

RULES FOR ALL OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

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Section 1 – The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with Coaches, Managers and Captains of all junior teams playing in these competitions.

1.1 Player's Conduct

In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising a decision by word or action, showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's Captain and Manager, requesting the latter to take action.

1.2 Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the captain (or Manager, if more appropriate) to take action where required.

1.3 The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

1.4 The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

1.5 It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance
 - a) Appeal knowing the batter is not out
 - b) Advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - c) Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

1.6 Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

1.7 Players

Captains, managers, coaches and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

1.8 Disciplinary action

Failure to respect the spirit of cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct (see Section 6) may lead to disciplinary action.

Section 2

General Rules – All Competitions

2.1 WWJCA rules

WWJCA rules apply equally to girls' and open matches unless specifically stated.

2.2 Playing of matches

All matches shall be played on the date shown in the published fixtures or in the week commencing, where shown, unless the General Secretary, Fixture Secretary or the Results Co-ordinator for that age group has specifically stated or agreed otherwise.

2.3 WWJCA Cup matches

All U11, U13 and U15 open teams will be entered into the WWJCA's Knockout Cup competitions (Oliver, Barfoot and Millard), but may opt out at the beginning of the season if they wish to, in order to play other friendly fixtures. After opting out, they cannot re-enter at a later stage. **Teams that play in the U11A, U13A and U15A Divisions will be scheduled for the second round of the WWJCA Cup Competitions only.** Teams (i.e. other than those in the A Divisions) that lose their first round match in a Cup competition will be automatically entered in their age group's Plate competition. **Any team that chooses to concede a Cup tie at any point cannot enter the Plate competition for that season.**

2.4 Fixture clash

If a Club is required to play in a recognised County or National Competition (but not a District level County Cup round match, see 2.5 below) on the same day as a published WWJCA fixture, the WWJCA fixture may be rearranged subject to agreement by their opponents and the General Secretary or Results Co-ordinator. If the two Clubs are unable to agree an alternative date, the Results Co-ordinator may declare the WW match void. However, in the case of individual players absent as a result of a District or a County event, WWJCA fixtures must still be played.

2.5 District level County Cup matches

WW District rounds of the County Cup cannot replace any WWJCA fixture. They are in addition, and must be played by the deadline dates.

2.6 Doubling up fixtures

After the final version of the fixture programme has been circulated, no league match can be doubled up as a Cup/Plate fixture, unless by co-incidence the two clubs are drawn against each other and both clubs agree.

2.7 Weather

If weather conditions mean that there is no likelihood of a match being played on the scheduled day, the home team, at its discretion, may postpone a match in order to save unnecessary travelling. The opposition (and any umpires) must be notified as soon as such a decision is made. Any postponed match shall be played by the date fixed by the rules of that competition.

2.8 Failure to Play

Failure to play for reasons other than adverse ground or weather conditions shall result in forfeiture of the match by the team unable to play. Any match expenses shall be met by the defaulting club.

2.9 Home Ground

No club is bound to play on its normal home ground.

2.10 Non-turf pitches

Non turf pitches which are of a porous nature are acceptable in all outdoor competitions. The opposition team shall be advised at least 48 hours before the match that a non-turf surface will be used and advised of any special footwear needs. If such notification has not been made, and the away team so demand the match shall be played on a turf pitch or forfeited by the home side.

2.11 Divisions

The U11, U13 and U15 age group entries (for open teams) will be organised into Divisions A, B, and C. The A Division is for the higher ability teams. Entries to each division will be allocated according to the recommendations of Club Organisers and the WW Committee based on the perceived ability of each team. U9 age group (open team) entries will be allocated to A and B Divisions, according to the recommendations of Club Organisers and the WW Committee for each team, based on the perceived ability of each team. Girls' Leagues will be for U11 and U13 age groups.

2.12 County Cup Entry

Entries for the Divisional matches of the County Cup competitions (U11, U13 and U15) may only be made for Division A teams.

2.13 Notification of Result

It is the responsibility of the **home team** to notify the result of each match to relevant Result Co-ordinator by the deadline which is midnight following the scheduled date for the match. This requirement applies to **all** matches: i.e. for any cancellation, postponement and to matches played. The Team Manager for the home team is responsible for notifying the result to the Result Co-ordinator for that age group. The result detail must include the match number, the scores and wickets for each team, and the overall result. The penalty for failure to report by the deadline is £5 for each occasion that a deadline is missed. Result Co-ordinators will collate the record of fines and forward the record to the WWJCA Treasurer at the end of the season, or sooner if appropriate.

