

Cambridgeshire Youth Cricket Association

Official Handbook & Rules
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Constitution

Title

The Association will be known as the Cambridgeshire Youth Cricket Association and abbreviated to CYCA when appropriate.

Aims

- To promote all youth cricket up to the age of 17 within the area covered by the Cambridgeshire Cricket Board. (The district council areas of Fenland, East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge.)
- To organise leagues and cup competitions for the benefit of members.
- To fully commit to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief. This includes players, employees, participants, volunteers and spectators. To encourage opportunity for all young people to play cricket, regardless of sex, ability or ethnicity.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Association by adopting and implementing the ECB SAFE HANDS – WELFARE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CRICKET POLICY and any future versions of the policy.
- To liaise closely with the CCB over matters relating to the development, funding and promotion of youth cricket in the area.

Membership

- Membership shall be open to all clubs which run junior teams, providing they have adopted the ECB 'Safe Hands' policy.
- Membership fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- Each club is entitled to one vote at either a General Meeting or AGM, although more than one member of a club is encouraged to attend such meetings.

Committee

The officers of the Association will be:

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Cup Co-ordinator
5. League Welfare Officer

The officers will form the committee along with the following four club elected representatives:

The Committee will also have a non-elected position for the Cambs Cricket Development Manager.

The Competitions Committee will consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Cup Co-ordinator and shall meet at least quarterly and more often if business dictates at the discretion of the Chairman and the Secretary.

The main committee will meet twice a year before and after each playing season

The quorum for full committee meeting shall be half the total number of officers less one.

The committee has the right to co-opt members to serve as Officers or Representatives in the event of positions falling vacant between AGM's or in the event that an AGM fails to elect sufficient committee members.

Elected Officers and Representatives shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. At least 7 days notice shall be given of the time and place of the meeting along with the agenda.

General Meetings

All members are entitled to attend and speak.

All members in good standing are entitled to vote.

All resolutions seeking to change the constitution of the Association or the competition rules shall be put to a General Meeting have been properly placed with the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

No change shall be made unless supported by a two thirds majority of those entitled to vote in which case such change shall be made.

The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 15% of those entitled to vote.

A General Meeting of members shall be held before the commencement of each playing season, and members shall receive at least 21 days notice of the General Meeting, including notice of the agenda. Any additional resolutions or changes in competition rules will be communicated to all members at least 7 days prior to the General Meeting.

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall take place before the end of March of the forthcoming season.

Members shall receive at least 21 days notice of the AGM along with notice of the agenda.

All members are entitled to stand for office.

The AGM shall:

1. Elect Officers of the Association.
2. Elect Representatives of the Association.
3. Hear and adopt reports from Officers.
4. Decide policy matters for the coming year.
5. Consider Resolutions.

Extraordinary General Meetings

When a written request for an EGM is made to the Secretary, either from 5 members of the Committee or 20% of the Membership entitled vote, an EGM will be held within 28 days of receipt of the request and the notice

of the Meeting shall give at least 15 days notice of the time and the place of the Meeting, and the state of full business to be discussed.

Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved on a majority vote under the procedure providing for an EGM. The assets in hand from the Association once all obligations have been discharged shall be transferred to the Cambridgeshire Cricket Board or its successor body.

Discipline

The CYCA will act in accordance with the disciplinary procedures as laid down by the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Joint Disciplinary Committee, acting in accordance with the ECB `Safe Hands` Welfare Policy.

Section 1 - General Rules

1.1 M.C.C.

1. All matches shall be conducted in accordance with M.C.C. laws with the exceptions contained herein.

1.2 REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

1. Each club shall register or renew their annual affiliation with the CYCA by the **31st** December prior to the year of competition together with the appropriate fee.
Any club failing to do so shall be ineligible for all competitions administered by the CYCA.
2. Each registered club shall notify the **COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE** of their entry into competitions by the **1st February** in the year of competition together with the appropriate fees.
Any club failing to do so shall be ineligible for all competitions administered by the CYCA.

1.3 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1. A player may only register for one club notwithstanding clause 5 below.

Any club which plays an **unregistered** young cricketer or one **already registered for another affiliated club** shall forfeit ALL the matches in which that player competes while unregistered or registered with another club and those matches shall be awarded to their opponents. In the event that both teams play unregistered players or players registered with another club in the same match, no points will be awarded to either team.

2. Each club shall update on their own cricket club's play-cricket website annually a full list of young cricketers registering the player on the CYCA website together with their dates of birth and any other details as from time to time required by the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE by the **2nd week of May** in the year of competition.
3. All young cricketers under the age of 15 on the **31st August** in the year preceding competition must obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian prior to competing in any match administered by the CYCA.
4. Clubs must register fresh players on the play-cricket website within 24 hours of the first match in which they compete. Any club failing to do so shall be fined £5 for each and every failure to fulfil this requirement by the due time.
5. A player may transfer during the playing season from one affiliated club to another only with the written consent of both clubs or with the written consent of the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE which shall not be unreasonably withheld and in any case not on or after the **30th June** in the year of competition.

