



COMPETITIONS HANDBOOK 2019

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Guidelines and quality standards for our Youth Competitions for both Oxfordshire Cricket and our entered Clubs and Teams

Introduction

This section is to provide advice and assistance to competition organisers of Oxfordshire Cricket league and cup competitions for youth players. The purpose of the section is

1. To ensure the highest standards are maintained in all our youth competitions
2. To ensure the needs of the county are met to encourage an increase in participation and development of young cricketers.

Oxfordshire Cricket reserves the right to withdraw entry to any Team/Club that are not deemed to be meeting the standards set out in this document.

What is expected of clubs/teams entering our competitions -

1. All Clubs/Teams entering Competitions **must** be affiliated to Oxfordshire Cricket. Oxfordshire Cricket reserve the right to refuse entries made after the entry deadline.
2. All Clubs/Teams should recognise and comply with the **ECB Safe Hands Policy** (available on ECB and Oxfordshire Cricket's Websites).
3. All Clubs/Teams entering Oxfordshire Cricket Competitions must ensure a Child Welfare Officer is in place and nominated on their entry.
4. All Clubs/Teams must have a nominated responsible adult in charge of each team who holds a current DBS check (formerly CRB). We recommend the individual be a qualified coach and member of the ECB CA.
5. Such persons identified to the Competition organiser prior to the Competition beginning, or on entry (although it would not necessarily be the Contact person for administration purposes).
6. All Clubs/Teams should ensure that they have appropriate changing facilities on their own ground to accommodate both girls and boys. It is recommended where clubs play girls in boys teams, the team is accompanied to the game by female adult supervisor.
7. All Clubs/Teams should ensure that they obtain the appropriate consent from parents and/or guardians of the children likely to play in competitions with regard to the provision of emergency medical assistance, travel arrangements, photography and the videoing of games, prior to the season commencing (form available from Competition Administrator).

What Clubs/Teams can expect from Oxfordshire Cricket -

1. Advice, support and help to clubs wishing to start, improve or extend the provision of youth cricket from our Cricket Development Team.
2. Provide clear guidance notes describing the format of each of its competitions to assist clubs in deciding which competitions to enter.
3. Communication of the playing regulations, fixtures and club contacts to all



participating teams at least one month before the commencement of the competition.

4. While a competition is running, we will provide participating clubs with regular updates of results via our social media, newsletters, and chosen scoring platform. In the case of leagues, this will include league tables. In the case of knock-out competitions or stages, we will promptly advise winning teams of who they will play in the next round.
5. We will have transparent, fair and consistent procedures in place to resolve complaints and disputes and to deal with disciplinary matters.
6. We will provide regular opportunities to enable participating clubs to give feedback on each year's competitions and to have an input into the future development of the competitions.



Code of Conduct

Oxfordshire Cricket is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct with all our stakeholders both on and off the field.

General Code of Conduct

To ensure:

- All behaviours and interactions strive towards mission of 'Making Cricket the Sport of Choice in Oxfordshire'.
- Fair and ethical treatment of all involved in cricket.
- Create a safe environment for individuals, which allows Oxfordshire Cricket to meet its objectives.
- Take all adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards everyone involved in the game.
- Directors, Employees, Members, Casual Workers, Managers, Coaches, Players (Youth and Adult), Parents/Guardians, Volunteers and Officials shall be mindful of their use of social media or public comments that may show Oxfordshire Cricket in a negative light and/or may undermine the 'Spirit of Cricket'.

More Specific guidance for -

Players

- Remember it is an honour to represent your team in Oxfordshire and always regard it as such.
- To maintain high standards in appearance both for arrival, during and departure from training and matches.
- As a cricketer within Oxfordshire you have a responsibility to set an example in all the games that you play, including club and school matches.
- Respect your manager and/or coaches, abiding by their decisions during any winter coaching programme and summer match play, the opposition, the facilities, the officials and, above all, the spirit of the game.
- Players must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative manner towards the umpire at any time.
- Players shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate an umpire, another player or spectator.
- Players shall not use crude and/or abusive language nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- Players shall not make discriminatory abusive comments against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Players shall not use, or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution, of illegal substances.



- Always make a point of being polite and thanking everyone who has assisted with making a game possible: the umpires and scorers, the groundsman, the tea-persons, your team managers and coaches and parents who have transported and supported you.
- In the event of matches clashing, it is ultimately the decision of the player to choose whom they wish to represent.