2.14 Performance Report

It is the responsibility of the **home team** to submit a Performance Report to the relevant Result Co-ordinator within 5 days of the scheduled date for each match. Such reports may be submitted by the away team if the managers discuss and agree. Such reports must be on the WWJCA Performance Report proforma (supplied). Results Co-ordinators will keep a record of all reports submitted and will supply a summary of reports to the Committee. (The submission of a performance report is highly desirable because that provides evidence of good performances for three WWJCA Officers: the Results Co-ordinator, the Director of Coaching and Development, and the Publicity/Media Officer).

2.15 League positions

League positions in Divisions where games are specified as league fixtures, will be determined on average points gained in completed matches (number of points divided by games played). The results Co-ordinator for the relevant age group will determine league positions.

A final top-of-the-table league position will depend on that team having played at least 60% of their league fixtures in the season. Only league fixtures played by 31 July 2012 will qualify. In the event of excessively bad weather during the season and many clubs failing to reach the 60% threshold, the WWJCA Committee will have discretion to vary that requirement.

At the end of the season, if two (or more) teams in a Division have the same average points, the result of the league match(es) between those teams will determine the final league positions. If there was no match between those teams, the Results Co-ordinator will add the number of runs scored in all league matches for each team and divide by the number of wickets lost. The team with the highest average of runs per wicket lost will be the winners.

2.16 Laws of Cricket

All matches are to be played under the latest code of the Laws of Cricket, published by the MCC, together with any Amendments or Experimental Laws in operation. These Laws will be varied by any of the rules of the competitions as described in Section 3 below.

2.17 Adverse Conditions and Poor Light

It is the sole responsibility of the Umpires to decide whether matches can start or continue. In the event of disagreement the then current state shall continue.

2.18 Responsibilities of the Home Team

The home team shall be responsible for providing the ground, stumps, bails and a ball (together with a spare) for all matches. The balls shall be of acceptable standard unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules given in section 3 below.

2.19 Limited Overs

All matches shall be of limited overs duration with a limit on the number of overs allowed per bowler. Each match shall also have a minimum number of overs per side or specific time rules applied. Specific limitations are detailed in the relevant age group competition rules below.

2.20 Scores Level in a match completed

In a league competition, the match shall be tied if the scores are level, regardless of the number of wickets lost.

In a knock out competition, in the event of the scores being level at the end of the match the side with the least number of wickets down shall be the winner. If the number of wickets lost by each side is the same, the match shall be won by the team with the higher score at the end of the last but one over. If still level, the scores at the end of the previous over, and so on.

In a WWJCA cup competition, in the event of the tie not being able to start (or complete the minimum overs required to qualify as a match) in time for the next round to be played, as directed by the age group Results co-coordinator, other methods to determine the winner must be adopted. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, a 'wicket bowl-out' will be played, with 3 players from each side bowling a minimum of 3 balls each. The winners will be the side hitting the wickets the most. If no clear result emerges after 3 balls from each player, each of those 3 players shall bowl one ball in turn until one misses, when the opposition will have won.

2.21 Injury to Bowlers

In the event of a bowler being unable to complete an over through injury or other reason the umpire shall so notify the captain of the fielding side and then the over shall be completed by another bowler provided the said bowler in doing so does not exceed the number of overs permitted to him/her.

2.22 Protection of young players

The ECB and the HCB have issued guidance on the wearing of helmets and the protection of young fast bowlers. The guidance and instructions in Sections 4 and 5 must be followed at all times and by all clubs, teams and players.

2.23 Coaching from the boundary

Coaching from inside or outside the boundary is not allowed at any WWJCA County cup match, any WWJCA cup or plate match, and any U15 match or U13A League match. If such coaching does occur, the person will be asked (by the Umpires) to stop the coaching. If the action does re-occur, it will become a spirit of cricket issue.

However, for Girls' matches, and for U9, U11, U13B and U13C matches, coaching / guidance on rules, spirit of cricket issues etc by umpires or managers is permitted. (This rule is designed to enable players who are new to the game to increase their understanding of the rules / etiquette, without penalty. An example would be if a batter is standing outside the crease whilst waiting for a bowler to run-up, unaware of the potential consequences).