A player who transfers during the season shall be ineligible to play in any cup competition in which they have already played for their previous club.

6. Upon request in any match the manager shall nominate his/her players by entering their names on a result card and making it available to the opposing manager before commencement of play.

1.4 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. Any club who plays an ineligible player according to the following clauses shall forfeit ALL those matches in which that player competes while ineligible and those matches shall be awarded to their opponents.

2. To safeguard players against being over played a player may not compete in age group league competitions at more than two different age groups in any week (Monday to Sunday).
3. Where a club enters more than one team in the same age group, players may transfer from one team to the other. This is on the proviso that no more than 3 players of the team transfer. County players may not transfer from a premier division to a regional division in the same week as they have played in the premier team.
4. All players shall be qualified to play in League and Cup competitions according to their age on the **31st August** in the year preceding competition according to the following :- All girls aged under 11 and under will play in their own age group.

All County girls will play in their own age groups.

Girls aged over 11 and under 13 and not in the County representative squad will be allowed to play 1 year down.

Girls aged over 13 and under 17 and not in the County representative squad will be allowed to play 2 years down. So a 14 year old will be allowed to play in U12s.

A county player is one that has played at least two county games in the current playing season.

At the same time the ECB cup rules of which we apply to the eligibility criteria to allow entry will mean **all** girls will play at their **own** age group meaning that girls may not play down in cup competitions.

So the following would apply for all girls not in the County squads

Competition	Boys & County girls	born after	non county Girls	born after
Under 9 League	Under 9	31/08/2013	Under 11	31/08/2012
Under 10 League	Under 10	31/08/2012	Under 12	31/08/2011
Under 11 League	Under 11	31/08/2011	Under 13	31/08/2010
Under 12 League	Under 12	31/08/2010	Under 14	31/08/2008
Under 13 League	Under 13	31/08/2009	Under 15	31/08/2007
Under 14 League	Under 14	31/08/2008	Under 16	31/08/2006
Under 15 League	Under 15	31/08/2007	Under 17	31/08/2005

5. When a club enters more than one team in the Cup Competition in that age group, a player may only represent one team.

Section 2 - Competition Rules

2.1 FIXTURES

1. Special requests concerning the arrangement of fixtures must be forwarded to the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE by the **1st February** in the year of competition.
2. Dates of all matches shall be arranged by the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE and distributed to clubs by the **1st March** in the year of competition.
3. All evening matches shall be time tabled to commence at **6 pm** unless otherwise mutually agreed between the clubs.
4. Clubs on receiving fixtures from the CYCA League should change the week beginning date of home matches on their playcricket website to the date agreed between the two teams. These changes must be completed before the start of the first week of the CYCA league games. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10

2.2 FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES

1. All fixtures are to be played before or on the date set out in the handbook excepting for clauses 2.2.2 to 2.2.6 and 2.6.4. Under-15 league matches are usually to be played on Mondays and Under-13 league matches are usually to be played on Thursdays. In the case of cup matches and league matches, including rearranged Under15 and Under13 matches, the manager of the home team will have choice of dates. The away team will be given reasonable notice, not to be less than 7 whole days.
2. A match may be postponed by the manager of the home team due to inclement weather.
3. In the case of matches being played on public fields or parks the ultimate decision for postponement of matches must be left to the respective ground superintendents.
4. A match may be postponed no later than four days beforehand when School activities prevent five or more players from competing.
In the event of any protest a written letter from the School shall be required.

5. A match may be abandoned due to inclement weather or any situation which presents a danger to any player or official or spectator by mutual agreement of the two managers or by the ground superintendent.
6. Abandoned or games cancelled due to school activities must be replayed within **two weeks** of the original scheduled date. Procedure to follow for games that do not get played on the designated day.
 - 1) If there is going to be rain or it rains prior to the match or during the match, then the game will be classed as abandoned. It can remain as abandoned and not replayed and the points will be shared. If both clubs can agree to replay the fixture within a two week period then the results will be whatever is achieved on that re-arranged day.
 - 2) If for whatever reason the ground on which the game is due to be played on becomes unavailable or is not fit to be played on, it becomes the responsibility of the home club to find a suitable venue within two weeks to replay the fixture. This could be reversing the fixture or agree that you play the fixture away on the opposition ground.
 - 3) If on the day a club cannot provide a team due to school commitments the club must notify the opposition at least four days prior to the game. If it does not then the game will be awarded to the opposition. If notification is more than than four days then the game is temporarily called void. A new date to play must occur within two weeks of the void game. It is the responsibility of the club that originally called off the game to find a suitable date that fits the opposition who must reasonably offer three dates within that time period. If the club that called off the game cannot find a suitable date then the game will be awarded to the opposition. If the opposing club cannot offer any suitable dates but the club that called off the game are able to play then the game will be awarded to that club. If neither club have any suitable dates to replay the game then it will be declared void.

In all cases clubs should notify the opposition at least a week prior to a match to confirm a fixture and clubs should respond promptly.

