-side delivery which, in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score, shall be called a wide ball.
  - Fielding Circle: At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and wicket keeper) must be in an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the square leg umpire shall call no ball. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at 5 yard intervals, each dot to be covered by a plastic or rubber (not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.
13. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule from the Constitution.