2.24 Regular match day patterns

The normal, regular match days for each age group open team are as follows: U15s on Friday evenings, U13s on Sunday mornings, U11s on Monday evenings, and U9s on Sunday mornings. Girls' matches will be played by agreement between the team managers. (WW recognises that for some clubs, these regular match days present difficulties. Consequently, clubs have been given flexibility to play on other regular match days, whilst planning to change to the normal regular match day for that age group).

2.25 Match ball colour

A red ball shall normally be used for all matches, but a pink or orange ball may be used to improve visibility for players, subject to both sides agreeing prior to the start of a match, and in the case of appointed umpires, their approval. Otherwise a default red ball will be used. The same colour ball must be used throughout any one match.

2.26 Failure to complete a Cup/Plate match

Where a WW Cup or Plate match cannot be started or completed, and the team managers do not agree on the method of determining the result, the WW Fixture Secretary or Result Co-ordinator for that age group must be consulted and will determine how the result will be decided.

2.27 Maximising Fixtures to be played

The Fixture Secretary will schedule U11, U13 and U15 league fixtures or Cup/Plate fixtures throughout the season, in order to ensure that clubs can play as many matches as possible. However, at the point where Cup and Plate semi finals are due to be played, semi final teams will be entitled to withdraw from their scheduled league matches without penalty, and their scheduled league opponents will be invited to play other league matches, in order to ensure clubs can play as many matches as possible during the season.

2.28 No Balls

When a ball is delivered and arrives at the batter on the full, above waist height, the bowler's umpire will call "no ball". In such instances, the square leg umpire will be responsible for advising (but not determining) whether a no ball has been bowled, unless otherwise agreed prior to the start of the match.

2.29 Bouncers

(For information: WW wishes to promote fair play and the safety of all players, as well as the controlled use of a bouncer. At U15 level, this type of ball, if used sparingly and within the rules for bouncers, is a legitimate part of the bowler's options). Rule: At U15 level, one bouncer is permitted per over. When that occurs, the bowler's umpire will inform and signal to the scorers. (For information: It is considered that for younger age groups, any bouncer is more likely to be bowled in error or with a degree of lack of control). At U13 level and younger, in all WW competitions, any such delivery that bounces above the batsman's shoulder height (height is determined at the point of delivery) shall be deemed a "no ball".

2.30 Full toss-no balls

In the U15 and U13 age groups, if a bowler delivers 3 consecutive no-balls above the batter's waist height, regardless of pace, the umpire shall instruct a bowler to be withdrawn from the attack. (For information: this matter is addressed by the ECB Law 42, (fair and unfair play), rule 6a i) and 6a ii).

2.31 Wides

Where there is no officially appointed umpire for a match, team managers must agree the guidelines for wides before a match starts. The team managers must advise the agreed policy to the people who are standing as umpires for that match. It is expected that the guidelines will vary with the age and ability of the players, and should reflect both factors.

Section 3

Rules for Age Groups and Specific Competitions

3.1

The Under 15 League Competitions

The Under 15 Millard Cup and Millard Plate Competitions

3.1.1 Time and Over Limitations

The following will apply:

- Matches will start at 18.00. Any team not being ready at 18.00 shall concede the toss.
- The side batting first shall bat for a maximum of 20 overs.
- The default end time for the 1st innings should be the end of the over commencing at 19:10. In longer evenings (i.e. good light) this may be agreed as a later time by each team before the start of the game.
- In a match subject to a delayed start or stoppage during the innings of the side batting first, the overs entitlement for each side shall be reduced by one for every complete six minutes of time lost.
- If the innings of the side batting first is completed in less than 20 overs then the side batting second is entitled to the full 20 overs.
- An interval of 5 minutes is allowed between innings.
- The pitch shall be 22 yards in length and adult cricket ball will be used (home team to have a suitable spare(s) available).
- A pink or orange ball may be used for evening matches subject to the agreement of both managers prior to the day of the match (see Rule 2.25).

3.1.2 Length of Match

No match shall be reduced to less than 10 overs due to delayed start or stoppages during the innings of the side batting first, but in the event of bad light before the toss the umpires, or in the absence of umpires the managers, may decide to reduce the match to not less than 10 overs per side.

3.1.3 Maximum overs per Bowler

No bowler may bowl more than **four** overs or parts thereof (proportionately reduced for reduced overs matches).