7. Any club which fails to fulfil a fixture other than a VOID match shall have that match awarded to their opponents.

2.3 RESULTS OF MATCHES

1. Each home club shall enter the result of each match on their club play cricket website, including VOID matches, together with the names of the players so that it reaches the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE no later than seven days after its arranged or re-arranged date.
2. The result shall be completed on the playcricket score sheet in full showing players' names. Each team is responsible for their own players and should ensure that the correct players are entered. (If a player is used twice in pairs cricket this should be noted in the comments section to avoid confusion over unregistered players/ unsure.)
3. When a player does not appear to be registered so is entered as unsure the name shall be forwarded to the competitions sub-committee (IMcNulty@newtonhall.co.uk)
4. Any club failing to do so shall be fined £5.
5. The COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE shall forward to the appropriate media corporations, including local newspapers and television stations, on each Sunday during the playing season the results of all matches received during the preceding week together with the corresponding league tables.

2.4 PROTESTS

1. Appeals and protests with regard to the cancellation of matches, ineligibility of players or any other matter, including fines, shall be made in writing to the LEAGUE SECRETARY within seven days of the event and must be accompanied by a deposit of £5 as guarantee of good faith, which shall be forfeited if the protest is rejected.

2.5 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1. Each age group competition shall be organised either as a premier division together with one or more regional divisions or as a series of conferences.
2. In all leagues other than the "Transition" points shall be awarded as follows :-

WIN	4 points
TIE	3 points
ABANDONED	2 Points
Played	1 Point
VOID/Cancelled	0 points
LOSE	0 points

3. The winners of each division or conference shall be the team with the most points.
If two or more teams share the same number of points then the winners shall be determined by the points gained in matches between those teams.
If there are still two or more teams in contention then the division or conference shall be shared between them and they shall be declared joint winners.
4. Where an age group competition is organised as a premier division and one or more regional divisions the league champions shall be the winners of the premier division.
5. Where an age group competition is organised as a series of conferences all conference winners, including joint winners, shall enter a knockout competition to determine the league champions.

2.6 CUP

1. Each age group cup competition shall be organised as a knockout competition.

2. Clubs who are located outside of the Cambridgeshire County can enter but may not use players that have played in the national cup competition.
3. All rounds other than the semi-final and final shall be arranged on a geographical basis.
4. All rounds other than the final shall be completed by a date to be specified by the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.
5. The final of each competition shall be played on a date and at a venue to be specified by the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.
6. The winners of each final shall be nominated by CYCA to go forward to any national competitions organised by or on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Board.
7. Cup matches are ideally to be played on a single day. Where this is not possible, a cup match can be played over two successive evenings.

When a game is arranged to be played over two evenings the side batting first shall bat half their designated overs (unless bowled out earlier) and the opponents shall then face half their designated overs (unless bowled out earlier) before the team batting first is able to bat again. Each side shall bat half the designated number of overs on the first evening (save for early curtailment due to weather or other circumstances). Every effort is to be made to complete the game on the first evening if a result is possible.

Team line-ups shall be made known to the opponents before the start of the match. Qualified substitute fielders will be permitted for absent players on the second evening.

8. In the event of a cup match not being played by the designated date the CYCA competitions committee will request the two teams organise a bowl out. If this is not possible then the result will be determined by a toss of a coin which will be done by the Chair of the Competitions Committee.

2.7 Fines

1. All fines shall be paid within 14 days of notification. Clubs requiring a receipt must enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Clubs, officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule will incur such further penalties as the League

Committee may impose. All fines shall be subject to an administration fee of £2.

2. In the event of any fine not being paid by the start of the following season the CYCA reserves the right to refuse entry of that club into the league until the fine is paid.

Section 3 – Match Rules

3.1 ALL COMPETITIONS

1. In all competitions the ECB fast-bowling directive shall apply.
2. The ECB fast bowling directive shall apply. Therefore, where the wicket keeper is standing back from the stumps no player under the age of fifteen (as at 31st August in the year preceding the competition) shall bowl more than four overs in a single spell. No player under the age of seventeen (as at 31st August in the year preceding the competition) shall bowl more than five overs in a single spell.
After a spell of bowling a designated “fast” bowler may not bowl again until the same number of overs as his/her spell have been subsequently bowled from the same end.
3. In all competitions the ECB close-fielding directive shall apply.
4. All players **MUST** be at least eleven (Under 11/12/13 competition) / eight (Under 14/15 competition) metres from the bat when fielding anywhere on the leg side and also when fielding in front of the popping crease on the off side.
5. In all competitions each team shall supply an umpire and a scorer.
6. Umpires shall not be changed during a match unless mutually agreed by the clubs.
7. Where the LBW rule applies in full or in part, umpires are to ensure that where there is any doubt the decision must always be in favour of the batter.
8. **Should both teams agree** any league game may be played in accordance with cup rules for that age group and at weekends.
9. County players should not play in soft ball cricket.

- Two bounces of the ball will be allowed for U9, U10 and U11 leagues. A single bounce for U12, U13, U14 and U15 leagues.
- High pitched balls should be observed and only penalised if deemed to be unsafe.