Coaches/Managers

Effective and motivated Cricket Coaches within Oxfordshire are essential in us achieving our mission to 'Make cricket the sport of choice in Oxfordshire'.

- Coaches shall be aware that all players' welfare and safety must be a priority at all times.
- All coaches will strive to enthuse and inspire the Players in their sessions and squads.
- Development and inclusion of Players and Squads a priority over results.
- Coaches will ensure that no gain to outside ventures is achieved through use of contacts or position within their role as coach or manager.
- If unsure on how to deal with a situation, the coach should always consult their chosen Welfare Officer before acting, to ensure the matter is dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Coaches must fully back the decision of a player when choosing to represent their club or county, and not attempt to manipulate their choice. We will try to avoid clashes with county age group fixtures where possible, but this may not be achievable for all matches.

Parents

Parents make an important contribution towards the success of any young player and we welcome them to support and spectate at training and matches wherever possible. For the benefit of everyone, we ask parents to be aware of the following principles -

- Players are under the care of the squad manager and coach when playing for their chosen team. Please do not attempt to coach your child at a match unless asked to do so by the manager or coach. In particular, parents are not permitted in changing rooms at any time due to Child Protection procedures.
- Always encourage your son or daughter to play the game in the correct spirit, and accept the decisions of the match officials, support the player without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticising lapses. The standards of behaviour required from players are also expected from parents.
- Parents are to assume their son's/daughter's Manager/Coach as the first point of contact on any issues. Parents must not make representations directly to umpires,



groundsmen, officials of other clubs or other parents.

General Information for all Youth Competitions

1. Results must be uploaded within 24 hours of the match on Play Cricket by the HOME team (unless otherwise agreed by both teams). Reports appear in the Oxford Mail on Saturdays, and reports go to the Oxford Mail on Thursday morning, it will include any results received by Wednesday evening.
2. Please note that each team will need to supply its own umpire and scorer in all group games. In any final or finals day, umpires will be provided.
3. If any match is not played during the scheduled day/week for any reason, would the home manager please let the competition administrator know the reason and when it is rescheduled for. The match should however be completed one week prior to the Finals day. Fixtures will have an original date but for rearranged games, every club has until the week before the specific age group finals day to complete any fixtures, after which they will be entered as cancelled.
4. If a team pulls out of a fixture, it is the responsibility of the opposition to offer 2 alternative dates (on different days of the week) to complete the fixture. Should the team who originally pulled out be unable to play on these dates, then they shall receive 0 points, and the opposition shall receive 5 points. The aim is to therefore encourage teams to field a team on the original date. If the game is cancelled due to weather, and neither side are able to rearrange the fixture before the week before finals day, both sides will receive 0 points.



General Rules Across all Competitions

1. MCC Laws of the Game
2. Each side will comprise of no more than 11 players for league or cup fixtures, unless stipulated as 8 a side for “super 8s”. If managers or coaches both agree for the match to be played with more or less than the stipulated number of players for a Super 8s match, this will be allowed.
3. Matches shall consist of one innings per side. Each innings shall be 20 overs in duration, unless stipulated as 16 overs for development league, agreed otherwise by both coaches/ managers, or 10 for indoor competitions.
4. The scoring system for all league competitions shall work as follows:
 - (i) Played Win: 5
 - (ii) Conceded Win: 5
 - (iii) Tie: 3
 - (iv) Played Loss: 2
 - (v) Rain: 0
 - (vi) Cancelled or Conceded Loss: 0
5. The team scoring more runs in its innings shall be the winner. If the runs scored are equal the winner shall be determined as follows:
 - (i) The side which has taken the greater number of wickets. A batsman who retired because of making a maximum personal score, does **NOT** count as a wicket lost.
 - (ii) If runs and wickets are equal, the match will be recorded as a tie.
6. Should bad light or weather interrupt a fixture, the following rules will apply:
 - (i) Managers may agree to reduce the number of overs per side, and a minimum of 10 overs per side will constitute a match. We suggest that this is agreed between the two teams before the start of the match.
 - (ii) If the number of overs available to both sides is not equal, then runs per over will be used to decide the result. The maximum overs per bowler will be reduced pro rata (but there will be no change to the retirement score for batsmen).
7. Matches may be rearranged if weather or ground conditions cause the cancellation or abandonment of a match. If the pitch is deemed unfit, the game may be played, if both teams agree, up to the week before the age group finals.