3.1.4 Wides and No-Balls

Two extras shall be awarded for wides and no balls. Any runs scored off a wide or no ball shall be added to the two run penalty. These balls shall not be re-bowled with the exception of the final scheduled over of an innings when any wides or no-balls shall be re-bowled.

3.1.5 Batters Retiring

In League matches, batters must retire at 30 but are able to return once all other wickets save one have fallen or have retired. Retired batters shall return to the crease in the order of their retirements. In the Millard Cup and Millard Plate, batters must retire at 50, **and they do not return to the crease.**

3.1.6 Fielders

No fielder who qualifies to play in U15 cricket, except the wicket keeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than eight yards measured from the middle stump of the striker's wicket, except behind the wicket on the off side until the batter has played the ball. Where the fielder qualifies to play in U13 cricket the distance is increased to eleven yards. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. If a young player in these age groups comes within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

3.1.7 Eligibility

Boys must be under age 15 on 1st September in the year prior to the commencement of the competition. Girls may be up to two years older. Where a club is allowed to enter more than one team in the same age WWJCA competition any player who has played two cup/plate games for a higher

team is then not eligible to play in a lower team in a cup or plate game for that age group. Penalty: forfeit the match.

3.1.8 Result Reporting

Results must be reported in accordance with rules 2.13 and 2.14 above.

3.1.9 Competition Points – League matches

Points will be allocated as follows:

- Winning side 8 points (plus any bonus points)
- Losing side 0 points (plus any bonus points)
- Tied Match (i.e. scores level (see 2.20 above)) 4 points each team
- Bowling Bonus points: 1 point for every two wickets up to a maximum of 4 points
- Batting Bonus points: 1 point on reaching 50 runs, then 1 point for every 25 additional runs (ie at 75, 100 and 125 runs). When a team is batting second and wins the match, 1 Batting Bonus point is awarded for every two wickets in hand at the end of the match. The maximum number of batting bonus points that can be awarded is 4 in total.
- In a no-result match or one cancelled through weather conditions or other circumstances approved by the General Secretary, no points will be awarded.
- If a team fails to honour a fixture it will receive no points and it will count as a completed match for calculation of Average Points. For the other team, it will not count as a completed match in calculating the Average Points.

3.2

The Under 15 Holiday Competition: [rules deleted 2013](#)

3.3

The Under 13 League Competitions

The Under 13 Barfoot Cup and Barfoot Plate Competitions

3.3.1 Time/Over Limitations.

The following will apply:

- Matches normally start at 09.30 on Sunday mornings or 18.00 if played in an evening.
- The day and date for girls' matches will be proposed by the home Club, based on the 'week beginning' dates in the fixture programme, and agreed between managers.
- Any team not being ready shall concede the toss.
- The side batting first shall bat for a maximum of 20 overs (25 overs for U13A Division league matches). Girls' matches will be of 16 – 20 overs per side.
- The default end time for the 1st innings shall be the end of the over commencing at 10:50 (19:10 in the case of an evening match. In longer evenings, with good light, this may be agreed as a later time by each team before the start of the match).
- In a match subject to a delayed start or stoppage during the innings of the side batting first, the overs entitlement for each side shall be reduced by one for every complete six minutes of time lost.
- If the innings of the side batting first is completed in less than the maximum overs then the side batting second is entitled to the full overs quota.
- An interval of 5 minutes is allowed between innings.
- The pitch shall be 21 yards in length.
- A 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces cricket ball will be used (home team to have a suitable spare(s) available). [A pink or orange ball may be used for evening matches subject to the agreement of both managers prior to the day of the match \(see Rule 2.25\).](#)
- Where possible the wicket shall be 27 inches high and 8 inches wide.

3.3.2 Length of Match

No match shall be reduced to less than 10 overs due to delayed start or stoppages during the innings of the side batting first, but in the event of bad light before the toss the umpires, or in the absence of umpires the managers, may decide to reduce the match to not less than 10 overs each side.

3.3.3 Maximum overs per Bowler

No bowler may bowl more than four overs (5 in Division A league matches) or parts thereof (proportionately reduced for reduced overs matches). A minimum of six bowlers must be used in each innings.

3.3.4 Wides and No-Balls

Two extras shall be awarded for wides and no balls. Any runs scored off a wide or no ball shall be added to the two run penalty. These balls shall not be re-bowled with the exception of the final scheduled over of an innings when any wides or no-balls shall be re-bowled.