3.2 UNDER 9 LEAGUE (played as a tournament)

- Each team in the competition shall consist of eight players
- The competition can be played on Sundays with two matches played on the day or by agreement a single match on a day determined by the two teams.
- The pitch shall be 15 yards in length and the ball shall be 4.75 oz. in weight. A pink incrediball specified by the league shall be used
- A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twelve * **SIX** ball overs.
- All balls to be bowled from one end.
- The score in each innings shall be calculated as 200 plus any runs scored (including extras) minus five for each wicket conceded.
- In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather or abandoned for other valid reason where at least nine overs have been completed in the second innings the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Subtract from the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over five runs for each wicket conceded up to that point

Divide that by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by fifteen and round up to the nearest whole run

Add 200 runs

For example, if 45 runs have been scored and 4 wickets conceded by the end of the 10th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$(((45 - 4*5) \div 10) * 15) + 200$$

$$= 30 + 200$$

$$= 230$$

8. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
9. The LBW rule shall not apply
10. Each batting pair will face three different bowlers.
11. Wides and no balls shall score two runs plus any runs taken by running between the stumps or by boundaries or by overthrows.
12. Wides and no balls shall not re-bowled in the last over of each innings.
13. No player shall bowl more than two overs in the first twelve overs of an innings.
14. No player shall bowl more than two overs in an innings.
15. Each team shall bat in pairs for three overs per pair.
16. A batter dismissed shall NOT face the following delivery excepting for clauses below.
17. In the event of an injury to a batter for which they retire their partner shall continue with a runner at the non-strikers end.
18. In the event of an odd number of batters, the opposition shall select from the opposition team a player who will bat twice. This must occur before the start of the match and before the batter has played.

3.3 UNDER 10 LEAGUE

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of ten players.
2. The pitch shall be 16 yards in length and the ball shall be 4.75 oz. in weight. A pink incrediball specified by the league shall be used for Under-10 matches unless both sides agree to use a normal cricket ball.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of fifteen * **SIX** ball overs.
4. The score in each innings shall be calculated as 200 plus any runs scored (including extras) minus five for each wicket conceded.
5. The first 7 overs will be bowled from one end and this will be the fielding team umpires end. The remaining 8 overs will be bowled from the other end
6. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather or abandoned for other valid reason where at least nine overs have

been completed in the second innings the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Subtract from the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over five runs for each wicket conceded up to that point

Divide that by the number of overs fully completed

 Multiply by fifteen and round up to the nearest whole run

Add 200 runs

For example, if 45 runs have been scored and 4 wickets conceded by the end of the 10th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$(((45 - 4*5) \div 10) * 15) + 200$$

$$= 30 + 200$$

$$= 230$$

7. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
8. The LBW rule shall only apply when no shot is offered by the batter for other Under-11 league competitions.
9. Wides and no balls shall score two runs plus any runs taken by running between the stumps or by boundaries or by overthrows.
10. Wides and no balls shall only be re-bowled in the last over of each innings.
11. No player shall bowl more than two overs in the first twelve overs of an innings.
12. No player shall bowl more than two overs in an innings.
13. Each team shall bat in pairs for three overs per pair.
14. A batter dismissed shall NOT face the following delivery excepting for clauses below.
15. In the event of an injury to a batter for which they retire their partner shall continue with a runner at the non-strikers end and clause 13 shall not apply.
16. In the event of an odd number of batters, the opposition shall select from the opposition team a player who will bat twice. This

must occur before the start of the match and before the batter has played.

17. County U10 players should not play soft ball cricket but should play U11 cricket.

3.4 UNDER 11 Regional League

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of ten players.
2. The pitch shall be 17 yards in length and the ball shall be 4.75 oz. in weight. A pink ball specified by the league shall be used for Under-11 matches.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of fifteen * **SIX** ball overs.
4. The score in each innings shall be calculated as 200 plus any runs scored (including extras) minus five for each wicket conceded.
5. The first 7 overs will be bowled from one end and this will be the fielding team umpires end. The remaining 8 overs will be bowled from the other end
6. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather or abandoned for other valid reason where at least nine overs have been completed in the second innings the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Subtract from the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over five runs for each wicket conceded up to that point

Divide that by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by fifteen and round up to the nearest whole run

Add 200 runs

For example, if 45 runs have been scored and 4 wickets conceded by the end of the 10th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$(((45 - 4*5) \div 10) * 15) + 200$$

$$= 30 + 200$$

$$= 230$$

7. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
8. The LBW rule shall only apply when no shot is offered by the batter for other Under-11 league competitions.
9. Wides and no balls shall score two runs plus any runs taken by running between the stumps or by boundaries or by overthrows.
10. Wides and no balls shall only be re-bowled in the last over of each innings.
11. No player shall bowl more than two overs in the first twelve overs of an innings.
12. No player shall bowl more than two overs in an innings.
13. Each team shall bat in pairs for three overs per pair.
14. A batter dismissed shall NOT face the following delivery excepting for clauses below.
15. In the event of an injury to a batter for which they retire their partner shall continue with a runner at the non-strikers end and clause 13 shall not apply.
16. In the event of an odd number of batters, the opposition shall select from the opposition team a player who will bat twice. This must occur before the start of the match and before the batter has played.