8. The competition organiser shall have the power to award points to teams if they feel either side are responsible for the failure to fulfil the fixture.

9. In all matches, it is mandatory for all players to wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and wicket keepers must wear a helmet with a faceguard when standing up to the wicket, and there is no option for parents to give consent for their child not to wear a helmet.

10. No fielder except the wicket keeper shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards measured from middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside. (If the fielder is under 13, the distance is 11 yards).

11. All players must be bona fide junior members of a cricket club.

(i) Girls are allowed to play up to two years above the age limit for boys. The ECB has issued guidelines on girls playing in “boys” competitions and these are appended, so would managers please note these.

(ii) Should a player wish to transfer clubs, they must contact their competition administrator who will grant this if necessary. A player may field for the opposition to help complete the fixture.

(iii) A girl can represent a different club side for boys cricket if she plays in a girls’ side at another club.

(iv) Player sharing: for 2019, to enable more fixtures to be played by the smaller clubs who often struggle to field a full side, we are allowing the use of players from other clubs, within certain boundaries:

For all junior competitions up to and including U17 (U19 have separate rules dictated by the ECB), a club shall be allowed to field non-representative (ie no County or Development) players who do not hold a full membership of that club.

A particular non-member may not play more than 2 fixtures for that club.

We would strongly suggest, that some sort of temporary membership form be completed by the non-member, for means of insurance and welfare cover.

We also strongly suggest that the club from which a player has been “borrowed” is made aware of the arrangements.

Teams must notify the competitions administrator if they are using players from other clubs.

Clubs and players must be aware, that in an ECB competition (U13 Ron Maudsley Cup, U15 League), if a team has fielded players who have played for another club in the same competition at any point in the season, then that team shall not be eligible to qualify for the national rounds of the competition.

12. Each Player is allowed to bowl a maximum of 4 overs in a match. There are further



rules to encourage player participation for the U11 and U13 leagues - please refer to the relevant part of the Handbook.

13. Any delivery which bounces more than once before reaching the popping crease will be called a No Ball.

14. Any full-pitched delivery which passes above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease will be called a No Ball, regardless of the pace of the bowler. As is already the case with short-pitched bowling, the umpire will now decide whether a full-pitched delivery is dangerous, based on various factors such as the speed or direction of the ball, repeated delivery of full tosses and the ability of the batsman. There is no longer a 'catch-all' sanction, but umpires are instead required to use their best judgement to determine whether a delivery is dangerous. If it is dangerous, it will lead to a first and final warning. If not, it will still be a No ball, but there will be no warning. In the event of any non-pitched delivery above waist height being deemed a deliberate act, the bowler can be withdrawn from bowling immediately by the umpire for the remainder of the match.

15. Wides are down to the discretion of the umpire, unless lines have been painted on at the crease as a guide. It should be noted that leniency should be applied for wide balls, dependant on the age and stage of the bowler.

16. If teams are level on points, positions in the table will be decided by net run rate. The equation of this "net run rate" is worked out as follows:-

Net Run Rate = (Run Rate For) – (Run Rate Against) where,

- (Run Rate For) = (Runs Scored by Team) / (Number of Overs Faced)
- (Run Rate Against) = (Runs Scored by Opponent Team) / (Number of Overs Bowled)
- **Note:** In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed. For example, If it is a 20 overs match & team loses all the wicket in 15 overs, number of overs will be considered as 20 for run rate calculations.

17. All results from Youth League matches must be uploaded onto the Oxfordshire Cricket Play-Cricket site by the **HOME** team (unless otherwise agreed by both teams) within 24 hours of the match finishing.



Key Information on Each Competition

It should be noted that the use of pink cricket balls Oxfordshire Cricket competitions is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory, **apart from evening matches, where their use is mandatory**. Pink balls will be used at all Oxfordshire Cricket Finals Days and will be used in any national rounds of competitions.