3.3.5 Batters Retiring

In League matches, batters must retire at 30 (in girls' matches, girls to retire at 20), but are able to return once all other wickets save one have fallen or have retired. Retired batters shall return to the crease in the order of their retirements. In the Barfoot Cup and Plate, batters must retire at 30, **and they do not return to the crease.**

3.3.6 Fielders

No fielder who qualifies to play in U13 cricket, except the wicketkeeper shall be allowed to field nearer than eleven yards measured from the middle stump of the striker's wicket, except behind the wicket on the off side until the batter has played the ball. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. If a young player in these age groups comes within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

3.3.7 Eligibility

Boys must be under age 13 on 1st September in the year prior to the commencement of the competition. Girls may be up to two years older in an open match. Where a club is allowed to enter more than one team in the same age WWJCA competition any player who has played two cup/plate games for a higher team is then not eligible to play in a lower team in a cup or plate game for that age group. Penalty: forfeit the match.

3.3.8 Result Reporting

Results must be reported in accordance with rules 2.13 and 2.14 above.

3.3.9 Competition Points – League matches

Points will be allocated as follows:

- Winning side 8 points (plus any bonus points)
- Losing side 0 points (plus any bonus points)
- Tied Match (i.e. scores level (see 2.20 above) 4 points each team
- Bowling Bonus points: 1 point for every two wickets up to a maximum of 4 points
- Batting Bonus points: 1 point on reaching 50 runs, then 1 point for every 25 additional runs (ie at 75, 100 and 125 runs). When a team is batting second and wins the match, 1 Batting Bonus point is awarded for every two wickets in hand at the end of the match. The maximum number of batting bonus points that can be awarded is 4 in total.
- In a 'no result' match, or one cancelled through weather conditions or other circumstances approved by the General Secretary, no points will be awarded.
- If a team fails to honour a fixture it will receive no points and it will count as a completed match for calculation of Average Points. For the other team, it will not count as a completed match in calculating the Average Points.

3.4

The Under 11A League Competition (Open matches - A Division) The Under 11 Oliver Cup and Oliver Plate Competitions

3.4.1 Time/Over Limitations.

The following will apply:

- Matches normally start at 18.00 on Monday evenings (or 09.30 if played on a Sunday morning).

- Any team not being ready at the start time shall concede the toss.
- The side batting first shall bat for a maximum of 20 overs.
- The default end time for the 1st innings should be the end of the over commencing at 19.10 (or 10.40). In longer evenings with good light, this may be agreed as a later time by each team before the start of the match).
- In a match subject to a delayed start or stoppage during the innings of the side batting first, the overs entitlement for each side shall be reduced by one for every complete six minutes of time lost.
- If the innings of the side batting first is completed in less than 20 overs then the side batting second is entitled to the full 20 overs.
- An interval of 5 minutes is allowed between innings.
- The pitch shall be 20 yards in length.
- A 4 ¾ ounces cricket ball will be used (home team to have a suitable spare(s) available).
A pink or orange ball may be used for evening matches subject to the agreement of both managers prior to the date of the match (see Rule 2.25).
- Where possible the wicket shall be 27 inches high and 8 inches wide.

3.4.2 Length of Match

No match shall be reduced to less than 10 overs due to delayed start or stoppages during the innings of the side batting first, but in the event of bad light before the toss the umpires, or in the absence of umpires the managers, may decide to reduce the match to not less than 10 overs each side.

3.4.3 Maximum overs per Bowler

No bowler may bowl more than four overs or parts thereof (proportionately reduced for reduced overs matches). A minimum of six bowlers must be used in each innings.

3.4.4 Wides and No-Balls

Two extras shall be awarded for wides and no-balls. Any runs scored off a wide or no-ball shall be added to the two run penalty. These balls shall not be re-bowled with the exception of the final scheduled over of an innings when any wides and no-balls shall be re-bowled.