3.5 Under 11 Girls Sparkle competition played with a glitter ball

1. 8 players per team. (can rotate team if you have more players but must only have 8 players in one game)
2. The pitch shall be 15 yards in length and a glitter softball shall be used.
3. A match shall comprise of 2 innings, each consisting of EIGHT, 6 ball overs.
4. Each pair will face two overs.
5. Each team will start with 200 runs.
6. The score in each innings shall be calculated accordingly, any runs scored (including extras such as no ball and wides are a +2) -5 for each wicket conceded.
7. Weather affected games should use the CYCA formula

8. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
9. The LBW rule shall not apply.
10. No county players to play in this league.
11. Wides and no balls shall score two runs
12. If any wides or no balls were conceded in the last over then a free hit will be rewarded. Scoring 2 runs for the wide/no ball and any additional runs after.
13. No player shall bowl more than TWO overs in an innings.
14. Each team shall bat in pairs for TWO overs per pair.

15. Played over a festival based day. Teams are placed into cluster groups who will arrange fixture dates amongst themselves, each club will host a festival day throughout the season for their cluster group.
16. Results of every festival should be sent in to the CYCA play-cricket within 6 days.
17. A no-ball can be from the following – Ball has gone wide, bowled a full toss, has bounced more than once or has rolled along the floor.
18. A minimum of 4 bowlers to bowl 2 overs each (can be more bowlers bowling less overs each)
19. Encourage straight arm bowling.
20. 7: The score after each game will be scored from the following
Win = 5 points Tie = 3 points Defeat = 1 point
21. Teams will be placed on a leaders board at the end of each festival
1st 2nd 3rd 4th the leaders board will go onto the play cricket system and points will be recorded as follows:
22. 1st place will receive 10 points 2nd place will receive 8 points
3rd place will receive 4 points 4th place will receive 2 points.

3.6 UNDER 11 CUP

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of either 10 or 11 players depending on the format played and clubs will only be allowed to field one side in the tournament.
2. The pitch shall be 17 yards in length and the ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.
3. All preliminary rounds in the competition will be played as pairs cricket following under 11 pairs rules except where two teams compete they may agree to play standard cricket rules. The semi final and final will be played in a standard format.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by 20 and round up to the nearest whole run.

For example, if 87 runs have been scored by the end of the 17th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((87 \div 17) * 20)$$

$$= 102.35$$

$$= 103$$

5. The team with the greater score shall be the winner.
6. In the event that the scores are equal the winners shall be the team which has conceded fewer wickets.
In the event that the scores and wickets conceded are both equal the match shall be decided by a bowl-out in which six players from each side bowl a single, over-arm delivery at the stumps. If the direct hits are equal the bowl-out shall continue with new players on a sudden death basis.
7. The LBW rule shall apply in full.
8. Wides and no balls shall score two runs plus any runs taken by running between the stumps or by boundaries or by overthrows.
9. Wides and no balls shall only be re-bowled in the last over of each innings.
10. No player shall bowl more than four overs in an innings.

11. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled

3.7 UNDER 11 PREMIER LEAGUE

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eleven players.
2. The pitch shall be 17 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.

For example, if 70 runs have been scored by the end of the 15th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((70 \div 15) * 20)$$

$$= 93.3$$

$$= 94$$

5. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
6. Each team must use 6 bowlers during the innings.
7. Only two players shall bowl four overs in an innings.
8. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.8 UNDER 12 Cric8 League

1. Teams will consist of 8 players per team, and 16 x 6 ball overs per innings.

2. The pitch shall be 19 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.
3. The boundary Shall be approximately 35-40 adult paces from the stumps.
4. Players will bat in pairs for 4 overs each pair
5. If a batsman is dismissed, then 5 runs is deducted, and the other batsman faces the next ball.
6. The batsman who faced the last ball of the over should not face the first ball of the net over, so if they take a single or three, then don't swap, otherwise swap.
7. Each pair faces 4 different bowlers (except the first/last pair who might get 2 overs from the wicket-keeper)
8. All bowling will happen from one end (same end for both innings)
9. Everyone must bowl at least 2 overs (except Wicket-keeper which is optional)
10. If the wicket-keeper does not bowl, then 2 players may bowl 3 overs each, but never more than 1 to each pair.
11. If the Wicket-keeper is going to bowl, then they should bowl the first two, or last two overs of the innings. Wicket-keepers should only change once per innings.
12. No fielders within 11 yards of the batsman when the ball is bowled.
13. Must be 3 fielders on each side of the wicket
14. The LBW rule will apply in full
15. Wides will count 2 runs plus any runs scored, and not rebowled (except the last over of the innings)
16. No balls will count 2 runs plus any runs scored and not rebowled. (except the last over of the innings)

3.8 Under 12 Regional League

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eleven players.