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Name	Format	Key Information	When Matches are Played
U11 League	16 over matches	Ball - 4 ³ / ₄ oz Pitch - 17 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Sunday
U11 Hardball Super 8s	16 over matches	Ball - 4 ¾ oz Pitch - 17 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Sunday
U11 Softball Super 8s	16 over matches	Ball - Junior incrediball Pitch - 17 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Sunday
U13 Ron Maudsley	20 over matches	Ball - 4 ³ / ₄ oz Pitch - 19 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings (May-June)
U13 League	20 over matches	Ball - 4 ³ / ₄ oz Pitch - 19 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Thursday evenings (May-July)
U13 Gauntlet Goblet	16 over matches	Ball - 4 ³ / ₄ oz Pitch - 19 yards Stumps - 27 inches	Weekday evenings (May-June)
U15 League	20 over matches	Ball - 5 ½ oz Pitch - 22 yards Stumps - 28 inches	Monday evenings (April-June)
U17 League	20 over matches	Ball - 5 ½ oz Pitch - 22 yards Stumps - 28 inches	Monday evenings (July-Aug)



Under 11 League

Matches will be played on Sunday mornings from April to the 2nd week of July. There will be no games scheduled for the 26th May (start of half term). The teams will be divided into groups and there will be a winner of each group. There will not be a finals day for this competition in 2018.

1. Please see Key Info Chart for ball, stump and pitch details.
2. Games shall be played on Sunday mornings as stated in the fixture list. All group games must be completed or by Sunday July 21st. Games may be played after this date on a friendly basis.
3. In order to improve the overall experience & to encourage inclusivity for all players on a team as well as aid player retention, the following rules will apply:
A player may not open both the batting and the bowling.
If a batsman has retired, then he or she cannot bowl more than 2 overs.
If a bowler has bowled 4 overs, then he or she cannot bat in the top six.
A maximum of 8 players from the fielding side on the pitch at any time.
4. A batsman must retire if they score **25** runs and shall be allowed to return in the event of the remaining batsmen being all out or retired. If more than one batsman has retired, they must return in the order of their retirement.
5. All boys must have been Under 11 at midnight on 31st August 2018. Girls may play if under 13 on 31st August 2016.
6. Where a club also enters a team in the Super 8s competition , a player who has played in the Super 8s team may also play in the competition.



U11 Super 8s (Hardball)

Matches will be played on Sunday mornings. Divisions will consist of 4-5 teams based on geographic location and teams will play each other twice. It should be noted that the focus of this league is participation and enjoyment. The use of county/ district players should only ever be used as a last resort to field a side.

1. Please see Key Info Chart for ball, stump and pitch details.
2. All group games must be completed by Sunday July 21st. Games may be played after this date on a friendly basis.
3. Batters will face 4 overs as a pair. This may vary if managers/ coaches agree for more or less than 8 players per side, in which case, it shall be the duty of the managers/ coaches to agree on a set number of overs per pair.
4. Each player on the fielding side (apart from the wicket keeper, who may or may not) must bowl 2 overs.
5. Bowling will take place from one end only.
6. Players on the fielding side DO NOT need to rotate fielding positions.
7. With the exception of the wicket keeper no fielder may field within 10 yards of the wicket, measured from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the off-side. A fielder may move into the restricted area to field a ball provided he/she was outside the area when the stroke was made.
8. Scoring:
 - Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs.
 - Each time a batter is out, 5 runs are deducted and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball.
 - A batter may be out bowled, caught, run out, stumped, hit wicket. There is no LBW law unless the batter deliberately blocks the ball with a leg or foot.
 - Runs will be scored in the normal way, as will byes.
 - 2 runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no-ball bowled, but no extra ball will be allocated, except in the final over of each innings when, in addition to the 2 runs, an extra ball will be bowled.
 - At the end of the first 4 overs, the first pair of batters retires and is replaced by the second pair until all 4 pairs have batted for 4 overs each.
 - The second team then bats for its 16 overs.



U11 Super 8s (Softball)

Matches will be played on Sunday mornings. Divisions will consist of 4-5 teams based on geographic location and teams will play each other twice. It should be noted that the focus of this league is participation and enjoyment. The use of county/ district players should only ever be used as a last resort to field a side.