3.4.5 Batters Retiring

In League matches, batter must retire at 30 and are able to return once all other wickets save one have fallen or have retired. Retired batters shall return to the crease in the order of their retirements. In the Oliver Cup and Plate, batters must retire at 30, **and they do not return to the crease.**

3.4.6 Fielders

No fielder who qualifies to play in U-11 cricket, except the wicketkeeper shall be allowed to field nearer than eleven yards measured from the middle stump of the striker's wicket, except behind the wicket on the off side until the batter has played the ball. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. If a young player in these age groups comes within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

3.4.7 Eligibility

Boys must be under age 11 on 1st September in the year prior to the commencement of the competition. Girls may be up to two years older. Where a club is allowed to enter more than one team in the same age WWJCA competition any player who has played two cup/plate games for a higher team is then not eligible to play in a lower team in a cup or plate game for that age group. Penalty: forfeit the match.

3.4.8 Result Reporting

Results must be reported in accordance with rules 2.13 and 2.14 above.

3.4.9 Competition Points (N.B. for U11 Division A matches only)

Points will be allocated as follows:

- Winning side 8 points (plus any bonus points)
- Losing side 0 points (plus any bonus points)
- Tied Match (i.e. scores level (see 2.20 above)) 4 points each team

- Bowling Bonus points: 1 point for every two wickets up to a maximum of 4 points
- Batting Bonus points: 1 point on reaching 50 runs, then 1 point for every 25 additional runs (ie at 75, 100 and 125 runs). When a team is batting second and wins the match, 1 Batting Bonus point is awarded for every two wickets in hand at the end of the match. The maximum number of batting bonus points that can be awarded is 4 in total.
- In a 'no result' match, or one cancelled through weather conditions or other circumstances approved by the General Secretary, no points will be awarded.
- If a team fails to honour a fixture it will receive no points and it will count as a completed match for calculation of Average Points. For the other team, it will not count as a completed match in calculating the Average Points.

3.5

The Under 11 Friendlies Competition (Girls' and Open Divisions B and C)

Please Note: With the agreement of both Team Managers prior to the day of the match, the 11-a-side rules of the U11A competition can be used. Unless such agreement has been made, the following rules will apply.

3.5.1 Playing Conditions

The laws of cricket shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- The pitch shall be 20 yards in length.
- The ball shall weigh 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces (or by agreement of the two Managers, an Incrediball). A pink or orange ball may be used for evening matches, subject to the agreement of both managers prior to the day of the match (see Rule 2.25).
- The day and date for girls' matches will be proposed by the home Club, based on the 'week beginning' dates in the fixture programme, and agreed between managers.
- The pitch shall be 20 yards in length.
- Where possible the wicket shall be 27 inches high and 8 inches wide.
- Each side shall normally comprise of 8, 10 or 11 players, by agreement between the managers prior to the day of the match.

3.5.2 Pairs cricket:

- Each match shall consist of one innings per side, of 16 overs for 8-a-side pairs (or 20 overs if the match is 10-a-side pairs or 11-a-side once-out cricket).
- The batting side shall be divided into pairs, each of whom shall bat for four overs. Pairs shall change at the end of the fourth, eighth, twelfth, sixteenth (and, if appropriate, twentieth overs).
- Batters shall have 'unlimited lives', but each life lost shall result in five runs being deducted from the score.
- No batter who is out for any reason shall face the next ball.
- Each player on the fielding side must bowl, with the exception of the wicket keeper. No player shall bowl more than three overs
- Two extras shall be awarded for wides and no-balls (maximum 3 in any over except final over). Any runs scored off a wide or no-ball shall be added to the two run penalty. These balls shall not be re-bowled, with the exception of the final over of the innings when any wides or no-balls will have a two extras penalty and shall be re-bowled.
- Each side shall commence its innings with a score of 200 runs.
- The winning side shall be the side scoring the higher number of runs, after deductions for the fall of wickets. In the event of scores being equal, the match shall be a tie.
- In all matches no fielder, except the wicket keeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than eleven yards measured from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the off side **until the batter has played the ball**. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. If a young player in these age groups comes within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- In the event of the umpires being satisfied that a player is incapacitated their place may be taken by a reserve who shall bat and/or bowl in their place. If no reserve is available

any over due to be bowled by the injured player shall be bowled by another player without exceeding their quota.

3.5.3 Eligibility

Boys must be under age 11 on the 1st September in the year preceding the competition. Girls may be up to two years older in an open match. Where a club enters more than one team in the same age WWJCA competition any player who has played two cup/plate games for a higher team is then not eligible to play in a lower team in a cup or plate game for that age group. Penalty: forfeit the match.