2. The pitch shall be 19 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-
 Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed
 Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.
 For example, if 70 runs have been scored by the end of the 15th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((70 \div 15) * 20)$$

$$= 93.3$$

$$= 94$$
5. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
6. Each team must use 6 bowlers during the innings.
7. Only two players shall bowl four overs in an innings.
8. In U13 regional leagues no balls and wides to count as 2 runs plus any runs scored. The ball is not to be replayed. During the last 2 overs of each innings all no balls and wides are to be replayed. The no ball or wide will still count as two runs plus any runs scored.
9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.9 UNDER 13 League (Regional and Premier)

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eleven players.
2. The pitch shall be 19 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.

3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-
 Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed
 Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.
 For example, if 70 runs have been scored by the end of the 15th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((70 \div 15) * 20)$$

$$= 93.3$$

$$= 94$$
5. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
6. Each team must use 6 bowlers during the innings.
7. Only two players shall bowl four overs in an innings.
8. In U13 regional leagues no balls and wides to count as 2 runs plus any runs scored. The ball is not to be replayed. During the last 2 overs of each innings all no balls and wides are to be replayed. The no ball or wide will still count as two runs plus any runs scored.
9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.10 UNDER 13 Cric8 league

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eight players.
2. The pitch shall be 19 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of 16 * **six** ball overs.
4. Players will bat in pairs for 4 overs each pair.

5. If a batsman is dismissed, then 5 runs is deducted, and the other batsman faces the next ball.
6. The batsman who faced the last ball of the over should not face the first ball of the net over, so if they take a single or three, then don't swap, otherwise swap.
7. Each pair faces 4 different bowlers (except the first/last pair who might get 2 overs from the wicket-keeper)
8. All bowling will happen from one end (same end for both innings)
9. Everyone must bowl at least 2 overs (except Wicket-keeper which is optional)
10. If the wicket-keeper does not bowl, then 2 players may bowl 3 overs each, but never more than 1 to each pair.
11. If the Wicket-keeper is going to bowl, then they should bowl the first two, or last two overs of the innings. Wicket-keepers should only change once per innings.
12. No fielders within 11 yards of the batsman when the ball is bowled.
13. Must be 3 fielders on each side of the wicket
14. The LBW rule will apply in full
15. Wides and No balls will count 2 runs plus any runs scored, and not rebowled (except the last over of the innings).
16. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather or abandoned for other valid reason where at least nine overs have been completed in the second innings the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Subtract from the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over five runs for each wicket conceded up to that point

Divide that by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by fifteen and round up to the nearest whole run

Add 200 runs

For example, if 45 runs have been scored and 4 wickets conceded by the end of the 10th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$(((45 - 4*5) \div 10) * 15) + 200$$

$$= 30 + 200$$

= 230.

The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.

3.11 UNDER 13 CUP

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of 11 players and clubs will only be allowed to field one side in the tournament.
2. The pitch shall be 19 yards in length and at both age groups the pink ball specified by the league shall be 4.75 oz. in weight. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
3. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-

Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.

For example, if 87 runs have been scored by the end of the 17th over the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((87 \div 17) * 20)$$

$$= 102.35$$

$$= 103$$

The team with the greater score shall be the winner.

4. In the event that the scores are equal the winners shall be the team which has conceded fewer wickets.
In the event that the scores and wickets conceded are both equal the match shall be decided by a bowl-out in which six players from each side bowl a single, over-arm delivery at the stumps. If the direct hits are equal the bowl-out shall continue with new players on a sudden death basis.
5. No player shall bowl more than four overs in an innings.
6. Each Team must use 6 bowlers per innings.

7. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.12 UNDER 15 PREMIER

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eleven players.
2. The pitch shall be 22 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 5.5 oz. in weight.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows :-
5. Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed
6. Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.
7. For example, if 70 runs have been scored by the end of the 15th over then the 2nd innings score shall be $((70 \div 15) * 20) = 93.3 = 94$
8. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
9. Each team must use 6 bowlers during the innings.
10. Only two players shall bowl four overs in an innings.
11. No balls and wides to count as 1 run plus any runs scored. The ball is to be replayed.
12. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 50 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.13 UNDER 14 and 15 Regional LEAGUES.

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of eight players.

2. The pitch shall be 22 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 5.5 oz. in weight.
3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows: -
 Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed
 Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.
 For example, if 70 runs have been scored by the end of the 15th over then the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((70 \div 15) * 20)$$

$$= 93.3$$

$$= 94$$
5. The team with the greater score shall be the winner. In the event that the scores are equal the match shall be a tie.
6. In U14 and U15 regional leagues no balls and wides to count as 2 runs plus any runs scored. The ball is not to be replayed. During the last 2 overs of each innings all no balls and wides are to be replayed. The no ball or wide will still count as two runs plus any runs scored
7. Only two players shall bowl four overs in an innings.
8. Each team must use 6 bowlers per innings.
9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 50 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.14 UNDER 15 CUP

1. Each team in the competition shall consist of 11 players and clubs will only be allowed to field one side in the tournament.
2. The pitch shall be 22 yards in length and the pink ball specified by the league shall be 5.5 oz. in weight.