1. Please see Key Info Chart for ball, stump and pitch details.
2. All group games must be completed by Sunday July 21st. Games may be played after this date on a friendly basis.
3. Batters will face 4 overs as a pair. This may vary if managers/ coaches agree for more or less than 8 players per side, in which case, it shall be the duty of the managers/ coaches to agree on a set number of overs per pair.
4. Each player on the fielding side (apart from the wicket keeper, who may or may not) must bowl 2 overs.
5. Bowling will take place from one end only.
6. Players on the fielding side DO NOT need to rotate fielding positions.
7. With the exception of the wicket keeper no fielder may field within 10 yards of the wicket, measured from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the off-side. A fielder may move into the restricted area to field a ball provided he/she was outside the area when the stroke was made.
8. Scoring:
 - Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs.
 - Each time a batter is out, 5 runs are deducted and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball.
 - A batter may be out bowled, caught, run out, stumped, hit wicket. There is no LBW law unless the batter deliberately blocks the ball with a leg or foot.
 - Runs will be scored in the normal way, as will byes.
 - 2 runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no-ball bowled, but no extra ball will be allocated, except in the final over of each innings when, in addition to the 2 runs, an extra ball will be bowled.
 - At the end of the first 4 overs, the first pair of batters retires and is replaced by the second pair until all 4 pairs have batted for 4 overs each.
 - The second team then bats for its 16 overs.



Under 13 League

Matches will be played on Thursday evenings from the end of April to the 3rd week of July. There will be no games scheduled for Thursday 30th May (Half Term). The teams will be divided into groups and the group winners will take part in quarter finals to decide who will proceed to the play-offs at Finals Day.

1. All group games must be completed on or by 12th July, so that quarter finals may be arranged for the 18th. The Finals Day will take place on Sunday 21st July at Charlbury CC. Group matches will be played on Thursday evenings, unless agreed otherwise by both clubs.
2. In order to encourage greater involvement of all players on a team, to prevent one player from dominating a match and thus to aid player retention, we are introducing the following rules:
 - A player may not open both the batting and the bowling.
 - If a batsman has retired, then he or she cannot bowl more than 2 overs.
 - If a bowler has bowled 4 overs, then he or she cannot then bat in the top six.
3. A batsman must retire if they score **30** runs and shall be allowed to return in the event of the remaining batsmen being all out or retired. If more than one batsman has retired, they must return in the order of their retirement.
4. All boys must have been Under 13 at midnight on 31st August 2018. Girls may play if under 13 on 31st August 2016. This rule does not apply in regional matches where girls must play within their age group.
5. If a club enters sides in the Oxfordshire U13 Cricket League and in the Gauntlet Goblet, a player may play in both competitions.

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Under 13 Knock Out - The Ron Maudsley Trophy

Matches will be played either on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings starting in May according to team managers' agreement. Finals day will be played on Sunday 30th June at Bicester and North Oxford CC. The winner of the Ron Maudsley Trophy will go on to represent Oxfordshire in the national U13 competition on Sunday 7th July against the winner of the Bucks competition (home).

National round 1	Sunday 7th July
National round 2	Sunday 14th July
National Group Finals	Monday 29th July -Thursday 1st August
National Finals	Tuesday 13th August

The rule allowing girls to play up to two years above the age limit for boys also applies to the Ron Maudsley Trophy, so girls up to U15 may play. However, this rule does not apply to the national rounds of the competition, so the winner of the Ron Maudsley Trophy will not be able to include over-age girls in its side when it goes on to play in the national rounds.

Please note: a club team is not eligible to compete in this competition in two different county competitions.

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U13 Gauntlet Goblet

Matches will be played on Thursday evenings. Divisions will consist of 4 teams based on geographic location and teams will play each other twice. The winners of each group, along with the highest runner-up, will play semi finals and then a final to find the winner of the Gauntlet Goblet. It should be noted that the focus of this league is participation and enjoyment. The use of county/ district players should only be used as a last resort to field a side.

1. Please see Key Info Chart for ball, stump and pitch details.
2. All group games must be completed by **June 20th**. Games may be played after this date on a friendly basis.
3. Batters will face 4 overs as a pair.
4. Each player on the fielding side must bowl 2 overs.



U15 Competition - DENNIS SWANTON TROPHY

Matches will be played on Monday evenings from the beginning of May to the end of June. There will be no games scheduled for the June (half term). The teams will be divided into 4 groups with the winner of each group proceeding to the semi-finals. The semi finals & final will take place on Sunday July 7th at Didcot CC. **The finalists must be communicated to the ECB before July 14th.** The winners will represent Oxfordshire in the National 2nd Round (1st round bye) against either a Berks or Middx club on Sunday 21st of July.