3.5.4 Result Reporting

Results must be reported in accordance with rules 2.13 and 2.14 above. Whilst there are no league tables for the U11 girls' league or for the U11B or U11C divisions, results and performances must be notified in the same way, (to help with match publicity and Winchester Warriors' performance assessments).

3.6

The Under 9 Friendlies Competition

3.6.1 Playing Conditions

The laws of cricket shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- The pitch shall be 18 yards in length.
- The ball shall be an Incrediball, but subject to an agreement of the two Managers before the day of the match, a hard ball may be used as long as suitable safety equipment is worn and the players have the ability to cope. For evening matches, a pink or orange ball may be used, subject to agreement of both managers prior to the day of the match (see Rule 2.25).
- Where possible the wicket shall be 27 inches high and 8 inches wide.
- Each side shall normally comprise of either 8 or 10 players, by agreement between the managers before the day of the match.

3.6.2 Pairs Cricket

- Each match shall consist of one innings per side, of 16 overs (or 20 overs if the match is 10-a-side).
- The batting side shall be divided into pairs, each of whom shall bat for four overs. Pairs shall change at the end of the fourth, eighth, twelfth (and, if appropriate, sixteenth overs).
- Batters shall have 'unlimited lives', but each life lost shall result in five runs being deducted from the score.
- No batter who is out for any reason shall face the next ball.
- Each player on the fielding side must bowl, with the exception of the wicket keeper. No player shall bowl more than three overs
- Two extras shall be awarded for wides and no-balls (maximum 3 in any over except the final over). Any runs scored off a wide or no-ball shall be added to the two run penalty. These balls shall not be re-bowled with the exception of the final over of an innings when any wides or no-balls will have a two extras penalty and shall be re-bowled.
- Each side shall commence its innings with a score of 200 runs.
- The winning side shall be the side scoring the higher number of runs, after deductions for the fall of wickets. In the event of scores being equal, the match shall be a tie.
- In all matches no fielder, except the wicket keeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than eleven yards measured from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the off side **until the batter has played the ball**. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. If a young player in this age group comes within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- In the event of the umpires being satisfied that a player is incapacitated their place may be taken by a reserve who shall bat and/or bowl in their place. If no reserve is available any over due to be bowled by the injured player shall be bowled by another player without exceeding their quota.

3.6.3 Eligibility

All boys must be under age 9 on the 1st September in the year preceding the competition. Girls may be up to two years older.

3.6.4 Result Reporting

Results must be reported in accordance with rules 2.13 and 2.14 above. Whilst there are no league tables for the U9s Divisions, results and performances must be notified in the same way, (to help with match publicity and Winchester Warriors performance assessments).

Section 4: ECB Policy – The Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players

It is recommended by ECB that young players wear a helmet when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice. **In all WWJCA Matches using a hard ball, all players when batting or when keeping wicket and standing up to the stumps must wear a helmet with a faceguard.**

Please note that, in matches played under the control of the Hampshire Cricket Board (and that means all matches in WWJCA), a parental waiver is NOT acceptable and helmets must be worn in the circumstances given above.

Players must regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting against a hard ball, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box). There is a British Standard (BS7928: 1998) for cricket helmets and it is in the best interests of players to ensure that their helmet conforms to this standard.

Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk or their manager assesses they may be at risk. These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales.

Section 5: ECB Policy – Preventing Injury for Fast Bowlers

These ECB directives apply to girls and boys. For the purposes of these directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper of the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

All coaches/managers are expected to identify those players with the potential to bowl fast and ensure they follow the directives in all cricket throughout the season.

To ensure that young fast bowlers do not place undue stress on their bodies, every attempt must be made to keep the amount of bowling within reasonable limits. The following directives provide sensible playing and training levels.

These figures are based on players bowling in no more than 3 matches or practice sessions per week for age groups up to and including U 15, and 4 matches or practice sessions per week for age groups up to and including U 19. **Players can play in other matches provided they do not bowl.** (Tables for maximum overs: see next page)

<i>Age on previous 31 August</i>	<i>Maximum overs per spell</i>	<i>Maximum overs per day</i>
Up to 13	5	10
Under 14, Under 15	6	12
Under 16, Under 17	7	18

Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of that spell has been bowled from the same end. If play is interrupted, for any reason for less than 40 minutes, any spell in progress can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again from either end until the equivalent number of overs to the length of their spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end. If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

Once a bowler covered by these directives has bowled in a match they cannot exceed the maximum number overs per day for their age group even if they subsequently bowl spin. The bowler can exceed the maximum overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot then revert to bowling fast until an equivalent number of overs to the length of their spell have been bowled from the same end. If they bowl spin without exceeding the maximum number of overs in a spell, the maximum will apply as soon as they revert to bowling fast.