3. A match shall comprise of two innings, one from each team, and each consisting of twenty * six ball overs.
4. In the event that a match is curtailed by inclement weather where at least ten overs have been completed in the second innings, the score in the second innings shall be calculated from the last fully completed over as follows: -

Divide the runs scored (including extras) at the end of the last fully completed over by the number of overs fully completed

Multiply by twenty and round up to the nearest whole run.

For example, if 87 runs have been scored by the end of the 17^h over the 2nd innings score shall be

$$((87 \div 17) * 20)$$

$$= 102.35$$

$$= 103$$

The team with the greater score shall be the winner.

5. In the event that the scores are equal the winners shall be the team which has conceded fewer wickets.
In the event that the scores and wickets conceded are both equal the match shall be decided by a bowl-out in which six players from each side bowl a single, over-arm delivery at the stumps. If the direct hits are equal the bowl-out shall continue with new players on a sudden death basis.
6. No player shall bowl more than four overs in an innings.
7. each team must use 6 bowlers per innings.
8. No Balls and wides to count as 1 run and rebowled.
9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must retire and will not be able to return. A batsman may continue their innings beyond 50 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

3.15 THE TRANSITION LEAGUE (currently suspended)

1. A junior player shall be under seventeen on the **31st August** in the year preceding the competition.

2. A senior player shall be seventeen or older on the **31st August** in the year preceding the competition.
3. Each team shall comprise at least six junior players.
4. A match shall comprise a maximum of eighty * six ball overs. The team batting first shall face up to forty five overs and the team batting second shall face up to thirty five overs plus all complete unused overs from the first innings.
5. No player shall bowl more than eight overs in an innings.
6. The total overs bowled by senior players shall NOT exceed twenty and the opening pair of bowlers must contain a junior in all cases.
7. At least three of the top six batters shall be junior players. The opening pair of batsmen must contain a junior in all cases.
8. A senior batter shall retire at the end of the over in which he/she scores their 50th run and may return when all other players have batted.
9. The result of the match shall be: -

BAT 1st WIN The team batting first shall be the winners if they dismiss their opponents for fewer runs.

BAT 2nd WIN The team batting second shall be the winners if they score more runs than their opponents.

TIE In the event that the scores are equal and the team batting second are dismissed then the match shall be a tie.

DRAW The match shall be a draw in all other circumstances.

10. Points shall be awarded as follows: -

WIN	20 points but no bonus points.
TIE	15 points but no bonus points.
DRAW	Only bonus points.
BOWLING	1 bonus point for every two wickets plus 1 bonus point if the opponents are dismissed.

BATTING	1 bonus point for every fifty runs plus 1 bonus point for the 250 th run.
PENALTY	5 penalty points shall be deducted for every junior player below the required six.

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11. The final league positions shall be determined by the total points gained divided by the number of matches completed.
12. All Transition League games must be completed by the second Sunday in September.
13. A team must complete 50 per cent of their fixtures to be included in the final league table.
14. All fixtures shall be arranged at a meeting especially convened by the COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.
15. Given the length of the season, teams must make every effort to rearrange any fixtures lost because of inclement weather or opposition cancelling the fixture. No matches in the Transition League can be claimed and clubs will be liable to a fine if they fail to complete their fixture list.

Junior Cricketers playing in Adult Matches

Introduction

The ECB has issued the following guidance covering the participation of young cricketers in adult matches. This guidance applies to boys and girls and any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Guidance for Clubs and Leagues

All clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to Leagues that allow the participation of young players in adult teams in their League. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

- Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

In addition the following specific requirements apply to young players in adult matches:

- All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a face guard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket. Parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in adult matches. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player he is running for is not doing so.
- The current ECB fielding regulations must be adhered to and enforced by the umpires and captain. The umpires are empowered by these fielding regulations to stop the game immediately if a young player comes within the restricted distance.
- The umpires and the opposing captain must be notified of the age group of all players participating in an adult match who are in the Under 19 age group or younger even if the player is not a fast bowler. This requirement also covers any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder. The ECB Team Sheet cards are freely available to facilitate this.
- Any player in the Under 13 age group and younger must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in adult matches. Clubs must ensure that their player registration procedures ensure that consent is obtained. The guidance related to changing and showering (see 'Safe Hands' – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Young People) must be adhered to.

- Any club wishing to play a player in the Under 11 age group in an adult League or Cup match must obtain the explicit prior approval of the League or Cup management before the player can play. Approval should only be given to exceptionally talented players. It is recommended that advice is sought from the County Age Group Coach or other ECB Level 3 coach as appropriate.

Clubs and Leagues can apply more strict restrictions on the participation of young players in adult matches at their discretion. It is strongly recommended that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult is present whenever a player in the Under 13 age group or younger plays in an adult match. This could include the captain or other identified adult player taking responsibility for the young player.

This guidance applies to all Cricket in England and Wales from the beginning of the 2007 season.

SAFETY GUIDANCE ON THE WEARING OF CRICKET HELMETS BY YOUNG PLAYERS

In February 2000 the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) issued safety guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of 18. This original guidance document can be found at www.play-cricket.com/helmets. In brief, the guidance recommends that:

- helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
- young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)
- young wicket-keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard when standing up to the stumps.