PLAYING CONDITIONS:

The Laws of Cricket shall apply with the following exceptions:

1. A batsman will have to retire on making a personal score of **50** (unless this would result in the premature end of an innings). Retired batsmen are not allowed to return.
2. All boys must have been Under 15 at midnight on 31st August 2018. Girls may play if under 17 on 31st August 2018. This rule does not apply in regional matches where girls must play within their age group.
3. In the knock-out stages, the following shall decide a game with the sides on equal runs and wickets. 5 players shall be nominated to bowl alternately at the wickets from the bowler's end and the team scoring the most hits shall be the winner.
4. If still equal, the side with the higher score at the end of 19 overs; if still equal, the side with the higher score at the end of 18 overs etc.

Please note: a club team is not eligible to compete in this competition in two different county competitions.

National round 1	Sunday July 7th- Oxon Bye
National round 2	Sunday 21st July v Berks or Middx
National Group Finals	Monday 29th July -Thursday 1st August
National Finals	Monday 12th August

Competition Manager: Tim Haworth - thaworth@oxoncb.com



U17 Competition - HONEY BEE TROPHY 2017

Matches are scheduled for Monday evenings up to the beginning of August and Sunday mornings thereafter. All matches in this competition will require a full scorecard to be submitted. Oxfordshire cricket encourage the use of electronic scoring for this, but manual upload is also acceptable. The fixtures will be played once the U15 competition has finished.

Specific rules for the competition:

1. All boys must have been Under 17 at midnight on 31st August 2018.
2. There is no retirement score for an individual batsman in this competition.
3. The semi final, final and 3rd place playoff will all take place on the same day at Horspath CC on Sunday 1st September.

Competition Manager: Tim Haworth - thaworth@oxoncb.com



Appendix 1 -

Girls playing in age-group leagues and competitions

In response to a number of requests the ECB has issued the following guidelines concerning the participation of girls in boys' cricket:

- The ECB wishes to encourage the development of girl cricketers and is happy for them to participate in boys cricket.
- Team managers and coaches have a duty of care to all players and girls should only be allowed to participate if the responsible adults are satisfied that they are competent to do so.
- Suitable arrangements need to be in place, particularly relating to changing facilities and transportation arrangements, if applicable. Please refer to the ECB [Safe Hands policy](#) .
- In ECB national competitions the age group requirements apply to all players regardless of their gender.
- In local Leagues and other competitions it is up to each League or competition to specify the age group requirements. If girls who are older than the specified age group are allowed to play the League must specify a maximum age for the girl players and confirm how many older girls can play in any team. The same regulations must apply to all clubs in that League or competition.
- For the sake of clarity it should be understood that boys cannot play in girls' leagues or competitions unless explicit provision for this is included in the rules of that League or competition. Boys cannot play in the ECB girls competitions.

Any questions relating to these guidelines should be referred to the ECB Cricket Department at Lord's – 020 7432 1200 or cricket@ecb.co.uk



Appendix 2 -

GUIDELINES ON COACHING YOUNG PLAYERS DURING COMPETITION MATCHES

Oxfordshire Cricket has issued the following guidelines on the degree to which coaching of players should be permitted during matches.

In the under-15 and under-17 competitions the captain should run things on the field without any overt tactical intervention from managers or parents from either on or off the field. Occasional guidance or reminders on technical skills, concentration and of course behaviour, would be acceptable and adults should intervene immediately to ensure compliance with the rules on closeness of fielders, but overt coaching from an umpiring position should be kept to a minimum.

In the under-11 and under-13 competitions, a degree of general guidance on bowling changes and field settings would be acceptable (short of the adults actually setting the field) up to the semi-final stages of competitions. Managers should agree before the start on the degree of guidance to be given, to ensure consistency for both sides. Teams which reach the semi-finals and finals of competitions should have enough experience by that time to be run by the captain on the field and the same guidance will apply as for the under-15 and under-17 competitions.

For teams which win the Under-13 Ron Maudsley Trophy or the Under-15 Dennis Swanton Trophy and go on to play in the national rounds of these competitions, please note that the ECB do not permit any coaching from the sidelines in the national rounds.