If you have any difficulty with the implementation of these directives or need advice on a specific fast bowler's action, please contact the General Secretary of Winchester Warriors Junior Cricket Association and advice will be arranged as speedily as possible.

Section 6: ECB – Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Rules

6.1 The ECB Code of Conduct (adapted for Winchester Warriors)

6.1.1 The ECB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, as set out in Section 1 above. The Code applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.

6.1.2 The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws. **(In WW Junior Cricket Association Competitions and friendlies, the Team Manager carries the responsibility for advising or instructing the captain).**

6.1.3 Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.

6.1.4 Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator.

6.1.5 Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (often known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

6.1.6 Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters.

6.1.7 Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy, whilst respecting player qualification regulations, and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

6.1.8 Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

6.1.9 Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.

6.2 The ECB Disciplinary Rules for Cricket Leagues (adapted for Winchester Warriors)

6.2.1 Aims and Jurisdiction

These rules shall apply to Winchester Warriors member clubs, players and officials, and are intended to provide assistance and uniformity to all Clubs and Leagues in dealing with any alleged breach of the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket (Section 1 above).

It is intended that any breach of the Spirit of Cricket should in the first instance be dealt with by the player's or official's club who shall notify the Secretary of the League of the result of any action taken against its player or official.

6.3 Procedure

6.3.1 Any alleged breach of Section 1 above shall be notified in writing (to be known as a complaint) to the Secretary of the League.

6.3.2 Any complaint so initiated must be referred to the Chairman of the League.

6.3.3 Upon receipt of such complaint, and as soon as reasonably practicable, the Chairman of the League shall consider the complaint and resolve to do one of the following:

- to take no action except to record the complaint and notify the club; or
- to endorse the disciplinary action taken by the club; or
- to refer the matter for a Disciplinary Hearing which shall be convened by the Chairman of the League as soon as practicable.

6.4 Disciplinary Hearing

6.4.1 In any case which is referred for a Disciplinary Hearing, at least seven days' notice in writing of the hearing and of the offence(s) alleged shall be given to the player or official, or in the case of a club, its Secretary.

6.4.2 The Chairman of the League shall convene a hearing as soon as is practicable and in any event within 21 days of the decision to refer. Any adjournments may be granted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing.

6.4.3 The player or official and the club shall be entitled to attend the hearing, state their case (in the case of a club by its Secretary or other official), to be supported by a colleague and to call witnesses.

6.4.4 The Hearing shall be conducted by a Disciplinary Committee of the League which shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach.

6.5 Penalties

6.5.1 If at the hearing the Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged offence proved it shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties, together with such order as to costs as it deems appropriate:

6.5.2 In the case of a player:

1. To require the player to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
2. To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
3. To impose a fine.
4. To suspend the player for one or more matches, or for a stated period of time.
5. To deduct League points from the player's team.
6. To expel the player from the League.

6.5.3 In the case of a club or official:

1. To require the club or official to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
2. To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
3. To impose a fine.
4. To deduct League points from the club's team(s)
5. To relegate the club or team to any lower division of the League.
6. To expel the club from any competition of the League
7. To expel the club from the League

6.5.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalty it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.

6.5.5 Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalty) shall be by majority vote; where necessary the Panel Chairman shall have a casting vote.

6.6 Appeals Procedure

6.6.1 A player, official or club shall have the right of appeal to an Appeals Committee. Notice of Appeal setting out the grounds must be given in writing to the Secretary of the League within seven days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, together with a deposit of £5.

6.6.2 If Notice of Appeal is given, the penalty shall not take effect pending the hearing of the Appeal, which shall take place as soon as is practicable.

6.6.3 The Appeal shall be by way of re-hearing before a different Committee. The composition of the Appeal Committee shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the League or of the League Committee and shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the Club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach. The player or club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation, and to call witnesses as they had before the Disciplinary Committee.

6.6.4 The Appeals Committee may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and it shall have the power to increase the penalty and award costs of the Appeal hearing. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

6.6.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee or, if no appeal, of the Disciplinary Committee, shall be final and binding.

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