

# Under 13 8-a-Side Tournament

## **A ADMINISTRATION**

### **1 Entries**

The ECB will lay down the date by which Counties are to submit entries.

### **2 The Draw**

All details of the Draw are the responsibility of the ECB and can be obtained from there.

### **3 General Arrangements**

1 ECB shall be responsible for details of grounds, meal arrangements, costs, etc

2 ECB shall appoint a Tournament Organiser who will be responsible for running the Tournament.

### **4 Eligibility to Play**

1 Each player must have a playing qualification for the County for which she plays in the Competition. In addition each player must be U15 on 1st September of the previous year (as appropriate) and must be a registered playing member of a Club. Counties may ask the ECB for a dispensation, should there be no women's club accessible for a player to become a member.

2 Failure to comply with this requirement will lead to forfeiture of the match(es).

### **5 Umpires and Scorers**

1 Each County must provide an Umpire, capable of performing these duties, for each match. In addition they must provide one Scorer, capable of performing

this duty, for each match.

- 2 Counties must supply these Umpires and Scorers with copies of the Competition Rules.

## **6 Balls & Scoresheets**

- 1 The ECB will supply balls and scoresheets for each match. These will be distributed at the Tournament.
- 2 The Scorers at each game shall be responsible for ensuring that completed scoresheets are handed in, as soon as possible after the close of each match.

## **7 Administrative Penalties**

Counties may have points deducted from their total, at the discretion of the ECB, if they fail to meet any of the organisational requirements set out above, other than A4.1, for which mandatory penalties are laid down.

## **B PLAYING CONDITIONS**

### **1 Nominated Players**

- 1 Before the toss for innings, when each Captain gives her written list of nominated players for the match to the Umpires, it must include the age group category, actual age on the date of the match and birthday of every player under 13 on the date of the match.
- 2 This list must include the names of any juniors who have permission from their parents or guardian to play without a helmet.

### **2 Scoreboard**

In all matches, it shall be the responsibility of the batting side to ascertain the details of the score, wickets and overs from the Scorers and to see that the scoreboard is brought up-to-date with this information at least at the end of every over.

### **3 Duration**

- 1 Play shall commence not earlier than 10.30 am.
- 2 Each match will consist of one innings by each side. Each innings shall be not more than 10 overs and not fewer than 7 overs, except as in B3.5 below.
- 3 The actual overs to be played will be determined by the Organiser before the start of the Tournament. This will be based on the number of matches to be played and the time available.
- 4 If, after the start of the Tournament, matches fall behind schedule, the Organiser shall be empowered
  - i to reduce the number of overs for each innings in

subsequent matches, to not fewer than 7. Such reduction shall not apply to any match in progress (except as in B3.5 below).

- ii to excise the Final from the schedule, if one had been planned.
- iii to make such other adjustments to the schedule as may be deemed necessary.

5 If conditions of ground, weather or light interfere with play, then the Umpires shall reduce the number of overs for either or both innings. In doing this, as far as possible, both Teams shall be allocated the same number of overs, which shall not be less than 5. They shall also have regard to the time available within the schedule of matches in the Tournament.

6 The number of overs for the team batting second shall not be reduced merely because the team batting first has been dismissed in fewer than the agreed number of overs.

#### **4 Ground, Weather & Light**

Law 3, sections 8 and 9 shall apply, that is it is for the Umpires to decide on the fitness of ground, weather or light for play. If they decide that conditions are unreasonable or dangerous, then they will not allow play to take place. If, however, they agree that ground or weather conditions are unsuitable but not dangerous, then the Captains have the right to agree to continue (or commence) play or, in unsuitable light conditions, the batting Captain has the right to decide to continue or commence play. In unsuitable light conditions, the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for the Captain. Appeals against conditions shall be allowed as in Law 3 section 9 (c).

## 5 Balls

- 1 The balls shall be as specified in Law 5.6(i).
- 2 There shall be one ball for each innings.

## 6 Wicket-Keeping Gloves

Compliance with Law 40.2, the new regulations on wicket-keeping gloves, is not required in Season 2003.

## 7 Helmets

All players in this Competition must wear a helmet when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket unless prior written consent has been given by a parent or guardian.

## 8 Fielding Restrictions

- 1 The ECB Directives on fielding restrictions for Junior Age Groups will be observed.
- 2 In this Competition;
  - a No fielder shall be allowed to field closer than 10 metres from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
  - b These minimum distances apply, even if the player is wearing a helmet.
  - c 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.
  - d In addition, any young player in the Under 16 to U18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet when fielding within 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.

## **9 Limitation of Overs by Any One Bowler**

- 1 The ECB Directives on fast bowling for Junior Age Groups will be observed. Any Team which does not observe this Directive during the Tournament will be disqualified. This means that each Team must plan the allocation of overs for each bowler throughout the Tournament very carefully.
- 2 No bowler may bowl more than 3 overs. This means that, in matches of fewer than 10 overs, at least three bowlers must be used. In addition, in 10 over matches, at least 4 bowlers must be used.
- 3 In the event of a reduction in the number of overs during the match, the restriction 'at least 3 bowlers must be used' shall apply.