Appendix 3 -

Oxfordshire Cricket Disciplinary Procedures in Competitions

1. Disciplinary proceedings may be invoked against any affiliated club/team, or an individual member for any behaviour or breach of the competition rules which is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket or the Oxfordshire Cricket Code of Conduct, whether occurring on the field or off the field.
2. The Disciplinary process may be initiated by one or both of the umpires officiating in the particular match, the Oxfordshire Cricket competition organiser, or an officer of a club participating in the match.
3. Any report must be made in writing to the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket (or in his/her absence to another Director of Oxfordshire Cricket) within 48 hours of the incident occurring and must contain the following information:
 - A version of the event in question
 - The nature of the offence reported
 - Details of other witnesses to include their names and contact numbers
4. The Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will notify the relevant competition organiser and the Chair of the Competitions Management Team.

For complaints involving young persons (i.e. under 18 years of age), the following procedure will apply:

5. The Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will immediately inform the Oxfordshire Cricket Child Welfare Officer, who will inform the club's Child Welfare Officer.
6. In the first instance, the club should endeavour to deal with the matter complained of, using the club's internal procedures. Oxfordshire Cricket's Child Welfare Officer will provide such support as is required. The club will notify Oxfordshire Cricket's Child Welfare Officer of the outcome.
7. If the club is unable to resolve the issue satisfactorily, Oxfordshire Cricket's Child Welfare Officer will arrange to meet the club and may ask the Chair of the Competitions Management Team and the relevant competition organiser and/or member of the Oxfordshire Cricket workforce to attend. Oxfordshire Cricket's Child Welfare Officer will attempt to agree a satisfactory resolution of the issue with the club.
8. If an agreement cannot be reached, a panel will be convened to conduct an investigation into the incident, to identify the root causes of the incident and to recommend appropriate actions to prevent the future occurrence of similar incidents. The panel will be chaired by Oxfordshire Cricket's Child Welfare Officer or his/her nominee and will have two other members drawn from a list of persons



appointed for this purpose.

For complaints involving persons aged 18 years and above the following will apply:

9. The Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will notify the club or individual who is the subject of the complaint that the complaint has been received and will supply them with a copy of this procedure.

10. The Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will confer with the Chair of the Competitions Management Team and the relevant competition organiser and member of the Oxfordshire Cricket workforce to decide whether the complaint can be dealt with by the club concerned or is of a sufficiently serious nature to warrant the convening of a disciplinary panel in accordance with paragraphs 12 to 18 below.

11. If it is decided that the complaint can be dealt with by the club, the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will notify the club who will investigate the complaint using the club's internal procedures and will notify the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket of the outcome. A maximum of 21 days will be allowed for this.

12. If it is decided that that the convening of a disciplinary panel is warranted, or if the club has been unable to resolve the complaint satisfactorily under paragraph 11 above, the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket will within 21 days convene a meeting of the panel. The panel will be chaired by the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket and will have two other members drawn from a list of persons appointed for this purpose.

13. The club or person making the complaint and the club or person who is the subject of the complaint shall be given at least five clear days' notice of the date, time and venue at which the panel is to meet and shall have the following rights (in the case of a club these rights may be exercised by an officer of the club):

- To attend the meeting of the panel
- To give evidence and make representations to the panel, either in person or in writing
- To call witnesses to give evidence to the panel
- To reply to evidence and representations made to the panel by any other person
- To ask the panel to consider mitigating circumstances
- To be represented at the meeting of the panel by a friend or advisor

14. Subject to paragraph 16 below, the panel shall have the power to impose the following sanctions if it upholds the complaint:

- Verbal Warning



- First Written Warning
- Final Written Warning
- Removal of right to take part in one or more of Oxfordshire Cricket competitions for a set period

15. The panel may reach their decision by a majority verdict. The Secretary of the Board shall notify the complainant and the person or club complained against within five days of the meeting of the panel.

16. The person or club complained against shall have the right to appeal against the panel's decision provided they notify the Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket's within seven days of receipt of the panel's decision.

17. An appeal panel consisting of three Directors of Oxfordshire Cricket shall be convened within 21 days of receipt of the notice of appeal. The provisions of paragraph 13 above shall apply to the appeal panel.

18. The appeal panel may reach a decision by majority verdict and may resolve to uphold or annul the disciplinary panel's decision, or vary any sanction imposed by the disciplinary panel. The Secretary of Oxfordshire Cricket shall notify the complainant and the person or club complained against within five days of the meeting of the appeal panel.