With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now standard practice in cricket throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard (BS7928:1998).

The original guidance allowed parents or guardians to give their written consent to allow a young player not to wear a helmet. However most clubs, schools and leagues have decided not to accept this parental consent and require all young players to wear a helmet in all junior matches. If a club or school does agree, in exceptional circumstances*, that a young player need not wear a helmet they must ensure that an ECB Team Card is completed and given to the umpires before the start of play whenever the young player takes part in a junior match.

At the beginning of 2007 the ECB clarified the guidance relating to young players in adult matches and confirmed that all young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket in adult matches. Parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in adult cricket.

This guidance applies to all players up to the age of 18, both in adult cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball. The guidance also applies during all practice sessions. Any individual taking responsibility for players should take all

reasonable steps to ensure that this guidance is followed at all times.

The ECB asks that the guidance is communicated to the parents or guardians of all young players through clubs and schools, and that young players are not allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball without wearing a helmet.

** Additional guidance on what constitutes 'exceptional circumstances' can be obtained from the ECB Cricket Department.*

Fielding regulations

The ECB also has regulations covering the minimum fielding distances for young players in all matches where a hard ball is used.

- No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).
- These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.
- Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- In addition any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.
- These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Team Contact Lists

Team Managers will need to negotiate with each other about the day in the nominated week that games will be played, where there is no standard day.

Under-15 matches are usually played on Mondays

Under-13 matches are usually played on Thursdays

The season ends finally on **28 July 2023** and all matches must be played before that date, or are declared void matches.

Where team managers have not been confirmed (TBC) at the time of going to press, please contact the main club contact.

Team manager contacts can be found on the CYCA website

All Cup games should abide by the following: -

Cup games must take precedence over league games. Games must be completed by the due date for each round. If a game cannot be played by the due date, the result should be decided by a bowl out or if this is not possible then the result should be done by the toss of a coin. The opposition has the choice of calling. The competitions group will if requested make the toss on behalf of the two teams. Results should be posted onto the website within 24 hours. The full result **MUST** be displayed within seven days of the game being played.

ECB Coaches Association, Cambridgeshire

ECBCA-Cambs is the local branch of the English Cricket Board Coaches Association (ECBCA), and you will automatically be a member if you join the ECBCA. To be eligible for membership of the ECBCA you must be a qualified coach and pay an annual fee currently of £30 by direct debit or £37 by cheque. ECBCA-Cambs is the local point of contact and works directly with the ECBCA for the interests of all its members.

ECBCA-Cambs provides information on coaching award courses, the latest techniques and equipment, new regulations and directives and national coaching events. The Association also runs refresher days on all aspects of coaching using both local and nationally recognised coaches to lead them. It will also provide information to clubs who wish to employ a coach for both junior and senior training.

Another extremely important benefit of membership of the ECBCA is outstanding insurance cover for coaches, covering members in case of accident or injury involving any youth player during a coaching session. In these times of increasing litigation, this really is essential.

ECBCA-Cambs strongly advises that all qualified coaches must have this cover and will not recommend any coach to a club, or for county representative coaching without it. For £30(direct debit) or £37 (cheque) per year it is excellent value for money. The cover is probably better than that provided by your club.

All coaches MUST be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Scheme, formerly CRB - Criminal Records Bureau) checked.

For information on all these matters contact the Secretary Richard Golding: richard.golding8@btinternet.com

Web Pages

The CYCA has a web site that is updated to give you the latest information including league & cup results. You can find it at

<http://cyca.play-cricket.com>

The Cambridgeshire Cricket Board has two web sites that are updated to give you the latest information from the board. You can find them at:

<http://cambridgecb.play-cricket.com>

www.cambscricket.org.uk

The Women's & Girls have a website devoted to them and you can find it
at

<http://cambridgeshirewomen.play-cricket.com>

The ECB's website is for all Clubs, Leagues, Cup Competitions and County Boards. It is the official source of all information and statistics on club cricket for all cricketers and supporters. Information on the ECB Welfare Policy "SAFE HANDS" and the current rules & regulations can also be found at:

www.play-cricket.com

Newspaper contacts

If you wish to submit a match report to the Cambridge Evening News, please contact the sports desk on **sport@cambridge-news.co.uk**

Important information

Invoice for entering teams into the CYCA league

Clubs will be invoiced for the teams entered through the club playcricket website which will create an invoice for the club to be paid by the due date.

Ordering cricket balls for 2023 season instructions

Log in to your club playcricket website. (you need to have administrator rights)

Log in to site administration.

Select Day to Day tab

Go to league orders

You will see three items - U10 pink balls, U11- 13 pink balls, U14 -15 pink balls.

Select the edit button and enter the number of balls you require, then submit

The league will then arrange for collection of the balls from three sites to ease travelling.

After you have received the balls an invoice will appear on the club playcricket website and will not be cleared until paid.

Important, if you require more balls than your original order you need to contact the CYCA as they will set up a new order form.

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