## **10 Batting**

- 1 Each batsman will bat until she is out or until the innings is concluded.
- 2 There will be a continuous batting order on the following basis;
  - a Each Captain shall nominate her batting order before the start of the Tournament.
  - b Any one who bats in a match, whether she is out in that match or not, may not bat again in subsequent matches until the remainder of those on the list have batted.

- 3 A player has batted in a match if;
- she has been one of the batsmen at the wicket and has been out.
  - she has been one of the batsmen at the wicket for the equivalent of 2 overs or more, irrespective of the number of balls she faced. The equivalent of 2 overs or more, irrespective of the number of balls she faced. The equivalent of 2 overs is 12 fair deliveries.
- 4 An innings is curtailed if conditions of ground, weather or light prevent its continuation or if the Umpires decide to reduce the number of overs, under B3.5.

## 11 Wide Ball

The wide ball is defined as laid out in Law 25.

## 12 Slowness of Play

Laws 42.9 and 42.10 on "slowness of play" are to be strictly applied.

## 13 Result of a Match

- A result is possible only if neither innings is curtailed to fewer than 5 overs.
  - A match in which one or both sides has its innings curtailed to fewer than 5 overs shall be designated a 'No Result Match'.
- If the condition in B14.1.a is met and both Teams had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs;
  - The winner will be the Team scoring the greater number of runs
  - If the scores are equal, then the Team losing the fewer number of wickets shall be the winner.

- c If the scores and the number of wickets taken are equal, then the match shall be a 'Tie'.
- 3 If the condition in B14.1.a is met but the side batting second has had its overs curtailed to fewer than those available to the side that batted first;
  - a The winner shall be the Team with the higher rate of runs scored per overs faced.
  - b If the rate of runs scored per overs faced is the same for both Teams, the match shall be a 'Tie'.

## **14 Tournament/Section Winners**

- 1 Counties will be ranked within their own Section by the average number of points gained, applying Rule B14 if necessary.
  - a If there is only one section in the Tournament, the winner of the Tournament will be the County ranked highest in the section.
  - b If there are two sections within the Tournament, the winner of the Tournament will be the Team that wins the Final. See B15.
  - c If there is more than two Sections within the Tournament, the winner of the Tournament will be determined as stated in the schedule of matches.
- 2 If two or more teams in the same Section have equal points, then to distinguish further between these teams the criteria set out below shall be applied, in the order in which they are stated.
  - a 'No Result' matches are to be excluded
  - b Part overs at the end of an innings are to be included

- c Calculations are to be taken to as many decimal places as required.
- i A Total Run Rate for each team over all matches in that Section will be calculated as 'total runs scored in all matches divided by the total number of overs faced in all matches'. A team with a higher Total Run Rate shall be placed above one with a lower Total Run Rate;
- ii If the teams are still level, the rate 'total wickets taken over all matches in that Section, divided by total number of overs bowled' will be calculated. A team with a higher rate will be placed above one with a lower rate;
- iii If the teams are still level, the rate 'total wickets lost over all matches in that Section, divided by total number of overs faced' will be calculated. A team with a lower rate will be placed above one with a higher rate.

## 15 Final

- 1 The Counties winning each of the two Sections will play each other in a Final to determine the U13 County Champions [See Rule B15.1.b]
- 2 If the Final is a 'No Result' Match or a 'Tie' the Trophy shall be shared.

## 16 Special Conditions

1. A Captain may not declare her innings closed but an innings will not continue once one side has won the match.
- 2 The Umpires have the discretion to consider a stoppage for exceptional circumstances on the same basis as one

for conditions of ground, weather or light (Law 3 section 10).

In this Competition, Law 42 section 11 (b), the protected area will be as defined in that it will extend 5ft (1.22m) in front of each popping crease.

- 4 Underarm bowling is not permitted.
- 5 An over will be complete when 6 fair balls have been bowled or after 8 deliveries in total, whichever is the sooner.

## **17 Other Conditions of Play**

Except as specified in Rules B1 to B17 above, the matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket current in 2003, namely the MCC 2000 Code, except that in Law 2.2, if the wicket-keeper is injured, a substitute shall be allowed to act as wicket-keeper providing the opposing Captain consents.

## **18 Disputes**

Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of these Rules shall be referred to a Rules Arbitration Panel appointed for the purpose by the ECB. Any decision of this Panel shall be final and binding on the parties concerned.

## **19 Drinks**

Drinks intervals will be arranged and taken on the field of play in accordance with Law 15.

## **C POINTS SYSTEM**

### **1 Match Points**

- 1 For a Win .....20 points
- For a Tie .....10 points to each Team
- For a Loss.....0 points
- 2 No points will be awarded for a 'No Result' match.